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## Academic Appointments

**The Australian National University (ANU),**  
*School of Politics & International Relations (SPIR)*  
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), 2022-present.

*Australian Centre for Federalism (ACF)*  
Deputy Director, 2023-present.

**Universität Mannheim,**  
*Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms"*  
Postdoctoral Researcher, 2019-2022.

## Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2019.  
*Fields:* Comparative Politics and Advanced Research Methodology.  
*Dissertation:* Coalition Dynamics in Presidential Systems.  
*Committee:* Guy D. Whitten (co-chair), José Antonio Cheibub (co-chair),  
William Roberts Clark, Maria Escobar-Lemmon, and Kirby Goidel.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)  
University of Houston. 2017.  
M.Sc. in Political Science, University of São Paulo, 2010.  
B.A. in Social Sciences, Federal University of Espírito Santo, 2007.

## Publications

### Book

1. "Voters' Perceptions of Party Brands." With David Fortunato and Laron Williams. Cambridge University Press. *Under contract.*

### Peer-Reviewed Journals

9. "When Do Different Systems of Government Lead to Similar Power-Sharing? The Case of Government Formation." 2023. *Political Science Research and Methods* 11: 938–946.
8. "What About Us? Political Competition, Economic Performance, Immigration, and Nativist Appeals." 2023. With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten. *Social Science Quarterly* 104(1): 11–24.
7. "Government Dominance and the Role of Opposition in Parliamentary Democracies." 2023. With Thomas König and Nick Lin. *European Journal of Political Research* 62(2): 594–611.
6. "Policy Monitoring and Ministerial Survival: Evidence from a Multiparty Presidentialism." 2023. With Alejandro Medina. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 48(1): 71–103.
5. "Agenda Control and Timing of Bill Initiation: A Temporal Perspective on Coalition Governance in Parliamentary Democracies." 2022. With Thomas König, Nick Lin, Xiao Lu, Nikoleta Yordanova and Galina Zudenkova. *American Political Science Review* 116(1): 231–248.
4. "Fiscal Capacity and Inequality: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities." 2019. With Florian Hollenbach. *The Journal of Politics* 81(4): 1434–1445.

3. "Leading Toward Equality: The Effect of Women Mayors on Gender Equality in Local Bureaucracies." 2019. With Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Kendall Funk. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 7(3): 554-573.
2. "Measuring Presidential Dominance over Cabinets in Presidential Systems: Constitutional Design and Power Sharing." 2016. With Victor Araújo and Marcelo Vieira. *Brazilian Political Science Review* 10(2): 1-23.
1. "Elections in Brazil Before Democracy: The Electoral Code of 1932, and the Electoral Processes of 1933 and 1934." [Original in Portuguese: Eleições no Brasil Antes da Democracia: O Código Eleitoral de 1932 e os Pleitos de 1933 e 1934.] 2015. With Estevão Silva. *Revista de Sociologia e Política* 23(56): 75-106.

## Book Chapters

3. "From Ballots to Cabinets: Analyzing the Continuity Between Pre- and Post-Electoral Coalitions in Multi-party Presidential Democracies." Forthcoming. With Adrián Albala and André Borges. In *New Developments in Coalition Cabinet Research*, eds. Patrick Dumont, Bernie Grofman, Torbjörn Bergman and Tom Louwerse. Chapter 9.
2. "Governments." Forthcoming. With Keith Dowding. In *Comparative Politics: Models of Democracy*, eds. Sergiu Gherghina, Jean-Benoit Pilet, and Jane Suiter. Chapter 5.
1. "Clarity of Responsibility and Vote Choice." 2017. With Guy Whitten. In *The SAGE Handbook of Electoral Behaviour*, eds. Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans, and Michael S. Lewis-Beck. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, Chapter 5.

## Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics | Political Institutions | Political Economy | Coalition Governments | Executive-Legislative Relations | Political and Economic Inequalities | Latin American Politics | Quantitative Methodologies.

## Research in Progress

8. "The Fragility of Presidentialism: A Reconsideration." With Alejandro Medina and William R. Clark.
7. "The Influence of Ministers on Democratic Policymaking Processes."
6. "Coalitions in Presidential and Semi-Presidential Systems." With José Cheibub.
5. "Voters' Perceptions of Party Positions in Presidential Systems." With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten.
4. "Are All Coalition Parties Treated the Same? The Costs of Being a Coalition Member in Presidential and Parliamentary Systems." With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten.
3. "The Role of Prime-Ministers on Government Survival." With Thomas König, Katsunori Seki and Galina Zudenkova.
2. "Cooperation and Competition in Coalition Governance." With Thomas König and Xiao Lu. [Book project.]
1. "Strongholds or Islands? Spatial Opportunism and Intergovernmental Transfers." With Andrew Philips and Brett Bessen.

## Recent Conference Presentations (\*including scheduled)

18. "Voter Perceptions of Party Positions: Empirical Strategies." December, 2023. With David Fortunato and Laron Williams. Paper to be presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science (ASQPS). Brisbane, Australia.\*
17. "Democratic Breakdown, Presidentialism, and Human Rights Abuses." November, 2023. With William Clark and Alejandro Medina. Paper to be presented at the 2023 Australian Political Studies Association (AusPSA) Conference. Sydney, Australia.\*  
 ↪ Paper also presented at the 27th International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress. Buenos Aires, Argentina (July, 2023).

16. "The Role of Prime-Ministers on Government Survival." April, 2022. With Thomas König, Katsunori Seki, and Galina Zudenkova. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Conference of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, USA.
15. "Cooperation and Competition: Coalition Governance and Timing of Bill Initiation." June, 2021. With Thomas König, Xiao Lu, Nikoleta Yordanova and Galina Zudenkova. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA). Virtual conference.
14. "Are All Coalition Parties Treated the Same? The Costs of Being a Coalition Member in Presidential and Parliamentary Systems." August, 2019. With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten. Paper presented at the 115th American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, USA.  
↔ Earlier version of this paper presented at the Annual Conference of the EPSA, Belfast, Northern Ireland (June, 2019).
13. "Policy Monitoring in Presidential Coalition Governments." June, 2019. With Victor Araújo. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the EPSA, Belfast, Northern Ireland.  
↔ Earlier version of this paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Austin, TX, USA (January, 2019).
12. "Executive-Legislative Interdependence: The Allocation of Portfolios to Presidential Parties." September, 2019. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wrocław, Poland.
11. "Modeling the Formateur's Advantage in Presidential Democracies." August, 2018. With Alejandro Medina. Paper presented at the 114th APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, USA.
10. "Strategies for Studying Voters' Perceptions of Party Brands." June, 2018. With David Fortunato and Laron K. Williams. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the EPSA, Vienna, Austria.  
↔ Earlier versions of this paper presented at the 76th Annual Conference of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, USA (April, 2018), and at the Annual Meeting of the SPSA, New Orleans, LA, USA (January, 2018).
9. "Cabinet Composition and Attribution of Responsibility in Presidential Multiparty Systems." May, 2018. With Agustina Haime. Paper presented at the XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Barcelona, Spain.
8. "Settling for Less: Why Do Parties Participate in Disproportional Presidential Cabinets?" April, 2018. Paper presented at the 76th Annual Conference of MPSA, Chicago, IL, USA.
7. "Cabinet Rules and Power Sharing in Presidential and Parliamentary Democracies." September, 2017. With Victor Araújo and Marcelo Vieira. Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Oslo, Norway.
6. "Policing Policies: When Do Presidential Cabinet Members Monitor Each Other?" April, 2017. With Victor Araújo and Marcelo Vieira. Paper presented at the 75th Annual Conference of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, USA.
5. "Women and Corruption: Do Female Bureaucrats Combat Citizens' Perceptions of Government Malfeasance?" April, 2017. With Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Nathalie Mendez. Paper presented at the 75th Annual Conference of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, USA.
4. "How Long Will It Last? Cabinet Termination in Presidential Systems." August, 2016. Paper presented at the 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
3. "Fiscal Capacity, Income Distribution, and Taxation in Brazilian Municipalities." August, 2016. With Florian Hollenbach. Paper presented at the 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
2. "Enduring Democracies but Unsatisfied Citizens? Public Opinion's Lack of Confidence in Democratic Institutions." August, 2016. Paper presented at the 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
1. "Who Gets What? *Formateur* Advantage and Salience in Portfolio Allocation in Presidential Multiparty Systems." August, 2016. Paper presented at the 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.  
↔ An earlier version of this paper was presented at the XXXIV International Congress of the LASA, New York City, NY, USA. May, 2016.

## Invited Presentations

13. "The Company That You Keep: Voters' Perceptions of Party Positions in Presidential Systems." With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten. *Conference on Voters' Perceptions of Political Parties*. European Union Center (EUC) and the Department of Political Science at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. October, 2023.
12. "Challenges and Implications of Intergovernmental Transfers on Brazil's Federal Governance" Bangsamoro Parliament. Bangsamoro, Philippines, June, 2023.
11. "Democratic Breakdown, Presidentialism, and Human Rights Abuses." SPIR Seminar Series. With Alejandro Medina and William Clark. The Australian National University. Canberra, Australia. May, 2023.
10. "Brazil Update 2022: A Conversation with Experts on the Brazilian Elections and Democracy." Australian Centre for Federalism and Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies. The Australian National University. Canberra, Australia. Virtual event. November, 2022.
9. "Studies on Coalition Governments: The State of the Art." Seminar at the Institute of Social Sciences (ICS), University of Lisbon (ULisboa). ULisboa, Lisbon, Portugal. June, 2022.
8. "Cooperation and Competition: The Learning Process of Governing under Coalitions." Political Science Seminar Series of the University of Barcelona (UB). UB, Barcelona, Spain. October, 2021.
7. "On German Elections." "Puxando assunto" series of the Department of Political Science at the University of São Paulo (USP). Virtual event. October, 2021.
6. "The Redefining of Politics" Symposium. With Andrea Junqueira and Guy Whitten. Ipsos Public Affairs and the European Union Center (EUC). Virtual event. June, 2021.
5. "Public Policy, Opinions, Behavior, and Health Outcomes during the COVID Pandemic." Discussant. Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University. Virtual event. November, 2020.
4. "Strategies for Studying Voters' Perceptions of Party Brands." Texas Comparative Politics Circle. With David Fortunato and Laron Williams. Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University. TAMU, College Station, TX, USA. February, 2019.
3. "Coalitions and Clarity of Responsibility Workshop." International Political Science Association (IPSA) Summer School on Methods and Concepts in Political Science and International Relations at the University of São Paulo. USP, São Paulo, Brazil. January, 2018.
2. "Politics and Resistance in Contemporary Latin America Roundtable." Moderator with Nathalie Mendez. Texas A&M English Department Series. TAMU, College Station, TX, USA. April, 2018.
1. "Thirty Years of Democracy in Brazil: A Research Workshop." Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (ND). ND, South Bend, IN, USA. April, 2015.

## Press

6. Podcast interview on "Coalition Governments and Bolsonaro's Government." July, 2022. Interviewer: João Gabriel de Lima for the Brazilian newspaper "O Estado de S. Paulo." [online]
5. "How opposition parties can challenge government dominance in parliamentary democracies." March, 2022. With Thomas König and Nick Lin. *ECPR The Loop*. [online]
4. "Coalition Dynamics in Parliamentary and Presidential Democracies." June, 2019. *Executives, Presidents and Cabinet Politics (PEX)*. [online]
3. "New Perspectives on Executive Decision-Making Processes in Presidential Systems." October, 2016. With Victor Araújo and Marcelo Vieira. *Presidential Power: Presidents and Presidential Politics around the World*. [online]
2. "Bolivian elections get the Hollywood treatment, and now we're discussing term limits." December, 2015. With Diego von Vacano. *The Washington Post*. [online]
1. "Brazil's Protest Paradox." June, 2014. With Diego von Vacano. *The Washington Post*. [online]

## Affiliations with Research Groups

2022-present. Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS). The Australian National University, Australia.

2022-present. Australian Centre for Federalism (ACF). The Australian National University, Australia.

2019-present. Legislative Reforms and Party Competition. Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms." Universität Mannheim, Germany.

2016-present. Coaliciones Políticas en América Latina: Análisis en Perspectiva Multinivel (Multilevel Coalitions). University of Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina.

2013-present. Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance (PERG). American University, School of Public Affairs, USA.

2011-present. Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP). São Paulo, Brazil.

## Teaching Experience

### Graduate Level

"POLS8042: Quantitative Research for Political Science." School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR). The Australian National University (ANU). Semester 2 (2023, 2024).

"POLS4039/POLS8039: Comparative Political Behavior." Cross-listed as undergraduate and graduate course (for master students). SPIR-ANU. Semester 1 (2022).

→ Nominated for the 2022 CASS Award for Excellence in Education: Teaching Excellence.

### Undergraduate Level

"POLS2130: Public Choice and Politics." SPIR-ANU. Semester 2 (2022), Semester 1 (2023, 2024).

"POLS229: Introduction to Comparative Politics." Department of Political Science. Texas A&M University. Fall Semester (2017, 2018), Spring Semester (2018).

### Off-Semester Intensive Courses

"Intro to Programming in R for Political Analysis." ANU Online Summer School in Political Analysis 2024.

## Research Methodology Courses and Software Skills

*R*, *R Markdown*, *Stan*, *tidyverse*, *Quarto*, *Stata*, *Git*, *HTML5*, *LaTeX*.

2019. Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop. University College Dublin, Ireland.

2017. Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute. University of Houston.

2016. Spatial Analysis in the Social Sciences. Professor Corey Sparks (University of Texas at San Antonio).

2016. Mathematics and Democracy: Designing Better Voting and Fair-Division Procedures. Professor Steven Brams (New York University) and Professor Marc Kilgour (Wilfrid Laurier University).

2016. Multi-Method Research: Combining Case Studies and Statistical Methods. Professor Jason Seawright (Northwestern University).

2015. Workshop in Empirical Modeling of Theory. Professor Robert Franzese (University of Michigan).

2015. Time Series Analysis. Professor B. Dan Wood (Texas A&M University).

2014. Maximum Likelihood Estimation. Professor B. Dan Wood (Texas A&M University).

2014. Experimental Research Methods. Professor Nehemia Geva (Texas A&M University).

2014. Game Theory. Professor Ahmer Tarar (Texas A&M University).

2014. Quantitative Political Analysis II (Advanced Econometrics and Matrix Algebra). Professor Guy Whitten (Texas A&M University).

2013. Quantitative Political Analysis I (Econometrics and Linear Algebra). Professor Paul Kellstedt (Texas A&M University).

2013. Stata Programming. College Station, Stata Corp.

2013. Voting in Legislatures: From theory to data analysis (Introduction to Bayesian Analysis). Professor Simon Jackman (University of Sydney). International Political Science Association Annual Summer School (IPSA-USP).  
2012. Quantitative Text Analysis. Professor Ináki Sagarzazu (University of Houston). IPSA-USP.  
2011. Multiple Regression Analysis. Professor Guy Whitten (Texas A&M University). IPSA-USP.

## **Prizes, Research Grants, and Scholarship**

2023. Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies Research Grant. *A\$4,000.00*.  
2022. Nominated for the CASS Award for Excellence in Education: Teaching Excellence.  
2019/2020. Funding for survey experiments in 9 European countries. German Research Foundation (DFG) Funding via Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 884. Co-PI. *€53,000.00*  
2017. EITM Summer Institute Participant Scholarship, University of Houston. *\$2,000.00*  
2017. Summertime for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award, Texas A&M University. *\$6,000.00*  
2013. Charles H. Gregory Scholarship, Texas A&M University. *\$4,500.00*  
2011-2013. Ph.D. Scholarship by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), Brazilian Ministry of Education. *R\$53,800.00*  
2008-2011. Master Scholarship by the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Brazilian Ministry of Education. *R\$27,760.00*

## **Service**

### **Chair and Discussant**

MPSA 2023 (Discussant: Coalition Governments in Comparative Political Behavior and Institutions); MPSA 2022 (Chair: Latin American Politics); SPSA 2019 (Chair: Comparative Political Institutions); AusPSA 2023 (Chair: Latin American Politics).

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

*American Political Science Review; Brazilian Political Science Review; Bulletin of Latin American Research; Comparative Political Studies; DADOS; Electoral Studies; Governance; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; The Journal of Politics; Latin American Politics and Society; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Opinião Pública; Party Politics; Political Studies; Política y Gobierno; Research & Politics; Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada; Studies in Comparative International Development; Territory, Politics, Governance; Cambridge University Press; CQ Press (SAGE Publishing); Macmillan Publisher (Macmillan Learning Series).*

## **Professional Memberships**

*American Political Science Association; Australian Political Studies Association; Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science; Brazilian Political Science Association; European Consortium for Political Research; European Political Science Association; International Political Economy Society; International Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Latin American Studies Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Society for Political Methodology; Southern Political Science Association; American Economic Association; Public Choice Society.*

## **Languages**

English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

## References

Thomas König  
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