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**Academic positions**

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- 2014- Associate Professor in the Qualitative Study of Comparative Political Institutions, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK
- 2014- Professorial Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, UK
- 2014- Associate Member, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Oxford, UK
- 2017- Academic Affiliate, Bonavero Institute for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, UK
- 2012-2014 Assistant Professor, International Studies Division Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE-Mexico City), Mexico

**Education**

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University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2012

*Dissertation:* “The Collapse of Impunity Regimes in Latin America: Legal Cultures, Strategic Litigation, and Judicial Behavior”

Winner of the 2013 Edward S. Corwin Award, Best Doctoral Dissertation in Public Law (American Political Science Association)

University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, M.A. in Political Science, 2010

University of Cambridge, Center for Latin American Studies, M.Phil. in Latin American Studies, 2005-2006. *Distinction*

University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College, B.A. (Hons.) in Social and Political Sciences, 2002-2005. *First Class*

**Books**

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1. 2023. [Prosecutors, Voters and the Criminalisation of Corruption in Latin America: The Case of Lava Jato](#) (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Law and Society, w/ Paula Muñoz, Nara Pavao and Viviana Baraybar)
2. 2022. [The Limits of Judicialization: From Progress to Backlash in Latin America](#) (Cambridge University Press, co-edited with Sandra Botero and Daniel Brinks)

3. 2020. [\*The Politics of Transitional Justice in Latin America: Power, Norms, and Capacity Building\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, Elements in Politics and Society in Latin America)
4. 2016. [\*Shifting Legal Visions: Judicial Change and Human Rights Trials in Latin America\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Law and Society)  
Winner of the 2017 Herman Pritchett Best Book Award (Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association); 2017 Donna L. Van Cott Best Book Award (Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association); 2018 Best Book Award (Human Rights Section, International Studies Association)

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

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16. Forthcoming. "Philanthropic Foundations and Transnational Activist Networks: The Ford Foundation and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights," in *International Studies Quarterly* (with Alvaro Morcillo)
15. 2022. ["Conceptualizar y medir las culturas legales: evidencia de una encuesta a los jueces federales mexicanos,"](#) in *Política y Gobierno* 28(2): 1-30 (with Karina Ansolabehere and Sandra Botero)
14. 2022. ["The Sources of Resilience of International Human Rights Courts: The Case of the Inter-American System,"](#) in *Law and Social Inquiry*, 41(1): 95-131 (with Wayne Sandholtz)
13. 2021. ["Process Tracing and the Problem of Missing Data,"](#) in *Sociological Methods and Research* 50(3):1407-1435 (with Jody LaPorte).  
  
Winner of the 2020 Alexander George Article Award (Qualitative and Multi-Methods Section, American Political Science Association)
12. 2021. ["Constructing a Regional Human Rights Legal Order: The Inter-American Court, National Courts, and Judicial Dialogue, 1988-2014,"](#) in *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, 9(5): 1559-1596 (with Wayne Sandholtz)
11. 2021. ["Defending the European Court of Human Rights: Experimental Evidence from Britain,"](#) in *European Journal of Political Research*, 60(2):397-417 (with Elias Dinas)
10. 2020. ["Carrots and Sticks: Experimental Evidence of Vote Buying and Voter Intimidation in Guatemala,"](#) in *Journal of Peace Research*, 57(1): 46-61 (with Carlos Meléndez, Chad Kiewiet de Jonge, Javier Osorio and David Nickerson)
9. 2019. ["Compensation and Compliance: Source of Public Acceptance of the UK Supreme Court's Brexit Decision,"](#) in *Law and Society Review*, 53(3): 889-919 (with Elias Dinas)

8. 2019. "[Lava Jato Beyond Borders: The Uneven Performance of Anti-Corruption Judicial Efforts in Latin America](#)," in *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 15(1): 63-89 (with Viviana Baraybar), special issue on anti-corruption politics
7. 2018. "[Communicative Entrepreneurs: The Case of Transjudicial Dialogue in the Inter-American Human Rights System](#)," in *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(4): 737-750
6. 2018. "[Vote Buying and Remittances](#)," in *Latin American Research Review*, 53(4): 689-707 (with Chad Kiewiet de Jonge and Covadonga Meseguer)
5. 2016. "[Evaluations of Human Rights Trials and Trust in Judicial Institutions: Evidence from Fujimori's Trial in Peru](#)," in *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 20(4): 445-470 [Lead article]
4. 2015. "[Buying Legitimacy: The Dynamics of Clientelism in the Face of Legitimacy Challenges](#)," in *Comparative Political Studies*, 48(9): 1127-1158 (with Chad Kiewiet de Jonge and David Nickerson)
3. 2014. "[Persuade Them or Oust Them: Crafting Judicial Change and Transitional Justice in Argentina](#)," in *Comparative Politics*, 46(4): 479-498
2. 2014. "[The Conditionality of Vote Buying Norms: Experimental Evidence from Latin America](#)," in *American Journal of Political Science*, 58(1): 197-211 (with Chad Kiewiet de Jonge and David Nickerson)
1. 2012. "[Vote-buying and Social Desirability Bias: Experimental Evidence from Nicaragua](#)," in *American Journal of Political Science* 56(1): 202–217 (with Carlos Meléndez, Chad Kiewiet de Jonge, Javier Osorio and David Nickerson).

## **Book Chapters**

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10. Forthcoming. "Corruption and International Law in Latin America: From the Washington Consensus to Human Rights," in A. Chehtman, A. Huneeus & S. Puig eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Latin American International Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with Wayne Sandholtz)
9. Forthcoming. "Electoral Fraud," in E. Posada-Carbó & A. Robertson eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Revolutionary Elections in the Americas*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with Svitlana Chernykh)
8. 2022. "Working in New Political Spaces: The Checkered History of Latin American Judicialization," in S. Botero, D. Brinks & E. Gonzalez-Ocantos eds. *The Limits of Judicialization: From Progress to Backlash in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Sandra Botero and Daniel Brinks)

7. 2022. "Prosecutorial Agency, Backlash and Resistance in the Peruvian Chapter of Lava Jato," in S. Botero, D. Brinks & E. Gonzalez-Ocantos eds. *The Limits of Judicialization: From Progress to Backlash in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Viviana Baraybar)
6. 2020. "Designing Qualitative Research Projects: Notes on Theory Building, Case Selection and Field Research," in L. Curini and R. Franzese Jr. eds. *SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE
5. 2019. "[Courts in Latin American Politics](#)," in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Online First
4. 2019. "[Clientelism in Latin American Politics](#)," in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with Virginia Oliveros)
3. 2017. "Political Clientelism," in W. Outhwaite & S. Turner eds. *The SAGE Handbook of Political Sociology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE (with Paula Muñoz)
2. 2015. "Dependencia y Autonomía," in M. D'Alessandro & G. Ippolito-O'Donnell eds. *La ciencia política de Guillermo O'Donnell*. Buenos Aires, Argentina: EUDEBA
1. 2010. "Crisis de gobernabilidad en América Latina: Juegos verticales y horizontales," in F. Barrero & S. Jost eds. *Estabilidad democrática en América Latina: Equilibrio de poderes, perspectivas teóricas* Bogotá, Colombia: Fondo Editorial de la Universidad Sergio Arboleda (with Carlos Meléndez)

### **Commissioned Academic Reports**

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3. 2016. *Informe Especial sobre Libertad del Sufragio en Mexico*. Mexico: Instituto Nacional Electoral (with Chad Kiewiet de Jonge and Javier Osorio)
2. 2013. *Avances y obstáculos en el juzgamiento de graves violaciones de derechos humanos y crímenes internacionales en América Latina. Informe presentado a la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos en audiencia temática regional durante el 149 período de sesiones*. (with Due Process of Law Foundation, Instituto de Defensa Legal, FESPAD, Centro de Derechos Humanos Universidad Diego Portales, and Fundación Mirna Mack)
1. 2012. *Aproximación a las percepciones de la ciudadanía sobre la compra de votos y la intimidación de votantes en el régimen político guatemalteco*. Guatemala: National Democratic Institute (with Carlos Meléndez, Chad Kiewiet de Jonge, Javier Osorio and David Nickerson)

### **Working Papers**

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“Interviewing for Process Tracing” (with Juan Masullo)

“Witch Hunts? Electoral Cycles and the Judicialization of Corruption in Argentina” (with German Feierherd and Guadalupe Tuñon)

“Text or Context? An Experimental Study of Support for the 2022 Constitutional Proposal in Chile” (with Carlos Melendez)

“Argentina’s Judicial Family: Mapping Family Connections in the Argentine Federal Judiciary” (with Andrea Castagnola)

### **Awards, Fellowships and Grants**

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American Political Science Association, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Section, 2020 Alexander George Article Award

John Fell Fund, University of Oxford, Pump-Priming Award 2019-2020 (£29,788.33)

Leverhulme Trust, 2018 Philip Leverhulme Prize in Politics and International Relations (£100,000)

International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, 2018 Best Book Award

American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 2017 C. Herman Pritchett Best Book Award

Latin American Studies Association, Political Institutions Section, 2017 Donna Lee Van Cott Best Book Award

University of Oxford, Oxford University Student Union, 2017 Teaching Awards. Nominated

American Political Science Association, 2013 Edward S. Corwin Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of Public Law

University of Chicago, Human Rights Center, Fellowship, 2012-2014 (Declined)

University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, Loescher Teaching Fellowship, 2011-2012

University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2011

University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Dorini Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2010

University of Notre Dame, School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2011

University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Coca-Cola Supplemental Award, 2006-2011

University of Cambridge, Cambridge Overseas Trust, Fellowship, 2005-2006

University of Cambridge, Center for Latin American Studies, Simon Bolívar Scholarship, 2005-2006 (Declined)

University of Cambridge, Cambridge Overseas Trust & Gonville and Caius College, Full Tuition Scholarship and Maintenance Grant for an Argentine Student, 2002-2005

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

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“International Courts and their Sources of Resilience: The Inter-American Case.” ISA (Virtual, April 2021)

“The Criminalization of Corruption in Latin America.” APSA (Virtual, September 2020)

“Fighting Corruption, Curbing Cynicism? The Public Opinion Effects of Anti-Corruption Judicial Activism in Latin America” LASA (Barcelona, May 2018); APSA (Boston, September 2018)

“Defending the European Court of Human Rights: What Arguments Work?” ISA (San Francisco, 2018)

“International Law and Domestic Judicial Power: Strategic Citations in the Jurisprudence of Colombia’s Constitutional Court.” APSA (San Francisco, September 2017); LASA (Barcelona, May 2018)

“The Inter-American Court as a Communicative Entrepreneur: Transjudicial Dialogue and the Boundaries of International Legal Authority.” APSA (Philadelphia, September 2016); LASA (Lima, April 2017)

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Legal Cultures: Evidence From An Original Survey of Mexican Judges.” LASA (Puerto Rico, May 2015); LSA (Seattle, May 2015)

“Carrots and Sticks: Experimental Evidence of Vote Buying and Voter Intimidation in Guatemala.” APSA (Chicago, August 2013)

“The Judicial Diffusion of International Human Rights Norms: Revisiting the Justice Cascade in Argentina.” LASA (Washington DC, May 2013)

“Vote Buying in the Americas.” APSA (New Orleans, August 2012); MPSA (Chicago, April 2013)

“The Collapse of Impunity Regimes: Legal Cultures, Strategic Litigation and Judicial Behavior in Cases of Gross Human Rights Violations in Peru.” MPSA (Chicago, April 2011)

“The Conditionality of Vote-buying Norms: Experimental Evidence from Latin America.” MPSA (Chicago, April 2011)

“Vote Buying and Social Desirability Bias: Experimental Evidence from Nicaragua.” MPSA (Chicago, April 2010)

### **Invited Talks and Keynotes**

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“The Criminalization of Corruption in Latin America.” Nuffield College (Oxford, March 2023); London School of Economics (London, November 2022); King’s College London (Virtual, February 2022); Columbia University (Virtual, December 2021); MIT (Virtual, November 2021); Sciences Po (Virtual, November 2021); Harvard University (Virtual, October 2021); Universidad Carlos III (Virtual, March 2021); University of Utah (Virtual, February 2021); McGill University (Virtual, February 2021)

“Text or Context? An Experimental Study of Support for the 2022 Constitutional Proposal in Chile.” University College Dublin (Dublin, March 2023)

“Transitional Justice in Latin America: Lessons for the United States?” Illinois Global Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, *Blueprint for Transitional Justice in the U.S. Speaker Series* (Virtual, October 2021) [[recording](#)]

“The Diffusion of Anti-Corruption Judicial Activism in Latin America.” Universidad Católica del Uruguay, *Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Workshop on Corruption, Anti-Corruption and Good Governance* (Montevideo, March 2019)

“Defending the European Court of Human Rights: What Arguments Work?” Nuffield College, *Attitudes on Brexit Symposium* (Oxford, January 2019)

“Latin American Courts and the Politics of Fundamental Rights.” *2018 Salvador Allende Memorial Lecture*, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, January 2018)

“Shifting Legal Visions: Judicial Change and Human Rights Trials in Latin America.” Universidad Torcuato di Tella (Buenos Aires, August 2014); Universidad de Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, August 2014); University College London (London, April 2016); Universidad de Los Andes (Bogota, August 2016); University of Amsterdam

- (Amsterdam, September 2017); University of St. Andrew's (St. Andrew's, October 2017)
- “International Law and Domestic Judicial Power: Strategic Citations in the Jurisprudence of Colombia’s Constitutional Court.” Warwick University (Warwick, October 2017)
- “Assessing Argentina’s October 2017 Mid-term Elections.” University College London (London, October 2017)
- “The Judiciary and Governability in Contemporary Argentina.” University College London (London, October 2016)
- “The Inter-American Court Goes Local: Learning, Strategy, and the Judicial Diffusion of International Law.” University College London, *Regional Perspectives on Human Rights Regime Effects Workshop* (London, June 2016); Universidad del CEMA (Buenos Aires, July 2016)
- “Human Rights and the Judiciary in Post-Authoritarian Argentina.” Canning House and Instituto Cervantes, *20<sup>th</sup> Century Military Dictatorships History Series* (London, April 2015)
- “Carrots and Sticks: Experimental Evidence of Vote Buying and Voter Intimidation in Guatemala.” King’s College London (London, March 2015)
- “Judicial Behavior and Transitional Justice: Argentina, Peru and Mexico in Comparative Perspective.” University of Chicago, *Revisiting Human Rights in Latin America: Politics, Justice and Memory in the Southern Cone* (Chicago, April 2012)
- “The Collapse of Impunity Regimes: Legal Cultures, Strategic Litigation and Judicial Behavior in Cases of Gross Human Rights Violations in Peru.” Ohio University (Athens, November 2011); Nuffield College, University of Oxford (Oxford, February 2012); Center for Latin American Studies, University of Wisconsin (Madison, April 2012); Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires, August 2014); Universidad de Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, August 2014)

### **Teaching Experience (since 2012)**

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University of Oxford, MPhil. in Comparative Government/European Politics/International Relations, MSc. in Politics Research, and DPhil. Politics/International Relations, *Qualitative Methods in Political Science* (HT 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023). Lectures and Classes

University of Oxford, MPhil. in Comparative Government/European Politics/International Relations, and MSc. in Politics Research, *Research Design in Comparative Politics* (MT 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022). Lectures and Classes



University of Oxford, Mphil. in Comparative Government, *Comparative Government* (MT, HT, TT 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023). Tutorials and Lectures

University of Oxford, PPE, *Thesis Seminar – Qualitative Methods* (MT, HT 2022, 2023)

University of Oxford, PPE, *Comparative Government* (HT 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). Lectures

University of Oxford, DPhil. in Politics, *Research Design for PRS* (MT 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019). Seminar.

University of Oxford, Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, *Process Tracing* (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019). Lectures.

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, *Advanced Qualitative Methods* (Spring 2013, 2014). Lectures

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, *Regional Studies: Latin America* (Spring 2013, 2014). Lectures

## **Field Research**

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*Colombia*: Bogota, August 2016.

*Peru*: Lima and Ayacucho, February-May 2010; Lima, July 2019; Virtual, intermittently 2020-2021

*Argentina*: Buenos Aires, October-February 2010, May 2011, and July 2016; Virtual, July 2022

*Brazil*: Virtual, July 2022

*México*: Mexico City, June-September 2010, and intermittently September 2012-August 2014

## **Professional Service**

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Co-Editor, *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research*, a biannual publication of APSA's Qualitative and Multi-Method Research devoted to the study, development and practice of qualitative and multi-method research techniques, 2021-

Director of Professional Development, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2022-

Director of Research Training for Politics, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2017-2020

Co-Director, Methods Spring School, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2015-2019

Research Network Coordinator for Comparative Government, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2016-2017

Reviewer: *Acta Politica*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Current Sociology*, Danish Council for Independent Research, *Economics & Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Governance*, *International Journal of Human Rights*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Law and Society Review*, Oxford University Press, *Oxford Development Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Revista Chilena de Ciencia Política*, *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político*, Routledge, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, University of North Carolina Press, and *World Politics*.

Editorial Board Membership: *Política y Gobierno*

Conference organization: Latin American Studies Association, Track Chair 2017 & 2018

Award Committee Membership: Herman Pritchett Best Book Award, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association (2018); Best Book Award, Human Rights Section, International Studies Association (2018); Donna Lee Van Cott Best Book Award, Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association (2021); Alexander George Best Paper Award, Qualitative and Mixed Methods Sections, American Political Science Association (2021)

## **Professional Memberships**

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American Political Science Association (since 2006); Midwest Political Science Association (since 2006); Latin American Studies Association (since 2008); Law and Society Association (since 2012); International Studies Association (since 2017); Political Studies Association (since 2017)

## **Languages**

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Spanish (native speaker); English (advanced); French (basic)