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## **Education**

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Ph.D. (candidate) in Political Science, University of Notre Dame Expected May 2023  
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Qualitative Methods  
Dissertation: Populism and Democratic Erosion in Latin America  
Committee: Michael Coppedge (chair), Scott Mainwaring, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán

M.A. in Political Science, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina) 2016

B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, Universidad de San Andrés (Argentina) 2011

## **Publications**

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### *Journal Articles (Peer-reviewed)*

2018. “Diseño institucional e inestabilidad presidencial en autoritarismos: el Proceso de Reorganización Nacional en la Argentina (1976-1983)”, *Desarrollo Económico. Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, IDES, Buenos Aires, Vol. 58, N° 224 (with Nicolás Taccone)

2017. “De la paz hacia la guerra: moderación y radicalización de preferencias entre la Iglesia Católica y el Gobierno peronista (1946-1955)”, *Studia Politicae*, UCC, Córdoba, N° 42.

2016. “Vencedores y Vencidos: Surgimiento y Éxito de la Coalición Golpista Antiperonista dentro de las Fuerzas Armadas (1946-1955)”, *Postdata*, Buenos Aires, N° 21, Vol. 1

2014. “Apuntes sobre el Exilio Antiperonista en Montevideo entre 1943 y 1945”, *Revista Colección*, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires. N° 24, Vol. 1

### *Book Chapters (Editor-Reviewed)*

2021. “The Weaknesses of Illiberal Regimes,” *The Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism*, eds., Andrés Sajó, Stephen Holmes, and Renáta Uitz (London: Routledge) (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán)

## **Work in progress**

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### *Books*

“Explaining Democratic Breakdown and Survival: Theory Building and the Argentine Case” with Scott Mainwaring (in preparation)

## Articles

“Political radicalization, illiberalism, and the threat to liberal democracy in Latin America: lessons from the Argentine case (2007-2015)” (under review)

“Cleaving Political Coalitions: Social Movements and Radicalization in Authoritarian Regimes” (under review)

“Why Democracy Survives Presidential Encroachments: Argentina since 1983” with Scott Mainwaring (under review)

“Court-packing and democratic decay: a necessary relationship?” with Raul Sanchez-Urribarri (draft available)

“Overruling the Executive: Judicial Strategies to Resist Democratic Erosion” (draft available)

“Populism and Democratic Erosion in Latin America” with Jacob Turner (draft available)

“Beliefs and Actions: An Ontological Foundation for Ideational Explanations” with Benjamin Sehnert (draft available)

## Research

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Research Assistant Fall 2018  
Democratization Theory Research Cluster, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame  
Principal Investigators: Michael Coppedge, Gary Goertz, Aníbal Pérez-Liñán,  
J. Samuel Valenzuela, and Dianne Pinderhughes

## Teaching

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### *Instructor of Record*

Civil Society and Social Movements, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Spring 2022  
Global Populism and the Future of Democracy, University of Notre Dame Fall 2020  
Social Studies and History, Manantiales High School (Buenos Aires) 2011

### *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame Spring, Fall 2019  
Thesis Seminar (online), FLACSO (Argentina) 2014-2017  
Political Sociology, Universidad de Buenos Aires 2014-2017  
Introduction to Comparative Politics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Fall 2014-2017  
Political Methodology, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Fall 2015-2017  
Political Institutions, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella 2015, Fall 2017  
Introduction to Politics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Fall 2015, 2017  
Contemporary Political Theory, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Spring 2012-2016  
Latin American Politics and Society, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Spring 2014-2015  
Introduction to Public Administration, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Spring 2012-2014

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Thesis Seminar, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella                   | Spring 2013           |
| Research Design, Universidad de San Andrés                      | Fall 2012-2013        |
| Qualitative Methods and Techniques, Universidad de San Andrés   | Spring 2012-2013      |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics, Universidad de San Andrés | Fall 2011, 2013, 2014 |
| Political Methodology, Universidad de San Andrés                | Fall 2011             |

*Guest Lecturer*

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Latin American Politics, University of Notre Dame                 | Fall 2020, Spring 2021 |
| Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame | Fall 2019              |

**Teaching Awards**

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*Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame*

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| Excellence in Teaching Award | Spring 2019 |
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*Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*

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| Nominated “Best Teaching Assistant” for Political Institutions,<br>Contemporary Political Theory, Introduction to Comparative Politics,<br>and Political Methodology | 2015-2017 |
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**Pedagogical Training**

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*Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame*

*Teaching and Research Positions*

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Graduate Associate in Learning Research | 2022-2023 |
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*Certificates*

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| Advanced Teaching Scholar                                  | 2022 |
| Collaborative Teaching & Learning                          | 2021 |
| Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching | 2020 |

*Courses*

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Inclusive Pedagogy: Designing Equitable Learning Experiences   | Winter 2021 |
| Pedagogy and Practice in the College Classroom (full-semester) | Fall 2020   |

*Workshops*

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| Twenty-one workshops on college pedagogy | 2019-2022 |
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**Research Grants, Honors, and Awards (selection)**

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| Travel Grant, IPSA Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies | 2022      |
| Doctoral Research Grant, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame  | 2020      |
| Conference Travel Grant, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame  | 2019      |
| University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame          | 2017-2022 |
| PhD Fellowship, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame           | 2017-2022 |

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| PhD Scholarship, Fulbright Commission (declined)                                | 2017-2022  |
| PhD Scholarship, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Argentina) | 2015-2017  |
| PhD Scholarship, Agency of Scientific and Technological Promotion (Argentina)   | 2012-2015  |
| Travel Grant, School on Mixed Methods, Universidad Católica de Chile            | 2014, 2015 |
| Scholarship, Institute for Young Leaders, Fulbright Commission (declined)       | 2015       |
| Travel Grant, IPSA-USP Summer School Sao Paulo                                  | 2014       |
| First Prize, Political Theory Contest, Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político  | 2014       |

### **Academic Presentations (selection)**

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| Conference Courts under Pressure, IPSA-Georgetown University           | 2022            |
| Workshop Global Constitutionalism, University of Southampton           | 2022            |
| Annual Conference International Society of Public Law, Warsaw          | 2022            |
| Workshop Illiberalism in Latin America, George Washington University   | 2022            |
| Annual Conference American Political Science Association               | 2019-2022       |
| Annual Conference Midwest Political Science Association                | 2018, 2020-2022 |
| Annual Conference American Sociological Association                    | 2021            |
| Annual Conference Latin American Studies Association                   | 2019            |
| Workshop Coup Politics and Civil-Military Relations, Kellogg Institute | 2019            |
| Workshop on Democratization, Kellogg Institute                         | 2018            |
| Annual Conference Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político              | 2012-2016       |
| Annual Conference Asociación Chilena de Ciencia Política               | 2012            |

### **Specialized Graduate Training**

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| Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University                                            | 2019       |
| Summer School in Comparative Social Science, University of Oslo                                                     | 2018       |
| Courses: “Case Study Research Methods” (Prof. Andrew Bennett)<br>“Mixed and Merged Methods” (Prof. Giampietro Gobo) |            |
| School on Methods and Concepts in Political Science, IPSA                                                           | 2014       |
| Course: “Case Study Methodology” (Prof. Derek Beach)                                                                |            |
| Summer School in Mixed Methods, Universidad Católica de Chile                                                       | 2014, 2015 |
| Six graduate courses in historiography and historical methods,<br>Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Argentina)    | 2014       |
| The US: Foundations of Foreign and Domestic Politics, Fulbright Commission                                          | 2013       |

### **Professional Service**

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#### *Referee*

Political Studies, Third World Quarterly, Journal of Latin American Studies, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Colección, Revista de la SAAP, Postdata

## References

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Professor of Political Science  
University of Notre Dame  
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Eugene and Helen Conley Professor of Political Science  
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Aníbal Pérez-Liñán  
Director, Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
Professor of Political Science and Global Affairs  
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### *Teaching References*

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