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Current Academic Appointments	<p>Postdoctoral Researcher in Democracy (Incoming - AY: 2025-2026) Kellogg Institute for International Studies PI: Scott Mainwaring University of Notre Dame</p> <p>British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Politics and International Relations Mentor: David Doyle University of Oxford</p> <p>Research Fellow Keble College, Oxford</p>
Education	<p>DPhil - University of Oxford, December 2021 Thesis: <i>The Origins of Subnational Democracy</i> Advisor: Timothy J. Power Committee: Ezequiel González Ocantos, James Mahoney Awards: 2022 APSA William Anderson Award 2022 ECPR Jean Blondel (Shortlisted)</p> <p>Associate Fellow - UK Higher Education Academy, 2023 UK - Professional Standards Framework (PSF)</p> <p>MPhil - University of Oxford, August 2017 Thesis: <i>Subnational Democracy: An Empirical Assessment of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico</i>. (Thesis with Distinction).</p> <p>B.A. - Political Science and Public Administration, 2013 Ibero-American University, Mexico City (UIA) Graduated with Honours</p>
Peer-Reviewed Publications	<p>2024 - "Multilevel Regime Decoupling: The Territorial Dimension of Autocratization and Contemporary Regime Change". <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>.</p> <p>2023 - "The Persistence of Latin America's Violent Democracies: Reviewing the Research Agenda on Policing, Violence, and Security across the region", <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i> (with Daniel Barker Flores).</p> <p>2023 - "Measuring and Assessing Subnational Electoral Democracy: A New Dataset for the Americas and India", <i>Democratization</i>, 30(4). Winner of the 2024 Frank Cass Prize for best article by a young scholar.</p> <p>2022 - "El origen, trayecto, y rumbo de la investigación en torno a la variación de los regímenes subnacionales", <i>Agenda Política</i>, 9(3).</p>

Peer-Reviewed Publications (cont.)	2021 - “Inside Countries: reduciendo la <i>escala de análisis</i> en el análisis político”, <i>Perfiles Latinomaericanos</i> , 29(58).
Work Under Review	<p>2025 - “Crossing Borders, Expanding Evidence & Strengthening Theory: Synergies Between Subnational and Mixed-Method Research" (Currently under review at <i>Qualitative & Multi-Methods Research</i>).</p> <p>2025 - “Regime Decoherence: When Political Regimes Fragment Across Scales and Between Dimensions" (Research letter currently under review at the <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>).</p> <p>2025 - “Determinants of Subnational Polyarchy: Evidence from Contemporary Brazil" (with Virginia Rocha & Timothy J. Power). Presented at ALACIP & ECPR 2024. (Currently under review at <i>Comparative Politics</i>).</p>
Working Papers	<p>“The Political Correlates of Organized Criminal Violence: Evidence from Contemporary Mexican Municipalities" (with Daniel Barker Flores). Presented at Nuffield and the DPIR Politic Colloquium, Spring 2025</p> <p>“Challenges and Practicalities in Designing Subnational Research" (with Gonzalo Contreras, Josephine Lechartre & Eugenia Aguirre) Accepted for MPSA 2025 and APSA 2025.</p> <p>“Multilevel Autocratization? Assessing Democratic Change across Subnational Units in Contemporary Latin America" Presented at LASA and Nuffield College, 2024.</p>
Work in Progress Portfolio	<p>“Remittances and Subnational Democracy in Contemporary Mexico" Accepted for LASA 2025.</p> <p>“How Global Illiberalism Stifles Democratic Resistance" (with Maryhen Jiménez & Timothy J. Power)</p> <p>“Rethinking Backsliding: <i>Structurally</i> Revisiting Democratic Erosion as Performance" Presented at Kellogg’s <i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i> (CPW), 2023</p> <p>“Bent, Not Broken: Mexican Democracy at the Finish Line of Lopez Obrador’s 4th Transformation (with Laurence Whitehead)"</p> <p>“An Endogenous Theory of Subnational Democracy: Colonial Legacies, Labor Incorporation and Subnational Regimes within Latin American Countries"</p> <p>“The Reversal of Subnational Fortunes: Colonial Legacies in the Making of Provincial Economic Development across Latin America”.</p>

Book Projects	<p><i>The Origins of Subnational Democracy: Colonial Legacies and Organized Labor in the Making of Regime Variation within Latin American Countries</i> Manuscript stemming from doctoral dissertation. Potential publishers: Oxford, Cambridge or Princeton University Press</p> <p>(Coord.) <i>Latin American Politics: A Guide for the Uninitiated</i> Edited collection of 10 chapters discussing key topics in Latin American Politics. Potential publishers: Oxford University Press, Routledge or Palgrave MacMillan</p>		
Other Contributions	The Washington Post	Presidential Power Blog	Oxford Politics Blog
Awards	<p>Frank Cass Prize, 2024 Best article by a young scholar published in <i>Democratization</i>.</p> <p>APSA William Anderson Award, 2022 Best doctoral dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, and local politics.</p> <p>ECPR Jean Blondel Prize Shortlist, 2022. Best doctoral thesis in politics.</p> <p>Pembroke Teaching Excellence Award, 2022. Best Politics undergraduate Lecturer.</p>		
Funding Secured	<p>British Academy Postdoctoral Project (approx. \$ 450K USD), 2024-2026. Oxford Social Sciences Division Small Research Grant, 2025 LASA Economics & Politics Section Travel Grant, 2025 GCRF Official Development Committee Bursary, 2021. CONACYT-PFAN Scholarship, 2017-2021. Wolfson Travel Grant, 2020. DPIR-ESRC Studentship, 2017-2019. International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), 2012.</p>		
Previous Academic Appts.	<p>Visiting Fellow, Fall 2023 Kellogg Institute for International Studies University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Departmental Lecturer in Latin American Studies, 2022-2023 Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA)</p> <p>Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, 2022-2023 St Hugh's College, Oxford</p> <p>Director of the Dartmouth Visiting Student Programme, 2022-2023 Keble College, Oxford</p>		

Previous Academic Appts. (cont.)	<p>Postdoctoral Research Associate, Jan-Sept 2022 MOBILISE Project, University of Manchester. PI: Olga Onuch</p> <p>Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics (Pembroke College, 2021-2022) Teaching Excellence Award</p> <p>Associate Lecturer in Politics, Spring 2018 Oxford Brookes University</p>
Graduate Supervision	<p>"Bringing Civil Society Back In: Legacies of State Repression and Democratic Quality" Ranganatha, N. MPhil in Comparative Government (Oxford)</p> <p>"The Paradox of Democracy and Environmentalism in Contemporary Latin America" Kirk, H. MSc in Latin American Studies Dissertation (Oxford).</p> <p>"An account of German Influences on Guatemalan Development" Hoher, L. MSc in Latin American Studies Dissertation (Oxford).</p> <p>"Afro-Brazilian Perspectives from the Favelas" Youngs do Patrocinio, R. MSc in Latin American Studies Dissertation (Oxford).</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>University of Oxford, 2017-2025. <i>Research Methods</i> (PG) <i>Latin American Economies</i> (PG) <i>Comparative Government</i> (PG, UG) <i>Politics in Latin America</i> (PG, UG) <i>Intro. to Quantitative Methods</i> (UG) <i>Intro. Theory and Practice of Politics</i> (UG) <i>Political Sociology</i> (UG)</p> <p>APSA 2024 "Comparative & Multi-Method Approaches within Political Economy Research" Doctoral Dissertation Workshop (with Dr. E. Pfeffer, Dartmouth College)</p> <p>University of Oxford International Summer School <i>Latin American Political Economies: Past, Present, and Future</i>, 2023, 2024.</p> <p>Oxford Brookes University, Associate Lecturer <i>Development & Social Change in Latin America</i>, 2018.</p> <p>CIDE-CLEAR-IDB <i>Monitoring and Evaluation Fundamentals</i>, 2021. <i>Results Based Management Course</i>, 2018.</p>

Teaching Experience (cont.)	<p>Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education <i>Mexico's Economic and Political Structure</i>, 2015.</p> <p>Universidad Iberoamericana, Teaching Assistant, 2012-2013.</p>
Talks & Public Lectures	<p>'Ballots & Bullets: The Political Causes of Criminal Violence in Mexico' St Antony's College, Summer 2024.</p> <p>'Mexico 2024: How and Why we got Here' Mexican Elections Seminar, LAC Oxford, Summer 2024.</p> <p>'The State of Latin American Democracies: Challenges from within and without' St Antony's College, Summer 2023.</p> <p>'(Un)Bowed, (Un)Bent, Unbroken: Mexican Democracy in the Midst of AMLO's 4th Transformation', Center for Research on Democracy (CREDO) Nuffield College Oxford, Spring 2023.</p> <p>'Mexico's Midterm Election', OxPol Broadcast Interview. Online, Spring 2021.</p> <p>'Navigating Subnational Tides amidst a National Tsunami: The Territorial aftermath of the 2018 Mexican Election' Nuffield College, Oxford, Autumn 2018.</p>
Professional Service	<p>Country Expert: Mexico, Varieties of Democracy Project.</p> <p>Co-host of the 'Research & Ideas in Progress' Seminar. DPIR, Oxford 2023-2025.</p> <p>DPIR Review Committee for the British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications (First Round, 2024)</p> <p>Reviewer for several journals including the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, the <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i>, <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i>, <i>Alternatives</i>, <i>Political Studies</i>, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> and <i>Agenda Política</i> among others.</p> <p>"Comparative & Multi-Method Approaches within Political Economy Research" Doctoral Dissertation Workshop (with Dr. E. Pfeffer, Dartmouth College), APSA 2024, 2025.</p> <p>Teaching & Admin. Committees, Latin American Centre, Oxford</p> <p>Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, OSGA, Oxford</p> <p>Admissions & Academic Review Panels, St Hugh's, Keble & Pembroke College, Oxford</p>

Additional Academic Experience	<p>Research Assistantships under: Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, University of Oxford, 2017. Roberto Rodríguez Rodríguez, UIA, 2014. Gabriela Pérez Yarahuán, UIA, 2010-2013.</p>
Further Training	<p>Bullying & Harassment in the Workplace, 2024. Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Oxford</p> <p>Advancing Teaching and Learning Programme, 2023. Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Oxford</p> <p>Dip. - Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), 2021. Syracuse University, Maxwell School</p> <p>Dip. - Python Data Analysis, 2018 Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)</p> <p>Dip. - Quantitative and Qualitative Research, 2014 National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)</p> <p>Dip. - Contemporary Mexico Summer Seminar, 2011 El Colegio de México (COLMEX)</p>
Professional Affiliations	<p>APSA, EPSA, PSA, LASA, ECPR, ALACIP</p>
Other Professional Experience	<p>Race and Equality Task Force Data Analyst University of Oxford, Dec 2021 - Feb 2022.</p> <p>Part-Time Bookseller (Social Sciences & Popular Science Non-Fiction) Blackwell's Bookshop Oxford, 2019-2021.</p> <p>Part-Time Senior Bookseller (Social Sciences & Popular Science Non-Fiction) Waterstones Bookshop Oxford, 2016-2019.</p> <p>Junior Financial Advisor to the Public Research Centre System Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), 2013-2015.</p> <p>Intern at the Office for Democracy and Human Rights Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2012.</p>
Language and Skills	<p>Spanish (Native), English (100%), French (50%), Portuguese (Listening & Reading) MS. Office, Stata, Latex, R, Python, Atlas Ti.</p>

Other Hybrid athlete (swimming, running, and weightlifting), real-time strategy (RTS) gamer,
Skills cosmology and quantum physics aficionado.

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