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EDUCATION

University of Oxford

MPhil in Politics: Comparative Government (2024-2026)

Oxford, United Kingdom

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

BA in Political Science and Government (2016-2021)

Lima, Perú

Univerzita Hradec Králové

Exchange student (2021)

Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2026 “The Order Behind Disorder: Informality, Power, and the Resilience of a Transport Policy Trap in Lima, Peru” *World Development*, 201, 107318 (with Eduardo Dargent).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2026.107318>

2024 “Corrupting Climate Change Institutions from the Inside. Systemic Collusion in the Peruvian Forest Governance.” *Political Geography*, 108, 102991 (with Maritza Paredes and Camila Gianella)
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102991>

2024 “Between Disinterest and Inequality: Perceptions of Brokers and Actors Involved about the Implementation of Forest Policies at the Subnational Level”, *Colombia Internacional*, 119, pp.155-180 (with Mariana Salas). Original in Spanish. <https://doi.org/10.7440/colombiaint119.2024.06>

2024 “Fact-checker States: A Typology of State Fact-checking.” *Revista Elecciones*, 23(28), pp.41-76 (with Abigail Otero). Original in Spanish. <https://doi.org/10.53557/Elecciones.2024.v23n28.02>

Working Papers

Under review: “Engendering the State: The Traps of Peru’s Gender Machinery” (with Stéphanie Rousseau).

Under review: “Autonomy and State Capacity: A Typology of Institutional Strength Within the State.”

2024 “Digital Vote. Achievements and Challenges from its Implementation in Peru.” Working paper, *Oficina Nacional de Procesos Electorales* (with Wendy Adrianzen). Original in Spanish.
<https://www.gob.pe/institucion/onpe/informes-publicaciones/5386171-cuaderno-electoral-6-voto-digital-aciertos-y-desafios-desde-su-implementacion-en-peru>

2022 “Deforestation and Climate Change. Pending Challenges.” Policy Brief, *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* (with Camila Gianella and Mariana Salas). Original in Spanish.

2020 “Taking off Without Leaving the Territory: Explaining Different Levels of State Capacity and Autonomy in the Peruvian Space Agency.” Working Paper, *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*. Original in Spanish. <http://repositorio.pucp.edu.pe/index/handle/123456789/171558>

Thesis

2021 “All strong agencies resemble one another, each weak agency is weak in its own way: Beyond the Strong-Weak Duality in contexts of Autonomy and State Capacity” [Undergraduate Thesis, outstanding mention]. *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*. Original in Spanish. <https://tesis.pucp.edu.pe/repositorio/handle/20.500.12404/21012>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance

March 2023 – July 2024: State Theory (POL238). Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

August 2022 – December 2022: Comparative Political Analysis (POL231). Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

August 2019 – November 2019: Statistics for Political Analysis 2 (POL304), instructed by Professor José Manuel Magallanes. Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Research Assistance

April 2023 – November 2023: Project “The institutionality of gender in the Peruvian State: continuities and transformation” led by Professor Stéphanie Rousseau, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

September 2022 – February 2023: Project “When is Civil Society Civil?” led by Professor Paula Muñoz, Universidad del Pacífico.

November 2019/January 2022 – November 2022: Project “Reforms of teaching careers in Latin America” led by Professor Ben Ross Schneider, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

September 2021 – July 2022: Project “Actors and interests involved in the Peruvian forestry sector and the challenges and opportunities they generate to fulfil the climate objectives adopted by Peru” led by Professor Camila Gianella, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

August 2021 – April 2022: Project “Reaching State Capacities in Mining Countries” led by Professor Maritza Paredes, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

February 2021 – August 2021: Projects on Electoral Systems, Local Governments, Governors and Mayors in Latin America led by Professor Tomáš Došek, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

February 2021: Project “Under the magnifying glass of Covid-19: the Peruvian State in comparative perspective” led by the Research Group on State and Society (GIES), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

August 2020 – August 2021: Project “Policy feedback in the pension system and higher education in Peru” led by Professor Eduardo Dargent, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

December 2020 – March 2021: Project “AFPs, Pandemic and Public Policies” led by Professor Francisco Durand, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Consultancies

January 2024 – September 2024: Project “Disinformation and digital vote in the Peruvian State”, Research Department of the National Office of Electoral Processes, Peruvian State.

July 2022 – October 2022: Project “Promoting local policies towards women and youth in the Regional and Municipal Elections”, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú & International Republican Institute (IRI).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Strengthening Autonomy: Industrial Policy and State Capacity in Brazil and South Africa.” Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy 2025, Cologne, Germany.

“The Order Behind Disorder: Informality, Power, and the Resilience of a Transport Policy Trap in Lima, Peru” (with Eduardo Dargent). REPAL 2025, São Paulo, Brazil; LASA 2023, Vancouver, Canada.

“Strengthening the State from Within: Bureaucracy and State Capacity in Brazil and South Africa.” LASA/Africa Congress 2023.

“Engendering the State through the Margins: The Pitfalls of Peru’s Gender Machinery” (with Stéphanie Rousseau). European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2023, Prague, Czech Republic.

“Between Disinterest and Inequality: Perceptions of Brokers and Actors Involved about the Implementation of Forest Policies at the Subnational Level” (with Mariana Salas). LASA 2024, Bogotá, Colombia; Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Social Sciences (CLACSO) 2022, Ciudad de México, Mexico.

“From Internal Challenges to External Protections: Exploring Factors Behind Variations in Institutional Strength.” Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP) 2022.

“Autonomy and State Capacity in Peru: Beyond the Strong-Weak Duality in State Agencies.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2022.

AWARDS

Best Political Science Teaching Assistant Research Project 2024. Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Best Political Science Teaching Assistant Research Project 2023. Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Best Political Science Undergraduate Student Prize 2021. Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Best Political Science Student Paper 2019. Social Sciences Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Full Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Politics (Comparative Government) 2024-2026. National Program of Scholarships and Educational Credit, Peruvian State.

Full Scholarship for Study Abroad 2021. Department of Philosophy, University of Hradec Králové.

Full Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies in Political Science and Government 2019-2021. Scholarship Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Full Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies in Geography and Environment 2016-2018. National Program of Scholarships and Educational Credit, Peruvian State.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Cyril Foster Fellowship 2026 to conduct fieldwork in South Africa. Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford.

Winchester Fund Fellowship 2026 to conduct fieldwork in South Africa. Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford.

Winchester Fund Fellowship 2025 to conduct fieldwork in Brazil. Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford.

Travel Grant for the Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy 2025, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.

Competitive Conference & Fieldwork Funding 2025. Green Templeton College (GTC), University of Oxford.

Learning Grant for Conference Attendance 2025. Green Templeton College (GTC), University of Oxford.

Winter School in Advanced Methods for Social Sciences Fellowship 2024. Artificial Intelligence and Computational Methods Laboratory (QLAB), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Mix Methods Summer Camp Fellowship 2024. Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Methods Winter Camp Fellowship 2023. Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP), Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Lasa Congress Travel Grant 2023, Peru Section – Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Lasa Congress Travel Grant 2021, 2022, Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Machine Learning Workshop Fellowship 2020. Artificial Intelligence and Computational Methods Laboratory (QLAB), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Junior Research Fellowship 2019. Dean of Research, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

TRAINING

Machine Learning and Causal Inference for Social Science. Winter School in Advanced Methods for Social Sciences 2024, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Mixed Methods Summer School 2024, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Concepts, Typologies and Indices. Winter School in Methods 2023, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Time Series. Winter School in Methods 2022, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Introductory Training in University Education. University Teaching Institute, 2022 Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Multidisciplinary Journal Publishing Workshop 2022. British Academy, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and Universidad del Pacífico.

Forestry and Wildlife Legislation Workshop 2021. National Forestry and Wildlife Service (SERFOR), USAID and FOREST.

Machine Learning for Social Sciences. Social Sciences Department 2021, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member of the Research Group on State and Society (GIES), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (2020 – present).

Research and Methodology Workshop Presenter (2021), VI Macro-Colloquium of Political Science Students and Association of Peruvian Women Political Scientists.

Member of Politai Association and Editor of *Politai Journal*, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (2018 – 2020).

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced), Portuguese (Intermediate).

Programming languages: R, SPSS, Python.