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About Me

I am a political scientist who studies the quality of institutions and invests efforts in promoting good governance. I do research on state capacity building, digital governance, transparency, public service delivery and representative bureaucracies. I have supported, among others, the work of the French Development Agency, the Horizon2020 'Digiwhist' project on public procurement transparency, the OECD-Sigma initiative, and the UNDP. I have also worked in the Argentine public sector, in the area of Participatory Strategic Planning in Buenos Aires City. I first obtained a PhD from Maastricht University and UNU-Merit, and a Master's in Public Policy at San Andrés University, funded by the Argentine Research Council (CONICET).

Education

2014

Doctorate / Maastricht University – UNU-Merit, Netherlands

2008

MPhil in Public Policy / San Andrés University, Argentina

2003

B.A. in Political Science / Buenos Aires University, Argentina

Current Position

SINCE 2017

Assistant Professor for Public Administration / Hertie School, Germany

Other positions (ad honorem):

SINCE 2019

Faculty Affiliate / Centre for Digital Governance. Hertie School, Germany

SINCE 2022

Panel Expert / Inclusive Policy Lab, UNESCO

Previous positions

MAR 2015 – DEC 2016

Postdoctoral Researcher / Hertie School, Germany

Project: the Digital Whistleblower ('DigiWhist'). Funded by the Horizon2020 programme (European Commission) and led by Cambridge University and the European Research Centre for Anticorruption and State Building (ERCAS).

2010-2013

Doctoral Researcher / Maastricht University, Netherlands

Project 'Institutions, Governance and Long-term growth', French Development Agency and Maastricht Graduate School of Governance – UNU-MERIT. Supervised by Thomas Christiansen and Kaj Thomsson.

2008-2009

Consultant / Exclusive Analysis, Ltd., London, UK

Independent consultant on the topic 'Political Risk' with a regional focus on Latin America.

2005-2008

MPhil Researcher / Argentine Research Council & San Andrés University, Argentina

Project: 'Policy Volatility in Argentina and Brazil (1990-2010)'. Supervised by Ernesto Calvo and Miguel de Luca.

2004-2005

Programme Officer / Strategic Planning Office, Buenos Aires City Government

I helped implement participatory strategic planning with input from civil society organisations (CSOs) for the city of Buenos Aires.

Other Consultancy

2016

OECD-Sigma Initiative / Paris, France

Governance indicators for public administration monitoring and reform.

2008-2009

Tetra Strategy Ltd. / London, UK

Public affairs intelligence support.

2007

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) / Buenos Aires, Argentina

Project: 'Prospective scenarios for Latin America' (PAPEP). Consultancy on electoral reforms in Argentina provinces.

Career breaks

MAY 2018-MAR 2019

Parental leave

AUG 2014-FEB 2015

Parental leave

Research Grants

2011-2014

French Development Agency/ Maastricht University

I received a 3-year grant to undertake my work as doctoral researcher for the project 'Institutions, Governance and Long-term growth'.

2005-2008

Argentina Research Council (CONICET)/ San Andrés University

I received a 3-year grant to complete my work as Mphil researcher for the project 'Policy Volatility in Argentina and Brazil (1990-2010)'.

Teaching and trainings

COURSES OFFERED AT THE HERTIE SCHOOL (2017-2023)

- **Inclusive Organizations in the Digital Age/ Elective, MPP**

Academic semesters: Spring 2022, 2023 (planned).

- **Inclusive Organizations in the Digital Age/ Elective, EMPA**

Academic semesters: Spring 2022, 2023 (planned).

- **Public Management I/ Core course, MPP**

Academic semesters: Fall 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022.

- **Digital State Capacities/ Elective, MPP & MIA**

Academic semesters: Spring 2018, 2020, 2021.

- **Open Data & Digital State Capacities/ Elective, EMPA**

Academic semesters: Spring 2020, 2021.

- **Policymaking: Actors, institutions and processes/ Core course, EMPA.** In collaboration with Helmut Anheier & Christine Reh.

Academic semesters: Fall 2019.

- **Open Government & Open Data/ Elective, MPP & MIA**

Academic semesters: Spring 2019.

- **Actors, Institutions, Policies. Introduction to Policy Analysis / Core course, EMPA.** In collaboration with Andrea Römmele.

Academic semesters: Fall 2017.

- **Open Data for accountability & policy analysis/ Elective, MPP & MIA**

Academic semesters: Spring 2017 and Fall 2017.

EXECUTIVE TRAINING

- **Eastern European Partnership**. Modules: Digital government and public sector change. Hertie School. September 2022.
- **NIGDS Programme**. Modules: Digital government and public sector change. Hertie School. September 2022.
- **Instituto República**, Brazil. Module: Diversity management. Hertie School. July 2021.
- **Instituto República**, Brazil. Modules: Digital Governance and Open Data. Hertie School. September 2019.

OTHER TEACHING

- Guest lecturer in **'Public Policy'** of the M.Sc. of Public Policy and Human Development, **Maastricht University**. 2015-2016.
- Teaching assistant, **'Introductory Econometrics'** of the Master in Public Policy (MPP) at the **Maastricht Graduate School of Governance**, Netherlands. 2010.
- Course Designer and facilitator, Online **'Governance'** course of the Phd in Public Policy and Policy Analysis (PPPA) at the **Maastricht Graduate School of Governance**, Netherlands. 2010.
- Course Designer and Coordinator of the Online **'Political Science'** course of the Phd in Public Policy and Policy Analysis (PPPA) at the **Maastricht Graduate School of Governance**, Netherlands. 2010.
- Teaching Assistant for the course **'Governance and representation in the Southern Cone'** of the Political Science Undergraduate Programme at **Buenos Aires University**, Argentina. 2004-2006.
- Teaching Assistant for the course **'Comparative Political Systems'** of the Political Science Undergraduate Programme at **Buenos Aires University**, Argentina. 2003-2005.

Supervision

- **First supervisor**: Phd fellow. Diego Alonso Salazar. Phd in Governance, Hertie School. April 2022-today. Thesis completed in November 2022.
- **First supervisor**: Phd fellow. Haytham Atef. Phd in Governance, Hertie School. March 2019-today.
- **Third supervisor**: Phd fellow. Cynthia Michel. Phd in Governance, Hertie School. June 2022-today.
- **Humboldt Foundation German Chancellor Fellowship**. Daphnee Iglesias. Hertie School. March - August 2019.

Publication list

Published papers

- 2022 (in press) “Representative Bureaucracy and Perceptions of Social Exclusion in Europe. Evidence from 27 countries.”. *Administration & Society*: xxx.
- 2022 “Incentive Structures for the Adoption of Crowdsourcing in Public Policy: A Bureaucratic Politics Model”. *Sustainability*, 14, 12982. <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/14/20/12982>
- 2022 “Infrastructural state capacity in the digital age: what drives the performance of COVID-19 tracing apps?” *Governance*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/gove.12666>
- 2021 “The survival of Open Government platforms: empirical insights from a global sample.” *Government Information Quarterly*. 38(1).
- 2020 “The role of agencification in achieving value-for-money in public spending”, with Mihaly Fazekas. *Governance*. 33(3), 545-563.
- 2019 “The role of state capacity in development studies” *Journal of Development Perspectives*. Nr. 2:1-2.
- 2018. “A Decade Long Grievance? The Global and Financial Economic Crisis' Impact on Institutional Trust”. *The Governance Report 2018*: 65-85.
- 2018. “Global Crises and Governance: Lessons, Implications, Recommendations”, with Helmut Anheier, Mark Hallerberg, Sonja Kaufmann, Regina A. List, Jean Pisani-Ferry, Kai Wegrich, Sebastian Ziaja. *The Governance Report 2018*: 105-118.
- 2017. “Breaking the Cycle? How (Not) to Use Political Finance Regulations to Counter Public Procurement Corruption”, with Mihály Fazekas. *The Slavonic and East European Review*. Vol. 95, 1: 76-116. doi:10.5699/slaveasteurorev2.95.1.0076
other version: GTI-WP/2016:01, Budapest: Government Transparency Institute.
- 2016. “Bureaucratic Structure, Regulatory Quality, and Entrepreneurship in a Comparative Perspective: Cross-Sectional and Panel Data Evidence”, with Marina Nistotskaya. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Vol. 26, 3: 519–534. First online 16 September 2015, doi.org/10.1093/jopart/muv026
other version: Quality of Government Institute, Working Paper Series 2014:08.
- 2015. “Minding Weber more than ever? The impacts of State Capacity and Bureaucratic Autonomy on development goals”, with Kaj Thomsson and Denis de Crombrughe. *World Development*, Vol. 72: 191-207. doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2015.02.016
other version: UNU-MERIT Working Paper 2013-052.
- 2010. “El Estado Liquido: Discusiones sobre la volatilidad de las politicas publicas y evidencias de Argentina y Brasil (1995-2006)”. *America Latina Hoy*, Vol. 54: 43-68. <http://revistas.usal.es/index.php/1130-2887/article/view/6955>

Book chapters

- 2019. “The Bureaucracy as an Opportunity Structure for Clientelism: neopatrimonial patterns in Argentina and Brazil (1990-2010)”. In Saskia Pauline Ruth and Maria Spirova (eds.), *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*. Colchester: ECPR Press.
- 2018. “Innovations in objectively measuring corruption in public procurement”, with Mihály Fazekas and Bence Tóth. In Helmut K. Anheier, Matthias Haber, and Mark Kayser (eds.), *Governance Indicators: Approaches, Progress, Promise*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 154-185.
- 2006 & 2010 (re-ed). “Partidos politicos y sistemas de partidos”. In Luis Aznar and Miguel De Luca (eds.), *Politica. Cuestiones y Problemas*. Buenos Aires, Ariel editorial. 217-256.

Working papers and policy reports

- 2022. "Diversity in the public administration: a Multidimensional Index of Bureaucratic Underrepresentation", <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/IEPHLG>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2021. "Human-centric smart cities" with Keegan McBride and Gerhard Hammerschmid. [Policy report](#), Centre for Digital Governance.
- 2017. "The administrative capacities behind competitive public procurement processes: a comparative assessment of 32 European countries", with Mihály Fazekas. [Policy report](#), H2020 The Digital Whistleblower project, EU Commission.
- 2016. "A Comprehensive Review of Objective Corruption Proxies in Public Procurement: Risky Actors, Transactions, and Vehicles of Rent Extraction" (2016) with Mihály Fazekas and Bence Tóth. GTI-WP/2016:03, Budapest: Government Transparency Institute. doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2891017
- 2015. "Towards a comprehensive mapping of information on public procurement tendering and its actors across Europe", with Mihály Fazekas, Roberto Martinez B. Kukutschka and Bence Tóth. [Policy Report](#), H2020, The Digital Whistleblower project, EU Commission.
- 2013. "The State of State Capacity: a review of concepts, evidence and measures". [UNU-MERIT Working Papers 053](#). UNU-MERIT Maastricht University.
- 2012. "Exploring the panel components of the Institutional Profiles Database (IPD)", with Denis de Crombrughe. [UNU-MERIT Working Paper 2012-037](#). UNU-MERIT Maastricht University.
- 2012. "Techniques for dealing with reverse causality between institutions and economic performance", with Denis de Crombrughe. [UNU-MERIT Working Paper 2012-034](#). UNU-MERIT Maastricht University.