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My research examines how bureaucrats' attitudes influence policy implementation and the rule of law. In particular, I am interested in bureaucratic zeal as a driver of regulatory enforcement in contexts with strong pressures against it, such as the case of environmental policy. I have a regional emphasis in Latin America, and I also have ongoing interests in causal inference, individual-level adaptation to climate change, as well as the broader field of environmental politics.

Education

2021 – present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

Doctoral program in Political Science

Editorial assistant for the *American Journal of Political Science* (2025-26)

Graduate Student Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2022-23)

Comparative Politics Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2023-present)

Graduate Student Council president (2023-24)

Spring 2020 **New York University (NYU)**

International exchange program

16 credits in 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)

6.53 GPA (3.86 US equivalent), maximum distinction

Graduated 1st out of an incoming cohort of 59

Independent research

Working papers

2025 “The axe remembers: on the political cost of environmental enforcement.” Presented at APSA 2024, Philadelphia. *Available upon request.*
“Can you stand the heat? Ideology and individual-level climate adaptation in Brazil.” Presented at MPSA 2025, Chicago. With Preston Johnston.

2024 “Eyes beneath the canopy: co-enforcing environmental crackdowns in the Brazilian Amazon.” Presented at MPSA 2024, Chicago. *Available upon request.*

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](#).

Fellowships and grants

2021 - present	Luksic Fellowship, Luksic Scholars Foundation
2024 - 2025	MIT Center for International Studies Fellowship (USD\$5,000) MIT GovLab Seed Grant (USD\$5,000) Adam Smith Fellowship, George Mason University (USD\$4,000)
2024	MIT MISTI support for field research (USD\$7,000)

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 (three graduate courses).

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