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<b>Current Academic Appointments</b>	British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Politics and International Relations Mentor: David Doyle University of Oxford	2024-2027
	Research Fellow Keble College, Oxford	2024-2027
<b>Education</b>	DPhil - University of Oxford 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)	2021 (December)
	Associate Fellow - UK Higher Education Academy UK - Professional Standards Framework (PSF)	2023
	MPhil - University of Oxford Thesis: <i>Subnational Democracy: An Empirical Assessment of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico</i> . (Thesis with Distinction).	2017
	B.A. - Political Science and Public Administration Ibero-American University, Mexico City (UIA) Graduated with Honours	2013
<b>Peer Reviewed Publications</b>	"Crossing Borders, Expanding Evidence, and Strengthening Theory: Synergies between Subnational and Mixed-Method Research". <i>Qualitative and Multi-Method Research</i> , Vol. 23 (2) p. 26-38.	2025
	"Multilevel Regime Decoupling: The Territorial Dimension of Autocratization and Contemporary Regime Change". <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , Vol. 23 (2) p. 524-551.	2024
	"Measuring and Assessing Subnational Electoral Democracy: A New Dataset for the Americas and India" <i>Democratization</i> , Vol. 30 (4) p. 715-740. Winner of the 2024 Frank Cass Prize for best article by a young scholar.	2023

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<b>Peer Reviewed Publications (cont.)</b>	<p>“The Persistence of Latin America’s Violent Democracies: Reviewing the Research Agenda on Policing, Violence, and Security across the region” (with Daniel Barker Flores). <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i>, Vol. 49 (4) p. 378-386.</p> <p>“El origen, trayecto, y rumbo de la investigación en torno a la variación de los regímenes subnacionales”, <i>Agenda Política Journal of the Federal Univ. of São Carlos, Brazil</i> Vol. 9 (3) p. 27-54.</p> <p>“Inside Countries: reduciendo la <i>escala de análisis</i> en el análisis político”, <i>Perfiles Latinomaericanos</i>, Journal of the Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO), Vol. 29 (58) p. 1-4.</p>	<p>2023</p> <p>2022</p> <p>2021</p>
<b>Other Academic Publications</b>	<p>“How Global Illiberalism Damages Democracy” <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, Vol. 37 (2) p. 121-133. (co-authored with Timothy J. Power &amp; Maryhen Jiménez)</p> <p>“Why Populist Hollow Out Their States” <i>Journal of Democracy</i> Vol. 37 (1) p. 45-55. (co-authored with Andrés Mejía Acosta)</p>	<p>2026</p> <p>2026</p>
<b>Work Under Review</b>	<p>“Regime Decoherence: When Political Regimes Fragment Across Scales and Between Dimensions”. (Research Note) Revise &amp; Resubmit at the <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>.</p> <p>“Multilevel Autocratization? Patterns of Subnational Electoral Democracy after the Third Wave”. Revise &amp; Resubmit at <i>Comparative Politics</i>.</p> <p>“Determinants of Subnational Polyarchy: Evidence from Contemporary Brazil”. Revise &amp; Resubmit at <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i>. (with Timothy J. Power &amp; Virginia Rocha )</p>	<p>2026 (July)</p> <p>2026 (July)</p> <p>2026 (June)</p>
<b>Awards</b>	<p>Frank Cass Prize Best article by a young scholar published in <i>Democratization</i>.</p> <p>APSA William Anderson Award Best doctoral dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, and local politics.</p>	<p>2024</p> <p>2022</p>

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<b>Awards (cont.)</b>	ECPR Jean Blondel Prize Shortlist Best doctoral thesis in politics.	2022
	Pembroke Teaching Excellence Award Best Politics undergraduate Lecturer. federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, and local politics.	2022
<b>Working Papers</b>	<p>“Democratic Stagnation in Latin America” (with Scott Mainwaring &amp; Fernando Bizarro)</p> <p>“Challenges and Practicalities in Designing Subnational Research” (with Gonzalo Contreras, Josephine Lechartre &amp; Eugenia Aguirre) Presented at MPSA 2025 and APSA 2025.</p> <p>“The Political Correlates of Organized Criminal Violence: Evidence from Contemporary Mexican Municipalities”. (with Daniel Barker Flores)</p> <p>“The Visibility Deficit Index: Triangulating Nighttime Lights and Event Data to Overcome Conflict Illegibility”. (with Jorge Ruiz Reyes)</p>	
<b>Work In Progress Portfolio</b>	<p>“Subnational State Capacity and Subnational Political Regimes: Evidence from Brazil” (with Virginia Rocha)</p> <p>“Remittances and Subnational Democracy in Contemporary Mexico” Presented at LASA 2025. (with David Doyle)</p> <p>“Rethinking Backsliding: <i>Structurally</i> Revisiting Democratic Erosion as Performance”. Presented at the 2023 <i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i> of the Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame.</p>	
<b>Book Projects</b>	<p>“<i>The Origins of Subnational Democracy: Colonial Legacies and Organized Labor in the Making of Regime Variation within Latin America</i>” Manuscript stemming from doctoral dissertation. Potential publishers: Oxford, Cambridge or Princeton University Press</p> <p>“<i>Latin American Politics: A Guide for the Uninitiated</i>” (Coord.) Edited volume discussing key topics in Latin American Politics. Potential publishers: Routledge or Palgrave MacMillan. (Long-term project)</p>	

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<b>Other Contributions</b>	Animal Político	The Washington Post	Presidential Power	OxPol
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	University of Oxford			2017-2025
	<i>Research Methods</i> (PG)			
	<i>Latin American Economies</i> (PG)			
	<i>Politics of Brazil</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)			
	“Comparative & Multi-Method Approaches within Political Economy Research”. APSA Doctoral Dissertation Workshop (with Dr. E. Pfeffer, Dartmouth College)			2024-2025
	University of Oxford International Summer School			2023-2024
	<i>Latin American Political Economies: Past, Present, and Future</i>			
	Oxford Brookes University, Associate Lecturer			2018
	<i>Development &amp; Social Change in Latin America</i>			
	CIDE-CLEAR-IDB			2018-2021
	<i>Results Based Management Course</i> , 2018.			
	<i>Monitoring and Evaluation Fundamentals</i> , 2021.			
	Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education			2015
	<i>Mexico’s Economic and Political Structure</i>			
	Universidad Iberoamericana			2012-2013
	Teaching Assistant			
<b>Supervision</b>	“The Long Arc of Silence: Attitudinal Legacies of Authoritarian Repression: Evidence from Chile” Ranganatha, N. MPhil in Comparative Government (Oxford)			2024-2026
	“Divided we Stand? Federal Institutions and Democratic Breakdown in a Global Contemporary Perspective” Wang, J, BA in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (Oxford)			2025-2026

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<b>Supervision (cont.)</b>	“Afro-Brazilian Perspectives from the Favelas” Youngs do Patrocinio, R. MSc in Latin American Studies (Oxford).	2022-2023
	“An account of German Influences on Guatemalan Development” Hoher, L. MSc in Latin American Studies (Oxford).	2022-2023
	“The Paradox of Democracy and Environmentalism in Contemporary Latin America” Kirk, H. MSc in Latin American Studies (Oxford).	2022-2023
<b>Funding Secured</b>	British Academy Postdoctoral Project (approx. \$ 450K USD)	2024-2027
	Notre Dame Democracy Initiative Catalyst Grant (approx. \$18K USD)	2025-2026
	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	
<b>Datasets</b>	MOBILISE: National Representative Panel and Protest Surveys (2019-2022) with Onuch, Olga, David Doyle, Evelyn Ersanilli, et al. UK Data Service ReShare.	2024
	Index of Subnational Electoral Democracy: A New Dataset for the Americas and India. Available through the Harvard Dataverse.	2023
<b>Previous Academic Appts.</b>	Postdoctoral Research Associate in Democracy Kellogg Institute for International Studies PI: Scott Mainwaring University of Notre Dame	2025-2026
	Visiting Fellow Kellogg Institute for International Studies University of Notre Dame	2023 Autumn
	Departmental Lecturer in Latin American Studies Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA)	2022-2023
	Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics St Hugh’s College, Oxford	2022-2023
	Director of the Dartmouth Visiting Student Programme Keble College, Oxford	2022-2023

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<b>Previous Academic Appts. (cont.)</b>	Postdoctoral Research Associate MOBILISE Project PI: Olga Onuch University of Manchester.	2022
	Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics Pembroke College, Teaching Excellence Award	2021-2022
	Associate Lecturer in Politics Oxford Brookes University	2018 Spring
<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	APSA, EPSA, PSA, LASA, ECPR, ALACIP	
<b>Professional Service</b>	Country Expert: Mexico, Varieties of Democracy Project	2023-2025
	Co-host of the ‘Research & Ideas in Progress’ Seminar Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), Oxford	2023-2025
	DPIR Review Committee for the British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications, Oxford (First Round)	2024
	“Comparative & Multi-Method Approaches within Political Economy Research” Doctoral Dissertation Workshop (with Dr. E. Pfeffer, Dartmouth College)	2024-2025
	Teaching & Admin. Committees, Latin American Centre, Oxford	2022-2023
	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, OSGA, Oxford	2022-2023
	Admissions & Academic Review Panels, St Hugh’s, Keble, and Pembroke College, Oxford	2021-2023
	Reviewer for several journals including the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , the <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i> , <i>Regional &amp; Federal Studies</i> , <i>Alternatives</i> , <i>Political Studies</i> , <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> and <i>Agenda Política</i> among others.	
<b>Further Training</b>	Bullying & Harassment in the Workplace Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Oxford	2024
	Advancing Teaching and Learning Programme Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Oxford	2023

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<b>Further Training (cont.)</b>	Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Syracuse University, Maxwell School	2021
	Python Data Analysis Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)	2018
	Quantitative and Qualitative Research National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)	2014
	Contemporary Mexico Summer Seminar El Colegio de México (COLMEX)	2011
<b>Talks &amp; Public Lectures</b>	Democracy Paradox Podcast Guest Contributor & Introductory Discussant	2025 Autumn
	‘Ballots & Bullets: The Political Causes of Criminal Violence in Mexico’, St Antony’s College	2024 Summer
	‘Mexico 2024: How and Why we got Here’ Mexican Elections Seminar, LAC Oxford	2024 Summer
	‘The State of Latin American Democracies: Challenges from within and without’, St Antony’s College	2023 Summer
	‘(Un)Bowed, (Un)Bent, Unbroken: Mexican Democracy in the Midst of AMLO’s 4th Transformation’, Center for Research on Democracy (CREDO), Nuffield College Oxford	2023 Spring
	‘Mexico’s Midterm Election’, Online OxPol Blogcast Interview	2021 Spring
	‘Navigating Subnational Tides amidst a National Tsunami: The Territorial aftermath of the 2018 Mexican Election’ Nuffield College, Oxford	2018 Autumn
<b>Additional Academic Experience</b>	Research Assistantships under: Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, University of Oxford	2017
	Roberto Rodríguez Rodríguez, UIA	2014
	Gabriela Pérez Yarahuán, UIA	2010-2013
<b>Other Professional Experience</b>	Race and Equality Task Force Data Analyst University of Oxford	2022 Spring

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<b>Other Professional Experience (cont.)</b>	Part-Time Bookseller (Social Sciences & Popular Science Non-Fiction) Blackwell’s Bookshop Oxford	2019-2021
	Part-Time Senior Bookseller (Social Sciences Popular Science Non-Fiction) Waterstones Bookshop Oxford.	2016-2019
	Junior Financial Advisor to the Public Research Centre System Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT)	2013-2015
	Intern at the Office for Democracy and Human Rights Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2012
<b>Language and Skills</b>	Spanish (Native), English (100%), French (50%), Portuguese (Listening & Reading) MS. Office, Stata, Latex, R, Python, Atlas Ti.	
<b>Other Skills</b>	Hybrid athlete (swimming, running, and weightlifting), real-time strategy (RTS) gamer, cosmology and quantum physics aficionado.	

**References**

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