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## CURRENT POSITION

**Bocconi University**  
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, 2019-  
Department of Social and Political Sciences  
CLEAN Research Unit  
Fellow, BAFFI CAREFIN

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019.

**Bocconi University**  
M.Sc., Economics and Social Sciences, 2012.

**Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI)**  
M.A., International Relations: Political Economy of Development, 2009.

**Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)**  
B.A., Economics, 2007.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Does Reaching the Statute of Limitations Affect the Recidivist Behavior of Environmental Aggressors in Brazil?” *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. 2022.  
with Daniel Uhr, Julia Uhr, Renan Peres and Magnum Eltz.

“Digital Technology, Citizens’ Engagement, and Electoral Corruption in Colombia”  
In: Mattoni, Alice (ed.) *Digital Media and the Struggle Against Corruption from the Grassroots: Contexts, Platforms and Practices of Anti-Corruption Technologies Across the World*. Edward Elgar. Chapter 9, 2022.

“Eleições e Corrupção nas Prefeituras Brasileiras” [Elections and Corruption in Brazilian Municipal Governments] In: Marenco, André and Noll, Maria Izabel (eds.) *A política, as políticas e os controles: como são governadas as cidades brasileiras. Politics, policies and controls. How are Brazilian cities governed?* Porto Alegre: Tomo Editorial, pp. 171-184, 2018.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

How Politicians React to Anti-Corruption Investigations and Enforcement: Evidence from Brazil.

My book manuscript is a theoretical and empirical investigation of how reactions by political elites moderate the efficacy of anticorruption policies. I examine policies implemented in Brazil since the early 2000s and their consequences for electoral accountability, legislative oversight, and judicial accountability. I take advantage of randomized investigations of municipal governments and various quasi-experimental methods, including variation in the propagation of television and radio signals and close elections. I provide an explanation and systematic tests for why anticorruption policies often fail: those who enjoy large short-term benefits use public office to respond strategically after their wrongdoing is exposed. This includes co-opting politicians in the legislative branch to prevent defections, further investigation, and impeachment proceedings. I use comprehensive data on wealth accumulation and employment income for the universe of local politicians. The distribution of material rewards (e.g., through patronage) allows incriminated politicians to build a legislative shield and remain in government, even in contexts of intense electoral competition. In municipalities where the local elite is more fragmented, more resources are redistributed to block accountability and transformations in governments.

UNDER REVIEW

- Political Survival and Legislators' Enrichment After Anti-Corruption Audits
- Convicting Politicians for Corruption: The Politics of Criminal Accountability with Luciano Da Ros.
- Convictions for Corruption and Government Approval: Global Evidence. with Feng Yang.
- Do Biometric Identification Machines Help to Clean Up Elections? Evidence from Colombia

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Family Matters: Nepotism and Public Employment in Brazil with Paolo Pinotti, Breno Sampaio and Diego Britto.
- Politicians Fight Back: Unintended Consequences of Convictions for Corruption.
- Landowners in Politics and Environmental Degradation in Brazil. with Cesar Martinez-Alvarez.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Research Grant, PI, 2021-22  
UCLA, Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019  
J-PAL Governance Initiative, Proposal Development Grant, 2017  
International Institute, UCLA, Fieldwork Fellowship, 2017  
Latin American Institute, UCLA, Tinker Field Research Grant, 2017  
Latin American Institute, UCLA, Working Group Grant, 2017  
UCLA, Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, 2013-2015  
CAPES-Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship (declined)  
Bocconi University, Graduate Merit Award Scholarship, 2009-2010  
Barcelona Institute of International Studies, Academic Merit Award, 2007-2009  
Center of Latin American Studies, Autonomous University of Madrid, Mobility Grant, 2006

FIELD RESEARCH	<p>Brazil: Rio Grande do Sul, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro (Jul-Aug 2014), Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro (Aug 2015), Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul (Jul-Aug 2017), Rio Grande do Sul (Apr 2018), Distrito Federal, Pernambuco, São Paulo, and Rio Grande do Sul (Sep-Oct 2018).</p> <p>Colombia: Bogotá and Curdinamarca (Oct 2015), including work for the <i>Misión de Observación Electoral</i> as Electoral Observer and Bogotá (Oct 2019), invited by the Colombian National Electoral Council <i>Consejo Nacional Electoral</i> as International Election Observer.</p>
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<p>UC Berkeley, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), NSF Summer Institute, 2017.</p>
TEACHING	<p><b>Bocconi University</b>  <i>Guest Lecturer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Analysis of Crime <i>Spring 2020, Spring 2021</i></li> </ul> <p><b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>  <i>Instructor in the Political Science Department</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government and Politics in Latin America <i>Summer 2019</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Teaching Fellow/Associate/Assistant in the Political Science Department</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Politics and Strategy [Introduction to Game Theory] <i>Fall 2017</i></li> <li>• Political Institutions and Economic Development <i>Winter 2017</i></li> <li>• Government and Politics in Latin America <i>Spring 2017, Winter 2016, Spring 2015</i></li> <li>• Political Economy of Development <i>Spring 2016</i></li> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics <i>Fall 2015, Fall 2014</i></li> <li>• Introduction to American Politics <i>Winter 2015</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Italian National Institute for Educational Evaluation of Instruction and Training (INValSI)</b>  <i>Main Instructor, 2013</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Methods for Policy Evaluation</li> </ul>
ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS)</b>  Research Assistant, 2015</p> <p><b>European Commission</b>  Research Assistant, Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit, 2012-2013</p> <p><b>Bocconi University</b>  Research Assistant, 2011-12</p> <p><b>Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and Brazilian National Center for Scientific Development (CNPq)</b>  Research Assistant as an Undergraduate Student, 2004-06</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (fluent) and French (advanced)</p>
SKILLS	<p>R, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GitHub</p>

INVITED SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

European University Institute, Political Economy Workshop, 2022. (scheduled)

Princeton University, Climate Future's Workshop, 2022.

Bocconi University, Politics and Institutions Clinic, 2022.

Gothenburg University, Quality of Government Institute, Seminar, 2021.

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Economics, Dept. Seminar, 2021.

Federal University of Pelotas (UFPEL), Economics, Dept. Seminar, 2021.

Cardiff University, School of Social Sciences, SURDUBB Research Group, Seminar, 2020.

University of Bologna, Bottom-up Initiative and Anti-corruption Technologies, 2020.

European University Institute, Natural and Field Experiments Seminar, 2020.

Bocconi University. 5th Workshop on The Economics of Organized Crime, 2019.

Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), Political Science, Dept. Seminar, 2018.

Stanford University. Tinker Conference: Rule of Law in Latin America, 2017

Court of Accounts of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Plenary Session: Dialogue about Political Corruption, 2017.

UCLA Center for Brazilian Studies. What's behind Brazil's economic and political crises?, 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2015, 2018, 2020 and 2022

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

Brazilian Social Sciences Association (ANPOCS), 2021

European Political Science Association (EPSA), 2020.

European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), 2020

Academy Against Corruption in the Americas (ACA), 2020 and 2021.

Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Econometric Society (SBE), 2019

Graduate Conference on Political Economy, Alexander Hamilton Center (NYU), 2013

Fifth Italian Doctoral Workshop in Applied Econometrics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Discussant, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, 2022.

Co-organizer, Speaker's Series: Current Politics in Latin America, UCLA, 2017-2018.

Chair and Discussant: MPSA Annual Meeting. *Titles, Tonics, Taxes* in Latin America, 2017.

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, UCLA, Political Science Department, 2017.

Discussant, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (COMPASS), UCLA, 2017.

REFERENCES

Prof. Miriam Golden  
Peter Mair Chair in Comparative Politics  
European University Institute (EUI)  
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