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Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Political Theory Project, Brown University, 2018–present.

Visiting Professor, São Paulo State University (UNESP), 2018–present.

Education

PhD in Political Economy, King's College London, 2018.

Thesis: *Essays on Political and Criminal Violence*. Thesis Committee: Gabriel Leon (King's College London), Toke Aidt (University of Cambridge) & Graham Denyer Willis (University of Cambridge).

MA in International Relations, The Graduate Institute Geneva, 2014.

MA in Political Science, University of São Paulo, 2011.

BA in Social Sciences, University of São Paulo, 2007.

Research Interests

Substantive: Political Violence, Organised Crime, Prison Gangs, Brazilian Politics

Methodological: Impact Evaluation, Survey Experiments, Machine Learning, Open Science

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

[Evaluating the Effect of Homicide Prevention Strategies in São Paulo, Brazil: A Synthetic Control Approach](#). *Latin American Research Review*, 2018, 53(2). [Replication files](#). Media coverage: [Valor Econômico](#).

[prisonbrief: An R package that returns tidy data from the World Prison Brief website](#). *Journal of Open Source Software*, 2018, 3(22), 361. Joint with R. McDonnell.

[Lack of Preferences, Political Trust and Education Levels: Alternative Explanations for Invalid Votes in Brazilian Elections](#). Joint with G. Arbache and P. Rodrigues. *Encuentro Latinoamericano*, 2015, 1 (1), 29–50. [Replication files](#).

[Between Ballot Boxes and Guns: The Competitiveness of the Executive Branch and Civil Wars, 1976-2000](#). *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, 2014, 36, 33–60. [Replication files](#).

[Os Regimes Políticos e as Guerras Civis: Uma Discussão Metodológica \[Political Regimes and Civil Wars: A Methodological Discussion\]](#). *Mediações*, 2012, 17 (1), 235–252.

[Guerras Civis: Um Balanço da Literatura Quantitativa \[Civil Wars: A Review of the Quantitative Literature\]](#). *Intellector*, 2012, 9 (17), 1–38.

Book Chapters

[Prison Gangs](#). Joint with D. Skarbek. In: Griffin, Hayden; Woodward, Vanessa (ed.). *Handbook of Corrections in the United States*. London: Routledge, 2017, 399–408.

[A Nova Gestão Pública e a Qualidade da Democracia \[The New Public Administration and the Quality of Democracy\]](#). In: Erkens, Rainer (ed.). *Nova Gestão Pública*. São Paulo: Instituto Friedrich Naumann, 2010, 9–15.

Other Publications

[Peering at Open Peer Review](#). *The Political Methodologist*, 2015, 23 (1), 6–11.

[Book Review: Causal Inference, Shaolin-Style: ‘Mastering Metrics’ by Joshua D. Angrist and Jörn-Steffen Pischke](#). *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 2015, 9 (3), 178–185.

[Entering the Underworld: Prison Gang Recruitment in São Paulo’s Primeiro Comando da Capital](#). Geneva: Master’s Degree Thesis in International Relations, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2014, 97p.

[Book Review: ‘Why Nations Fail’ by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson](#). *Meridiano47*, 2013, 14 (135).

[Entre Urnas e Armas: A Competitividade do Executivo e as Guerras Civas, 1976-2000 \[Between Ballot Boxes and Guns: The Competitiveness of the Executive Branch and Civil Wars, 1976-2000\]](#). São Paulo: Master’s Degree Thesis in Political Science, University of São Paulo, 2011, 204p. [Replication files](#).

Working Papers

[congressbr: An R Package for Analysing Data from Brazil’s Chamber of Deputies and Federal Senate](#). Joint with R. McDonnell and G. Duarte. Revise and resubmit in *Latin American Research Review*.

[What Drives State-Sponsored Violence?: Evidence from Extreme Bounds Analysis and Ensemble Learning Methods](#). 2018. Joint with G. Uzonyi. Under review.

[Deaths and Disappearances in the Pinochet Regime: A New Dataset](#). 2017. Joint with J. Meadowcroft, D. Skarbek and E. Guerrero. Under review.

[Beasts of Prey or Rational Animals?: Private Governance in Brazil’s *Jogo do Bicho*](#), 2017. Under review. Media coverage: [BBC Brazil](#).

[Measuring Attitudes Towards the Dowry System: Evidence from a List Experiment in India](#). 2018. Joint with R. McDonnell.

[Entering the Underworld: Prison Gang Recruitment in São Paulo’s Primeiro Comando da Capital](#), 2015.

Software

[prisonbrief](#). R package that returns tidy data from the World Prison Brief website. Joint with R. McDonnell.

[congressbr](#). Downloads, unpacks and tidies Legislative data from the Brazilian Federal Senate and Chamber of Deputies. Joint with R. McDonnell and G. Duarte.

Fellowships and Awards

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2017–2018.

Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, Institute for Humane Studies, 2017.

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2017–2018.

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2016–2017.

PhD Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2016–2017.

Graduate School International Research Studentship, King's College London, 2015–2018.

CAPES–Brazilian Ministry of Education. Scholarship for PhD Studies Abroad (declined), 2015–2018.

MA Scholarship, Graduate Institute Geneva, 2012–2014.

CAPES–Brazilian Ministry of Education. Scholarship for MA Studies, 2009–2011.

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks

[Three Ideas from the Vienna, Virginia, and Bloomington Schools of Political Economy](#). *Hayek Group Meeting*, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung für die Freiheit and Prometheus – Das Freiheitsinstitut, Berlin, 2017.

[Beasts of Prey or Rational Animals?: Private Governance in Brazil's *Jogo do Bicho*](#). *VI Oxbridge Conference on Brazilian Studies*, University of Cambridge, 2017.

[National Interest Groups and Transnational Governance: Brazilian Sugarcane Producers and Biofuel Standards](#). Joint with Guilherme Arbache and Pietro Rodrigues. *XXIII IPSA World Congress*, University of Montreal, 2014.

[Invalid Votes, Political Efficacy and Lack of Preferences in Brazilian Elections](#). Joint with Guilherme Arbache and Pietro Rodrigues. *XXIII IPSA World Congress*, University of Montreal, 2014.

[Votos Inválidos e Confiança Política no Brasil](#). [[Invalid Votes and Political Trust in Brazil](#)]. *III Brazilian Forum of Political Science*, Federal University of Paraná, 2013 (with Guilherme Arbache).

[Participação em Protestos e Percepção sobre as Instituições Democráticas](#). [[Protest Participation and Perceptions on Political Institutions](#)]. *Participation, Democracy and Public Policies - International Meeting*, Paulista University, 2013 (with Guilherme Arbache).

[Os Fatores Políticos e a Duração das Guerras Civis](#) [[Political Factors and Civil War Duration](#)]. Joint with Umberto Mignozzetti. *IV National Seminar of Political Science*, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, 2012.

[Entre Urnas e Armas: A Competitividade do Executivo e as Guerras Civis, 1976-2000](#) [[Between Ballot Boxes and Guns: The Competitiveness of the Executive Branch and Civil Wars, 1976-2000](#)]. *III Meeting of the Brazilian Association of International Relations*, University of São Paulo, 2011.

Teaching

Module Convener, Political Economy and Institutions (Graduate). Centro de Estudios Superiores Online de Madrid Manuel Ayau (OMMA) and Universidad Francisco Marroquín, 2017. Student evaluation: 5/5.

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics II – Macroeconomics (Undergraduate). Professor Konstantinos Matakos, King's College London, 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics I – Microeconomics (Undergraduate). Professor David Skarbek, King's College London, 2016.

Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Political Science (Extra-Curricular). Centre for the Studies of International Negotiations, University of São Paulo, 2011.

Teaching Assistant, Classical Political Theory (Undergraduate). Professor Eunice Ostrensky, University of São Paulo, 2010.

Skills

Software

R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS, Atlas.ti, git, Jekyll, \LaTeX .

Languages

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (beginner).

Selected Additional Training

Transparent and Open Social Science Research, University of California, Berkeley, 2017.

European Field Experiments Summer School, University of Palermo, 2017.

Text Analysis Using R, London School of Economics, 2017.

Data Science Specialisation, John Hopkins University on Coursera, 2015.

Modern Regression Analysis, IPSA Summer School, 2012.

Mixed Methods Design, IPSA Summer School, 2011.

Policies for Growth, World Bank Institute, 2011.

Service

Co-editor: Leviathan, University of São Paulo, 2012–2016.

Referee: Latin American Research Review, Leviathan, Politikon, Revista Española de Ciencia Política, The Social Science Journal.

Memberships

American Economic Association

American Political Science Association

International Political Science Association

Society for Political Methodology

References

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