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My main interests lie within comparative politics, encompassing state building and environmental enforcement. I have a regional focus on Latin America. I am also interested in bureaucratic politics, causal inference, and state-society relations in frontier territories.

Education

- 2021 – present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
Doctoral program in Political Science
Graduate Student Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2022-2023)
Comparative Politics Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2023-2024)
Graduate Student Council president (2023-2024)
- Spring 2020 **New York University (NYU)**
International exchange program
16 credits at the Department of Politics (4.0 GPA)
- 2016 – 2020 **Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)**
BA in Political Science (*Título profesional*, five year degree)
Honors registration award, best incoming student (2016)
6.53 GPA (3.86 US equivalent), maximum distinction
Graduated 1st out of an incoming cohort of 59

Independent research

Working papers

- 2023 “Eyes beneath the canopy: co-enforcing environmental crackdowns in the Brazilian Amazon.” [LINK](#).

Academic articles

- 2023 “Two paths towards the exceptional extension of national voting rights to non-citizen residents.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49(10), pp. 2541-2560. With David Altman and Sergio Huertas-Hernández. [LINK](#).
- 2021 “Citizens at the polls: direct democracy in the world, 2020.” *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 17(2), pp. 85-106. With David Altman. [LINK](#).

Undergraduate thesis

- 2019 “Sharing is for suckers: tactical distribution, institutions, and movement politics in Bolivia.” Advisor: Carla Alberti. [LINK](#). Fieldwork in La Paz and El Alto funded by the FONDECYT #1191068 grant.

Fellowships and grants

2021 - present	Luksic PhD Fellowship, Luksic Scholars Foundation
2024 - 2025	MIT GovLab Seed Grant (USD\$5,000)
2024	MIT MISTI support for field research (USD\$6,000)

Teaching assistantships

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2024	17.802	G	<i>Quantitative Research II: Causal Inference</i> (F. Daniel Hidalgo)
2023	17.801	UG	<i>Political Science Scope and Methods</i> (Fotini Christia)

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)

2019	ICP0101	UG	<i>Introduction to Political Science</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0114	UG	<i>Indigenous Politics In Latin America</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0147	UG	<i>Political Processes in Latin America</i> (Valeria Palanza)
2018	ICP0101	UG	<i>Introduction to Political Science</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0103	UG	<i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i> (Julieta Suárez)
	ICP0505	UG	<i>Qualitative Research Methods in Political Science</i> (Julieta Suárez)
	ICP0601	UG	<i>Writing in Political Science</i> (Maria de la Calle)
2017	ICP0601	UG	<i>Writing in Political Science</i> (Maria de la Calle)

Research assistantships

MIT	2022	Summer research assistant. Researcher in charge: Daniel Hidalgo.
ANID	2021	FONDECYT grant. <i>Fiscal Origins of Democracy: How Different Sources of Income Affect Democratization</i> . Researcher: Diego Díaz.
	2020	FONDECYT grant. <i>The impact of migratory waves and the extension of suffrage in contemporary democracies</i> . Researcher: David Altman. FONDECYT grant. <i>Becoming parties: indigenous social movements and party politics in Latin America</i> . Researcher: Carla Alberti. FONDECYT grant. <i>The paradoxical adoption of citizen-initiated mechanisms of direct democracy</i> . Researcher: David Altman.
IMFD	2021	Research area #1. <i>Data for the study of highly complex social problems</i> . Researcher: Juan Pablo Luna. Project: <i>Congress diaries, 1810-2010</i> .
PUC	2019	Winter research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti. Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
	2018	Winter research assistant. Researcher: Valeria Palanza. Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carmen Le Foulon.

Skills and certificates

Language proficiency: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (two graduate courses).

Software proficiency: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), QGIS (intermediate), STATA (beginner).