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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Protests, social movements, state repression, intra-state conflict, political violence, causal inference.	
EDUCATION	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin , Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) Ph.D. Political Science 2024 (Expected) Committee Members: Anselm Hager (Chair), Vera Tröger Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile , Santiago, Chile M.A. Sociology 2017 B.A. Sociology 2015 B.A. Political Science 2014 University of California , Los Angeles Academic Exchange 2012	
PUBLICATIONS	Castro, F. & Retamal, R. 2024. Does Electoral Behavior Change After a Protest Cycle? Evidence from Chile and Bolivia. <i>Electoral Studies</i> , 89. Rivera, V. & Castro, F. 2021. Between Social Protests and a Global Pandemic: Working Transitions under the Economic Effects of COVID-19. <i>Social Sciences</i> , 10(4), p.145. Acevedo, C. & Castro, F. 2015. State Capacity: Perceptions within Chile, in Vanderbilt University (Ed.), <i>Political Culture in Times of Change</i> , Santiago: Latin American Public Opinion Project.	
WORKING PAPERS	“The Backlash Effect of State Coercion: Protest Resilience Under Costly and Targeted Repression” (Job Market Paper). <i>Under Review</i> . “The Mobilizing Potential of Mass Migration: Experimental Evidence from Honduras” (with Jesse Acevedo). <i>Under Review</i> . “External Cues and Policy Preferences: Rethinking the Drivers of Policy Positions” (with Jennifer Oser, Fernando Feitosa & Nir Grinberg). <i>Under Review</i> .	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Guerrilla Shadows on Gender: The Lingering Effects of Peru’s Internal Armed Conflict on Women’s Political Aspirations”. “Legislative Impacts of Social Movements: An Analysis of the Argentinian <i>Green Tide</i> ” (Partially funded by APSA Women, Gender & Politics Small Research Grant and Erasmus+ Program, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin). “Prosecuting Activism: Legal Criminalization of Protesters in Chile” (with Sebastián Galleguillos).	

“Solidarity Dilemma and Negotiated Radicalization in Mass Mobilizations: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile” (with Samson Yuen).

“Can Transitional Justice Improve Regime Perceptions? Attitudinal Changes After Reconciliation Processes” (with Dilan Gunes).

AWARDS AND
FUNDING

External Funding

Midwest Women’s Caucus Graduate Travel Award, 2024 (Declined)
APSA Comparative Politics Section Support Grant, 2023, USD \$500
APSA Women, Gender & Politics Research Small Research Grants, 2023, USD \$1,000
DAAD Kongressreisenprogramm 2023, €1,863
Travel Grant “Conflict & Change” PhD Workshop, UCL, 2023, £250
Travel Grant “New Challenges to Democracy” Workshop, University of Montreal, 2022, CAD\$1,000
Student Sponsorship, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, 2017, USD \$1,650
LASA Travel Grant, 2017, USD \$490
Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies Scholarship, 2016-2017, USD \$3,300
Double Major Scholarship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2012-2016, USD \$27,391
Calbuco Found Scholarship, 2016-2017, USD \$13,915
University of Bath Travel Grant, November 2015, USD \$1,662
Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BARI) Scholarship, June 2015, USD \$287
Academic Scholarship, Telefónica Chile S.A, 2010, 2014, and 2015, USD \$13,696

Internal Funding

Women’s Fund, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2023, €281
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2023, €355
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2022, €1,125
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2022, €450
Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftliche Fakultät Funding, Humboldt University, 2021, €417
Women’s Fund, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2021, €634
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2021, €1,550
Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftliche Fakultät Funding, Humboldt University, 2020, €600
Academic Exchange Scholarship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2012, USD \$3,085

ACADEMIC
TRAINING

Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology, Basel, Switzerland

Web Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings and Images as Data July, 2023

Dynamics Research Training Group, Berlin, Germany

Image Analysis June, 2023
Advances in Differences-in-Differences Designs November, 2022

GESIS Leibniz Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Cologne, Germany

Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modelling in R and Stan October, 2022

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education March, 2022

University of Essex, UK

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis July, 2021
Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis
Panel Data Analysis For Comparative Research

ACADEMIC &
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Researcher

September, 2023 - present

ERC Starting Grant Project “Participation and Representation in the Digital Age”

PI: Prof. Jennifer Oser

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Research Fellow

May, 2020 - present

Chair of International Politics, Institute of Social Sciences

Institute of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile

Research Assistant

May - December 2017

FONDECYT Project 1160921 “The moral economy of meritocracy and redistributive preferences”

Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile

Research Assistant

December, 2015 - April, 2016

Project “Public Support for Regional Integration in Latin America”

Research Assistant

March, 2013 - March, 2015

FONDECYT Project 1130897 “Web in movement: the students’ movement in Chile and the use of the internet”

Technical Staff

September, 2014 - October, 2015

FONDECYT Project 11130538 “Opening the Black Box for Territorial Party Contestation: The Impact of Subnational Politics in the Americas”

Coordinator Latin American Public Opinion Project

July - December 2014

Millennium Nucleus of Stateness and Democracy in Latin America, Project NS100015

Thesis Student

March - December 2013

FONDECYT Project 1130897 “Web in movement: the students’ movement in Chile and the use of the internet”

School of Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile

Technical Staff

March - August, 2015

Millennium Nucleus about Critical Citizenship, Polarization of Inequalities, and Institutions: Political Representation of Chile in a Comparative Perspective

Technical Staff

August, 2014 - March, 2015

FONDECYT Project 1140101 “Populism, Constitutionalism and the Politics of Representation: Cross-Regional Patterns”

FIELDWORK

Argentina (October 2023)

TEACHING

Hertie School of Government, Berlin, Germany

Laboratory Assistant, Statistics II (MA Level), Summer Semester 2023

Laboratory Assistant, Statistics I (MA Level), Winter Semester 2021 & 2023

Humboldt University, Institute of Social Sciences, Berlin, Germany

Lecturer, Comparative Politics and International Relations (BA Basic Course), Winter Semester 2020-2024

Lecturer, Collective Political Violence (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer Semester 2021 & 2023

- Nominated for the Prize for Good Teaching 2023, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Lecturer, Conflict in Latin America: A Century of Turmoil (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer

Semester 2024

Universidad de Talca, School of Public Policy and Public Administration, Chile
Teaching Assistant, Methods for Quantitative Research, 1st Semester 2017

Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Political Science, Chile
Teaching Assistant, Politics and Social Movements, 2nd Semester 2016
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Theory, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014

Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Sociology, Chile
Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Public Opinion, 1st Semester 2017
Teaching Assistant, Gender Studies, 2nd Semester 2016
Teaching Assistant, Methods for Social Sciences II, 1st Semester 2016
Teaching Assistant, Political Sociology, 1st Semester 2016
Teaching Assistant, Qualitative Methods, 1st Semester 2015
Teaching Assistant, Formation and Development of Modern Society, 1st Semester 2014
Teaching Assistant, Formation and Development of Modern Culture, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2024 APSA Virtual Research Meeting (Online); MPSA Annual Meeting (Scheduled); EPSA Conference (Scheduled); APSA Annual Meeting (Scheduled).

2023 6th International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (Münster, Germany); APSA Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, USA); Annual conference of the Institute for Social Movement and Protest Studies (Berlin, Germany).

2022 APSA Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada); Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference (Newcastle, UK); EPSA Conference (Prague, Czech Republic); MPSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA).

2021 Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) Annual Conference (Online); MPSA Annual Meeting (Online).

2018 Latin American Studies Association Congress (Barcelona, Spain).

2017 9th Chilean Congress of Sociology (Talca, Chile); Latin American Sociological Association Congress (Montevideo, Uruguay).

WORKSHOPS &
INVITED TALKS

The Backlash Effect of State Coercion: Protest Resilience Under Costly and Targeted Repression. Democratic Resilience Workshop, Centre for Elections, Democracy, Accountability and Representation (CEDAR), University of Birmingham, April 2024 (Scheduled).

Negotiated Radicalization in Mass Mobilizations: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile. Conceptualization of Protest Camps Logistic, Free University Berlin, March 2024.

Guerrilla Shadows on Gender: The Lingering Effects of Shining Path Violence on Women's Political Aspirations. War Effects: The Micro-Level Effects of Civil Wars on Multiple Dimensions of Women's Empowerment, University of Bergen, October 2023.

The mobilizing potential of mass migration: Experimental evidence from Honduras. Yet They Persist: Democracies in an Age of Autocratization, University of Milan, June 2023.

The mobilizing potential of mass migration: Experimental evidence from Honduras. Quantitative Political Economy Workshop, King's College London, May 2023.

The backlash effect of state coercion: Protest resilience under visible, costly, and targeted repression. Conflict & Change Annual PhD Workshop, University College London, February 2023.

The mobilizing potential of mass migration: Experimental evidence from Honduras. Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, February 2023.

The backlash effect of state coercion: Protest resilience under visible, costly, and targeted repression. WZB Colloquium, December 2022.

Can transitional justice improve regime perceptions? Attitudinal changes after reconciliation processes. Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, July 2022.

Do protests change voting behavior? Electoral trends in the aftermath of contention. WZB Colloquium, June 2022.

Do protests change voting behavior? Electoral trends in the aftermath of contention. Political Behavior Workshop Berlin-Hamburg, May 2022.

The backlash of state coercion: Varieties of repression and their effect on mobilization. Gender and Political Participation Graduate Working Group, March 2022.

The relationship between Transitional Justice and Corruption: A Cross National Analysis. Internal Colloquium, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, October 2021.

Chilean student movement: Impacts and Consequences. Social movements and the state in the context of the 'left turn' in Latin America, University of Bath, United Kingdom, December 2015.

Alternative ways to denounce: The role of YouTube videos in the Chilean students' protests. Social Movements in Movement: Concepts and Methods for the study of social movements in Latin America, Universidad de La República, Montevideo, Uruguay, June 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review: The Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Research

Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Women in Conflict Studies

Departmental/University Service: Organizer of Empirical Political Science in Progress Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2022)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Statistical Software: R, Python, Stata.
- Other Software: L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, UCINET, NVivo, MaxQDA.
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (TELC B1), Korean (basic).

REFERENCES

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