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CURRENT AND FORMER POSITIONS

Institute Carlos III Juan March <i>Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the POLARCHATS project</i>	Madrid, Spain 2023-
Georgetown University <i>Research Fellow and adjunct professor</i>	Washington, DC 2023-

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) <i>Ph.D., Political Science (Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: When the impossible becomes possible in politics• Committee: Michael Thies (chair), Barbara Geddes, Chad Hazlett and Kathleen Bawn	Los Angeles, CA December 2022
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) <i>M.S. in Statistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: Balance tests as a learning problem: evidence from 3,000 lotteries• Committee: Chad Hazlett (Chair), Jeffrey B Lewis and Mark S. Handcock	Los Angeles, CA March 2023
Georgetown University – Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service <i>MA in Latin American Studies and Government</i>	Washington, DC December 2015

RESEARCH ARTICLES AND BOOKS

- “Partisan Stereotyping and Polarization in Brazil“, with David Samuels and Cesar Zucco, Conditionally Accepted, *Latin American Politics and Society*.
- “To Democracy Through Anocracy“, with Josep Colomer and David Banerjee, *Democracy and Society*.
- “Lobbying Uncovered: Corruption, Democracy and Public Policy in Brazil“, with Milton Seligman, *Wilson Center*.

WORKING PAPERS/ONGOING PROJECTS

- “When the impossible becomes possible in politics“, *Under Review*
- “Do voters use policy positions in their decision for Congress? Evidence from three conjoint experiments in Brazil, *Under Review*
- “Balance tests as a learning problem: Evidence from 3,000 lotteries”, dissertation chapter, *Manuscript in Preparation*
- “Nostalgic Deprivation and polarization in Brazil” (with David Samuels and Cesar Zucco, *Manuscript in Preparation*)
- “What Good is a House? Evidence from 3000 lotteries in Brazil, pre-analysis plan registration 20200219AB” (with Chad Hazlett)
- “The SIGLA Database: a gateway to governance in Latin America” (with Diana Kapiszewski, *Manuscript in Preparation*)
- “The Architecture of Accountability in 21st Century Latin America” (with Diana Kapiszewski)
- “Thinking local: assessing the environmental knowledge of mayors and training them to deal with climate change misinformation (with Cesar B. Martinez-Alvarez)

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Fundação Tide Setubal <i>US\$ 25,000</i>	2023
Perception gaps among voters (JOTA/Youtube) <i>US\$ 30,000</i>	2022
UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship <i>US\$ 20,000</i>	2022
Summer Mentored Research Fellowship (SMRF) <i>US\$ 6,000</i>	2021
Swarr Prize for Best Unpublished Paper <i>US\$ 500</i>	2019
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship <i>US\$ 6,000</i>	2018
Tinker Field Research Grant <i>US\$ 2,500</i>	2017
UCLA Dean's scholarship <i>US\$ 15,000</i>	2016-2017
Georgetown Summer Grant <i>US\$ 1,500</i>	2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LASP 503: States & Society (instructor of record)	2023
GOVT 4456: Latin American Government and Politics (instructor of record)	2023
PS 50: Introduction to Comparative Politics (instructor of record)	2021
PS 50: Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA)	2017,2018,2019,2020
PS 30: Game Theory (TA)	2017,2021
PS 115: Russian Politics (TA)	2018,2021
PS 6: Data Analysis (TA)	2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project director: The Role of the Brazilian Development Bank in Latin America. Open Society	2014
Research Assistant: Urban Violence in Latin American Cities, Center For Latin American Studies Georgetown	2014
Survey specialist: Favela Perceptions Survey for Catalytic Communities	2014
Co-founder: JOTA Jornalismo (www.jota.info), world best digital media award 2019	2014
Political reporter: Folha de S. Paulo	2010-2013

JOURNALISTIC AWARDS

Institute for Press and Society (Ipys): Award for Best Latin American Investigative Reporting	2014
Inter American Press Association (IAPA): Award for In-Depth Reporting	2013
Esso Award for most important contribution to the Brazilian Press	2013
Folha de S. Paulo Award: Article of the year	2012
Abril Award : Best article on politics	2011
Abril Award : Interview of the year (with President Fernando Henrique Cardoso)	2010

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Languages: R, Python (beginner), L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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