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Current Academic Appointments Postdoctoral Researcher in Democracy (Incoming - AY: 2025-2026)
Kellogg Institute for International Studies
PI: Scott Mainwaring
University of Notre Dame

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Politics and International Relations
Mentor: David Doyle
University of Oxford

Research Fellow
Keble College, Oxford

Education DPhil - University of Oxford, December 2021
Thesis: *The Origins of Subnational Democracy*
Advisor: Timothy J. Power
Committee: Ezequiel González Ocantos, James Mahoney
Awards: 2022 APSA William Anderson Award
2022 ECPR Jean Blondel (Shortlisted)

Associate Fellow - UK Higher Education Academy, 2023
UK - Professional Standards Framework (PSF)

MPhil - University of Oxford, August 2017
Thesis: *Subnational Democracy: An Empirical Assessment of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico*. (Thesis with Distinction).

B.A. - Political Science and Public Administration, 2013
Ibero-American University, Mexico City (UIA)
Graduated with Honours

Peer-Reviewed Publications 2024 - "Multilevel Regime Decoupling: The Territorial Dimension of Autocratization and Contemporary Regime Change". *Perspectives on Politics*.

2023 - "The Persistence of Latin America's Violent Democracies: Reviewing the Research Agenda on Policing, Violence, and Security across the region", *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* (with Daniel Barker Flores).

2023 - "Measuring and Assessing Subnational Electoral Democracy: A New Dataset for the Americas and India", *Democratization*, 30(4).
Winner of the 2024 Frank Cass Prize for best article by a young scholar.

2022 - "El origen, trayecto, y rumbo de la investigación en torno a la variación de los regímenes subnacionales", *Agenda Política*, 9(3).

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	2025 - “Crossing Borders, Expanding Evidence & Strengthening Theory: Synergies Between Subnational and Mixed-Method Research" (Revise & Resubmit at <i>Qualitative & Multi-Methods Research</i>). 2025 - “Regime Decoherence: When Political Regimes Fragment Across Scales and Between Dimensions" (Research letter. Revise & Resubmit at the <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>). 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>).
Working Papers	“The Political Correlates of Organized Criminal Violence: Evidence from Contemporary Mexican Municipalities" (with Daniel Barker Flores). Presented at Nuffield and the DPIP Politic Colloquium, Spring 2025 “Challenges and Practicalities in Designing Subnational Research" (with Gonzalo Contreras, Josephine Lechartre & Eugenia Aguirre) Accepted for MPSA 2025 and APSA 2025.
Work in Progress Portfolio	“Remittances and Subnational Democracy in Contemporary Mexico" Accepted for LASA 2025. (with David Doyle) “How Global Illiberalism Stifles Democratic Resistance" (with Maryhen Jiménez & Timothy J. Power) “Rethinking Backsliding: <i>Structurally</i> Revisiting Democratic Erosion as Performance" Presented at Kellogg’s <i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i> (CPW), 2023 “Bent, Not Broken: Mexican Democracy at the Finish Line of Lopez Obrador’s 4th Transformation (with Laurence Whitehead)" “An Endogenous Theory of Subnational Democracy: Colonial Legacies, Labor Incorporation and Subnational Regimes within Latin American Countries" “The Reversal of Subnational Fortunes: Colonial Legacies in the Making of Provincial Economic Development across Latin America”.

Book Projects	<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			
	(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			
Other Contributions	Animal Político	The Washington Post	Presidential Power Blog	Oxford Politics Blog
Awards	Frank Cass Prize, 2024 Best article by a young scholar published in <i>Democratization</i> .			
	APSA William Anderson Award, 2022 Best doctoral dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, and local politics.			
	ECPR Jean Blondel Prize Shortlist, 2022. Best doctoral thesis in politics.			
	Pembroke Teaching Excellence Award, 2022. Best Politics undergraduate Lecturer.			
Funding Secured	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.			
Previous Academic Appts.	Visiting Fellow, Fall 2023 Kellogg Institute for International Studies University of Notre Dame			
	Departmental Lecturer in Latin American Studies, 2022-2023 Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA)			
	Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, 2022-2023 St Hugh's College, Oxford			
	Director of the Dartmouth Visiting Student Programme, 2022-2023 Keble College, Oxford			

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.

References

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