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## *Academic Appointments*

- 2015- Professor, Department of Political Science, UCSD
- 2010-2015 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, UCSD
- 2006-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, UCSD
- 2003-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

## *Education*

- Ph.D. Department of Politics, New York University, NY, 2004.
- M.A. Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, CA, 1996.
- B.A. Political Science, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1991.

## *Visiting Positions*

Inter-American Development Bank - Research Department, Visiting Research Scholar, April-December 2013.

## *Publication Prizes*

- 2013. Oliver E. Williamson Award. Best article accepted for publication in 2012. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* (“Voting in the Bicameral Congress”).
- 2011. Jewell-Loewenberg Award. Best article published in 2010. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (“Recovering a Basic Space from Elite Surveys”).

## *Publications*

### Book

1. *Ruling by Statute: How Uncertainty and Vote-Buying Shape Lawmaking*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. “The Value of Legal Recourse in Sovereign Bond Markets: Evidence from Argentina,” forthcoming in *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*. With G. Biglaiser.
2. “Political Fear and Loathing on Wall Street: Electoral Risk Hedging in the United States (1986-2020),” *Journal of Political Economy and Political Institutions*, 2023.

3. "The Political Economy of Suffrage Reform: The Great Reform Act of 1832," *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 2023. With G. Cox and A. Fresh
4. "Suffrage Reform and Financial Volatility: Reconsidering the Great Reform Act," *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, Vol. 2: No. 3, pp 415-447, 2022. Joint work with G. Cox.
5. "Political Shocks and Asset Prices: Evidence from Argentina," in *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2022. Joint work with D. Carnahan.
6. "The Logic of Cronyism in State Violence: Evidence from Labor Repression During Argentina's Last Dictatorship," *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 19: 1439-1487, 2021. Joint work with E. Klor and S. Satyanath.
7. "Constituency Effects and Legislative Dissent Under Closed-List Proportional Representation," *Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 63: 78-99, 2021. Joint work with E. Alemán, J. P. Micozzi, and P. Pinto.
8. "Electoral Uncertainty and Financial Volatility: Evidence from Two-Round Presidential Races in Emerging Markets," *Economics & Politics*, Vol. 33: 109-132, 2021. Joint work with D. Carnahan.
9. "Executive constraint and sovereign debt: Quasi-experimental evidence from Argentina during the Baring crisis," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 51: 1504-1525, 2018. Joint work with G. Cox.
10. "Disentangling the Role of Ideology and Partisanship in Legislative Voting: Evidence from Argentina," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 43: 245-273, 2018. Joint work with E. Alemán, J. P. Micozzi, and P. Pinto.
11. "Heterogeneity and Team Performance: Evaluating the Effect of Cultural Diversity in the World's Top Soccer League," in *Journal of Sports Analytics*, 3: 67-92, 2017. Joint work with K. Ingersoll, and E. Malesky.
12. "An Empirical Stochastic Model of Argentina's Impossible Game (1955-1966)," in *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, Vol. 28(2): 266-287, 2016. Joint work with J. Micozzi.
13. "Using Joint Scaling Methods to Study Ideology and Representation: Evidence from Latin America," *Political Analysis*, Vol. 23, No. 3, 2015.
14. "Political Realignment and Democratic Breakdown in Argentina, 1916-1930," in *Party Politics*, Vol 20(6): 948-863, 2014. Joint work with E. Alemán.
15. "Voting in the Bicameral Congress: Large Majorities as a Signal of Quality," in *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, Vol. 29(5): 957-991, 2013. Joint work with M. Iaryczower and G. Katz.
16. "Political Institutions and Sovereign Borrowing: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Argentina," in *Public Choice*, Vol. 156, Issue 1-2: 61-75, 2013.
17. "Sovereign debt and regime type: Re-considering the democratic advantage," in *International Organization*, Vol. 66, No. 4: 709-38, 2012. Joint work with E. Beaulieu and G. Cox.
18. "Fraudulent Democracy: An Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade using Supervised Machine Learning," in *Political Analysis*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 409-433, 2011. Joint work with Francisco Cantú.

19. "Civil War Exposure and Violence," in *Economics & Politics*, Vol. 23, No. 1: 59-73, 2011. Joint work with Edward Miguel and Shanker Satyanath.
20. "¿Jugadores activos o apéndices del ejecutivo? una evaluación del papel de los legisladores latinoamericanos en la toma de decisiones," *Política y gobierno*, Vol. 17, No. 1: 3-24, 2010.
21. "Political Prowess or Lady Luck? Evaluating Chief Executives' Legislative Success Rates," *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71, No.4: 1342-1356, 2009.
22. "Coalition Governments and Sovereign Debt Crises," *Economics & Politics*, Vol. 21, No.2: 232-254, 2009.
23. "Recovering a Basic Space from Elite Surveys: Evidence from Latin America," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, XXXIV, No.1: 117-145, 2009.
24. "Legislative Preferences, Political Parties, and Coalition Unity in Chile," *Comparative Politics*. Vol. 39, No. 3: 253-272, 2007. Joint work with Eduardo Alemán.
25. "Do Countries Have a 'Democratic Advantage'? Political Institutions, Multilateral Agencies, and Sovereign Borrowing," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 38: 366-387, 2005.  
 Reprinted in Robert W. Kolb (Ed.). *The Economics of Sovereign Debt, Vol. 1*. London: Edward Elgar, 2017.
26. "Government Coalitions and Legislative Success Under Presidentialism and Parliamentarism," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 34, No. 4: 565-587, 2004. Joint work with Adam Przeworski and Jose Cheibub.
27. "Amateur Legislators-Professional Politicians: The Consequences of Party-Centered Electoral Rules in a Federal System," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 46, No. 3: 656-669, 2002. Joint work with Mark P. Jones, Pablo Spiller and Mariano Tommasi
28. "Fiscal Federalism in Argentina: Policies, Politics, and Institutional Reform," *Economía*, No. 2, 2001. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi, and Pablo Sanguinetti
29. "Why is Argentina's Fiscal Federalism so Inefficient? Entering the Labyrinth," *Journal of Applied Economics*, Buenos Aires, Vol. II, N° 1, May 1999. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi

#### Book Chapters

1. "Policy differences among parliamentary and presidential systems," in Roger Congleton, Bernie Grofman and Stefan Voigt (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice, Vol. 2*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
2. "Executive-Legislative Relations," in Ruben Ruiz Rufino and Jennifer Gandhi (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*. London: Routledge, 2015.
3. "Law Making," in Shane Martin, Thomas Saalfeld, and Kaare Strom (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.
4. "Active Players or Rubber Stamps? An Evaluation of the Policymaking Role of Latin American Legislatures," in Carlos Scartascini, Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi

- (eds.) *How Democracy Works. Political Institutions, Actors, and Arenas in Latin American Policymaking*. Washington D.C.: IDB - Harvard University Press, 2010.
5. "Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Paraguay," in Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi (eds.) *Policymaking in Latin America: How Politics Shapes Policies*. Washington D.C.: IDB - Harvard University Press, 2008. Joint work with J. Molinas, A. Pérez-Liñán, and M. Montero.
  6. "Veto Players, Fickle Institutions and Low-Quality Policies: The Policymaking Process in Ecuador (1979-2005)," in Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi (eds.) *Policymaking in Latin America: How Politics Shapes Policies*. Washington D.C.: IDB - Harvard University Press, 2008. Joint work with A. Mejía Acosta, M. Araujo, and A. Pérez-Liñán.
  7. "Congress and Political Careers," in Mariano Tommasi and Pablo Spiller. *The Institutional Foundations of Public Policy in Argentina*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Joint work with M. Tommasi, P. Spiller, and M. Jones.
  8. "Federalism, Argentine-Style," in Mariano Tommasi and Pablo Spiller. *The Institutional Foundations of Public Policy in Argentina*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Joint work with M. Tommasi.
  9. "Can Democracy Prevent Default?," in Miguel A. Centeno, Harold James, and John Londregan (eds.) *The Political Economy of Recurrent Debt.*, Princeton: PIIRS Monograph Series, no. 3, Princeton University, 2005.
  10. "The 'sub-national' connection: legislative coalitions, cross-voting, and policymaking in Argentina," in Flavia Fiorucci and Marcus Klein (Eds.). *The Argentine Crisis at the Turn of the Millennium: Causes, Consequences, and Explanations*, Amsterdam: Aksant Academic Publishers, 2004.
  11. "An 'Incomplete-Contracts' Approach to Intergovernmental Transfer Systems in Latin America," in Burki and Perri (Eds.). *Decentralization and Accountability of the Public Sector*, Washington D.C.: The World Bank, 2000. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi

#### Other Publications

1. "Political Institutions and the Policymaking Process in Latin America," in Sandy Maisel (Ed.) *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.
2. "Crisis de deuda y calidad de las instituciones políticas: ¿qué relación hay?," ZOOM Económico No. 5, *Fundación Alternativas*: Madrid, October 2012.
3. "De la concentración a la fragmentación. El juego político en Paraguay en los últimos 50 años," in Carlos Scartascini, Pablo Spiller, Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi (eds.). *El Juego Político en América Latina*. Bogota: Mayol Ediciones, 2011. Joint work with J. Molinas, A. Pérez-Liñán, and M. Montero.
4. "Jugadores de veto, instituciones volubles y políticas de baja calidad: el juego político en Ecuador," in Carlos Scartascini, Pablo Spiller, Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi (eds.). *El Juego Político en América Latina*. Bogota: Mayol Ediciones, 2011. Joint work with Caridad Araujo, Andrés Mejía Acosta, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán.

5. “Agentes con poder de veto, instituciones frágiles y políticas de baja calidad (1979-2005),” in Andrés Mejía Acosta (coord.). *Por el ojo de una aguja: La formación de políticas públicas en el Ecuador*. Quito: Flacso, 2009. Joint work with Caridad Araujo, Andrés Mejía Acosta, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán.
6. “The political economy of productivity in Argentina: interpretation and illustration,” IDB Working Paper Series No. 102. Washington, D.C.: IDB. Joint work with S. Urbiztondo, M. Cristini, and C. Moskovits.
7. “Avaliação Das Taxas De Sucesso Legislativo Dos Chefes Do Executivo,” forthcoming in Magna Inácio and Lucio Rennó (eds.) *Estudos Legislativos em Perspectiva Comparada*, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais Press, 2009.
8. “La economía política del desarrollo en economías abiertas y pequeñas: España (1977-2007),” in Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Chile, *Caminos al Desarrollo. Lecciones de países afines exitosos*. Santiago: Uqbar Editores, 2009.
9. “Las bases partidarias de la legislación particularista en Ecuador y Paraguay,” in Flavia Freidenberg and Manuel Alcántara (eds.). *Selección de candidatos, política partidista y rendimiento democrático*. México: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), 2009. Joint work with A. Mejía Acosta, and A. Pérez-Liñán.
10. Review of *Hamilton’s Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Fiscal Federalism* by Jonathan A. Rodden, in *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 69, No. 1: 262-264, 2007.
11. Review of *Federalism and the Market: Intergovernmental Conflict and Economic Reform in the Developing World* by Erik Wibbels, in *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 39: 523-527, 2006.
12. “Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Paraguay, 1954-2003,” *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 24, No. 2: 67-93, 2004. Joint work with José Molinas, and Aníbal Pérez Liñán.
13. “Ganar una ‘Batalla’ o Ganar la Guerra,” *Revista Lo que Vendrá*, Buenos Aires, No. 2: 28-34, 2004. Co-authored with German Lodola.
14. “Governos de Coalizão nas Democracias Presidencialistas e Parlamentaristas,” *Dados*, Rio de Janeiro, Vol. 45, No. 2: 187-218, 2002. Joint work with José Cheibub and Adam Przeworski
15. “Caudillos Provinciales, Reglas de Nominación y Carreras Legislativas en Argentina,” in *Res Pública*, No. 1: 27-33, 2001.
16. “Le labyrinthe fiscal de l’Argentine et la théorie des coûts de transaction en politique” in *Problèmes d’Amérique Latine*, Paris, No. 1037, June 2000. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi
17. *La Nueva Economía Política* (co-edited with Mariano Tommasi). Buenos Aires: EUDEBA, 1998.

### *Work in Progress*

1. “The Real-Time Impact of Political Risk on Market Valuations: Evidence from Peru,” with P. Navia, J.P. Micozzi, and P. Pinto.
2. “Reassessing the Link between Revolutionary Threats and Democratization”
3. “Lobbying as Insurance Against Policy Uncertainty,” with K. Buzard and N. Canen.

### *Teaching Experience*

UCSD: Economic Policymaking in Latin America (M.A. level - IR/PS); Political-Economic Cycles (Ph. Graduate level); States and Markets (Ph.D. Graduate level); Mathematical and Statistical Foundations (Ph.D. Graduate level); Comparative Politics: Institutions (Ph.D. Graduate level); Topics in Latin American Politics (Undergraduate level); Topics in Comparative Politics (Undergraduate level); Analytical Models of Political Institutions (Undergraduate level).

2019 EITM Summer Training Institute (University of Houston).

2018 Escuela de Invierno en Metodos y Analisis de Datos (Universidad Catolica del Uruguay). .

Sixth Annual EITM Institute (UCLA): Mentoring Faculty-in-Residence.

University of Pittsburgh: Game Theory (Ph.D. Graduate level); Introduction to Political Economy (Ph.D. Graduate level); Introduction to Game Theory (Undergraduate level); Analytical Models of Political Institutions (Undergraduate level).

International Summer School - Economics Department, Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia): Political Institutions and Policy Outcomes (M.A. Graduate level).

### *Grants and Fellowships*

**UC MEXUS-CONACYT**; **UCSD** (Hellman Fellow 2009-2010; IICAS Conference Proposal Grant; Faculty Career Development Program; Academic Senate Research Award; Academic Senate Travel Grant). **University of Pittsburgh** (CLAS Travel Grant. September; UCIS Hewlett International Grant; CLAS Faculty Research Grant). **New York University** (CLACS Summer Travel Grant; Tinker Foundation Summer Travel Grant; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tuition Incentive Program). **American Political Science Association** (Graduate Student Travel Grant). **República Argentina** (Ministerio de Cultura y Educación, Programa de Becas, 1998-1999). **Organization of American States** (Grant in Political Science, 1995-1996). **Fulbright Foundation** (Fellow in Political Science, 1995-1996).

### *Invited Talks*

Universidad de San Andres - Argentina (2022); Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - Argentina (2022); University of Sao Paulo – Brazil (2020); Universidad Católica - Uruguay (2018); University of Southern California (2017); Stanford University (2015); University of Houston (2014); Duke (2014); ITAM (2014); University of Maryland (2013); Inter-American Development Bank (2013); UCLA (2013); Yale University (2012); Washington University (2012); Columbia University (2010); Doshisha University (2008); Stanford University

(2008); UCLA (2008); Stanford University (2007); University of Washington (2007); Hudson Institute (2006); UCSD (2005); Yale (2005); University of Pennsylvania (2004); Inter-American Development Bank (2004); Princeton University (2004); Yale (2002); University of Pittsburgh (2002).

### ***Conference Participation***

APSA (1999-2008; 2010-2011; 2013; 2018-2023); MPSA (2001; 2003-2004; 2007-2013); LASA (2000-2006; 2012); ISNIE (2000; 2004; 2009; 2011); HiNC Workshop (2008); LACEA (2005); NBER Meeting on the Economics of National Security (2017); London School of Economics: Understanding the institutional trajectory of Latin American development (2012); CEACS-Fundación Juan March: The Political Economy of State Capacity: An Endogenous Institutions Approach (2012); Annual Conference on Institutions and Law-Making (2012); Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference (2011); Conference in honor of Peter A. Gourevitch (2010); Caltech-USC Center for the Study of Law and Politics: Rule of Law Symposium (2009); *Fundación Chile 21*: Seminario La Concertación de Partidos por la Democracia (2008); *Universidade de Brasilia*: Seminário Internacional Legislativo Brasileiro em Perspectiva Comparada (2008); Witherspoon Institute Conference “Globalization and the Rise of the Left in Latin America” (2007); IADB-Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Chile): Workshop on The Political Economy of Development of Small-Open Economies (2007); IDB Workshop on State Reform, Public Policies and Policy Making Processes (2005); IADB-RES Conference Political Institutions, Policy Making Processes, and Policy Outcomes (2003-2004); *World Politics* Conference on “The Political Economy of Recurrent Debt” (2004); CEDLA Conference *Quo Vadis, Argentina?* (2003); CEBRAP Conference on Institutions, Behavior and Outcomes (2003); Universidad Torcuato Di Tella: Seminar on Globalization and Governance (2002); Yale University: Conference on Political Parties and Legislative Organization in Parliamentary and Presidential Regimes (2002); Universidad de San Andrés: Conference on Representation and Democratic Politics in Latin America (2001); XVIII Latin American Meeting of the *Econometric Society* (2001).

### ***Professional Service***

Chair, Legislative Studies Section - American Political Science Association (2019-2021).

Associate Editor: *Economics & Politics* (2019-2022).

Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2018-2020).

Editorial Board Member: *Comparative Political Studies* (2018-2020).

Editorial Board Member: *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2015-2019).

American Political Science Association: Data Set Award Committee - Comparative Politics Section (2007); Program Committee, APSA Annual National Conference (2011); Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee - Legislative Studies Section (2011); Michael Wallerstein Award Committee - Political Economy Section (2011); Member: Executive Committee - Organized Section in Comparative Politics (2011)

Midwest Political Science Association: Program Committee (2009; 2015).