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## CURRENT POSITION

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Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College. Starting: Fall 2020.

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2017-19      Coordinator of the Joint Institute for Strategic Management (*Instituto Conjunto de Conducción Estratégica, ICCE*), Argentine National Ministry of Security. I managed the Institute's daily operations and, running a team of seven people, I designed and implemented various training courses for federal police forces.

Visiting Professor, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Universidad Nacional de San Martín and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina).

2016-17      Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) “The Political Economy of Citizen Security and Criminal Justice.” Lead project consultant.

## EDUCATION

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2016      **Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley.**  
Fields: comparative politics, Latin American politics, Methodology  
Dissertation title: “Police, politicians, and the regulation of drug trafficking in Latin America.”  
Committee: Alison Post (co-chair), Leonardo Arriola (co-chair), Ruth Berins Collier, Jonathan Simon

2011      **M.A., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley.** Thesis title: “Path dependent retrenchment in pension reforms in Latin America.”

2007      **B.A., Political Science, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book project

The Informal Regulation of Drug Trafficking in Latin America.

### Peer reviewed

- 2019 “Controlling bureaucracies in weak institutional contexts: The politics of police autonomy in Latin America,” *Governance*, 1-18.
- “State regulation of organized crime: Politicians, police, and drug trafficking in Argentina,” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 61:3, 104-128.
- 2018 “Policía, política y violencia: Regulación del narcotráfico en el Cono Sur,” *Revista de Estudios en Seguridad Internacional*, 4:1, 37-53.
- “Who protects whom? Politicians, police and the regulation of drug trafficking in Argentina.” *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Working Paper Series #426*, January 2018.
- 2016 “Blame avoidance and policy stability in developing democracies: The politics of public security in Buenos Aires,” *Comparative Politics*, 49:1, 23-46, October (with Alison Post)
- 2012 “Determinantes de la confianza en la policía: una comparación entre Argentina y México,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos* 40:97-122, July (with Marcelo Bergman).

### Non-peer reviewed publications

- 2018 “Police, politics, and political science”, *Comparative Politics Newsletter*, , 28:1, Spring 2018, 34-38.
- “The political economy of citizen security: a conceptual framework.” Inter-American Development Bank, Technical Note IDB-TN-1343.
- 2016 “La regulación del narcotráfico en América Latina: La relación entre política, policía y delito”, *Boletín de seguridad ciudadana (CELIV)* 6, August 2016.
- 2015 "Penitentiary surveys in Latin America: conceptual and methodological tools for their design, implementation and evaluation" (with Marcelo Bergman, Carlos Vilalta and Diego Masello). Inter-American Development Bank: Washington, DC. 2015
- 2014 "Crime and violence in Latin America and the Caribbean" (with Diego Fleitas and Germán Lodola). Asociación para Políticas Públicas (APP): Buenos Aires.

- 2012 “The Politics of Argentine Insecurity”. *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*. Fall, 56:59.
- 2009 “Public and private security systems: Argentina, Brazil and Chile”. Document for the Department of Public Safety, Organization of American States (with Fernando Cafferata)
- 2008 “Policía y comunidad: una comparación entre fuerzas policiales del Distrito Federal y Estado de México y la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires”, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), Working Paper #33, December (with Marcelo Bergman).

### Works in progress

“Who gets punished? Monitoring of police corruption in Argentina”

“The political economy of security and criminal justice policies in Latin America.”

“Beyond confrontation or corruption: Informal regulation and the governance of organized crime in Latin America”

“The politics of police use of lethal force in Brazil”

### Op-eds

- 2020 “[Salidas carcelarias con criterio](#),” *Clarín*, May 4.
- 2018 “[¿Corre peligro la democracia brasileña con Bolsonaro?](#)” *Clarín*, October 28
2017. “[Sistema débil, presidentes fuertes](#),” *La Nación*, August 17.
- 2015 “[En materia de seguridad habrá un efecto dominó](#),” *Clarín*, December 2
- “[El tipo de cambio](#)”, *Bastión Digital*, November 24.
- “[No estás tan solo Buenos Aires](#)”, *Bastión Digital*, November 12.
- “[Un debate modelo](#)”, *Bastión Digital*, October 15.
- “[Dilemas de la segunda vuelta](#)”, *Bastión Digital*, July 8.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2014 Herbert York Fellowship. Awarded by the Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California, San Diego.

- 2014 John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies. Awarded by the Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 “Contributions to Democratic Security” Research Subsidy. Awarded by the National Ministry of Security, Argentina.
- 2011 Tinker Summer Research Grant for preliminary fieldwork in Latin America. Awarded by the Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2010 Fulbright Master-Ph.D. Fellowship. Awarded by the Fulbright Commission in Argentina to carry out graduate studies in the United States.
- 1<sup>st</sup> IPSA-USP Summer School on Methods and Concepts in Political Science and International Relations (at University of São Paulo, Brazil).
- 2009 5<sup>th</sup> International Course for Training in Crime Prevention for Young Professionals. Selected by the Centro de Estudios de Seguridad Ciudadana (CESC, Universidad de Chile).
- 2008 Fulbright – Civic Initiative Scholar. Selected to participate in a graduate seminar in the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2007 Universidad de San Andres degree distinction. Awarded for the highest-Grade Point Average in the Political Science Major.

## **PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*As lead instructor:*

Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM), Politics and Government Undergraduate Program  
“Political Economy” (Spring 2019)  
“Latin American Politics” (Fall 2019)

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT). Master’s in International Studies Program  
“Topics in Security (Fall 2018-19)

Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), Master’s in Criminology and Citizen Security Program  
“Dissertation workshop” (Fall & Spring 2017-19)

Universidad de San Andrés (UdeSA), Department of Political Science  
“Argentine Politics and Society” with Alberto Föhrig (Fall 2017-18)

University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science

“Research Workshop on Large-Scale Criminal Violence” with Guillermo Trejo (Spring 2017)

*As teaching assistant:*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Political Science  
"Intro to the American Political Process" (Fall 2015)

Harvard University, Department of Government.  
“Comparative politics of Latin America” (Spring 2014-15)

University of California, Berkeley, Political Science Department  
“Introduction to American Politics” (Spring 2013)  
“Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Fall 2012)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited talks**

- 2020 San Diego State University "Criminal Justice, Policing and Corruption in Argentina" study abroad program. Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 6.
- 2017 Workshop “Seguridad, policía y democracia”, Center for Research and Studies on Culture and Society – National University of Cordoba, Argentina (CIECS-UNC), September 14-15.
- 2017 “Drug trafficking, criminal violence and the state in Argentina and Brazil”, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, EE.UU., February 8.
- “Police, politicians and the regulation of drug trafficking in Latin America”, Latin American Working Group, Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, EE.UU., February 8.
- 2016 “Policías, políticos y regulación del narcotráfico en América Latina”, presented at the Center for Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence (CELIV), Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 19.
- 2015 “Subnational regulation of drug trafficking in Argentina and Brazil”, presented at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 15.
- “Subnational state responses to drug trafficking in Latin American metropolitan areas”, presented at the Harvard-MIT Latin American Discussion Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 24.

- 2014 “Politicians, police and drug traffickers: persistence and collapse of informal crime regulation strategies in Argentina”, presented at the Harvard-MIT Latin American Discussion Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 5

### Academic conferences

- 2017 “Politicians, police, and the regulation of drug trafficking in Argentina.” Annual Meeting of the Argentine Political Science Society (SAAP), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 2-5.
- “The politics of police autonomy in Latin America,” XXXVII Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Lima, Peru, April 29-May 1.
- “Controlling bureaucracies in weak institutional contexts: The Political Economy of Police Autonomy in Latin America,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL), Lima, Peru, April 27-28
- 2016 “The informal regulation of drug trafficking in Latin America”. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, September 1. Theme panel organizer: “Policing in comparative perspective”
- 2015 “Subnational responses to drug trafficking in Latin American metropolitan areas.” XXXIII Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 26-30.
- 2015 “Subnational state responses to drug trafficking in Latin America”. Los Alamos National Laboratory Symposium of the Herbert York Fellowship (HYF), Los Alamos, NM, May 1.
- 2015 “Subnational state responses to drug trafficking in Latin America”. 73rd Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, April 16-19.
- 2013 "The politics of megacity policing: punitivism and police force autonomy in Buenos Aires" (with Alison Post). XXXI Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Washington D.C., May 29 - June 1.
- 2012 “Path dependent retrenchment: pension reforms in Latin America”. XXX Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Francisco, CA, May 23-26.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

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- 2016-present Reviewer for *Latin American Research Review*, *Law & Society Review*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP)*, *Revista de Estudios de Seguridad Internacional*.

- Member: American Political Science Association (APSA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Argentine Political Analysis Association (SAAP), Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA).
- 2015 - 2016 Visiting affiliate of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
- 2014 Geographical Information Systems Technical Training Workshop, Center for Geographical Analysis, Harvard University

### **PREVIOUS RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE**

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- 2014 Research Assistant for Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way. “The durability of revolutionary regimes.”
- 2013 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Center of Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence (CELIV), Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prison survey design and analysis.
- Action on Armed Violence (AOAV, United Kingdom) and Small Arms Survey project on “National reports on security and armed violence.”
- Asociación para Políticas Públicas (APP, Association for Public Policies) and Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP). “Report on Crime and Violence in Latin America.”
- 2009 National Ministry of Defense (Argentina). “Result-oriented management in the Defense sector.”
- 2008 Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE, Mexico). Victimization survey analysis.
- Organization of American States (OAS). “Public and private institutions of security in Argentina, Brazil and Chile.”
- 2007 Government of the City of Buenos Aires-Universidad de San Andrés Victimization Survey supervision and analysis.

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Spanish (native)  
English (fluent)  
Portuguese (fluent)  
French (fair)  
Italian (fair)