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Academic employment

Lake Forest College

Assistant Professor August 2022 -

Institute of Political Science, Leiden University

Lecturer 2020 - 2022

Ph.D. Candidate 2016-2020

Visiting positions

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador)

Visiting research fellow July-October 2017

Education

Institute of Political Science, Leiden University

Ph.D., Political Science July 2021

MSc., Political Science (cum laude) July 2015

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador

BSc., Sociology with a minor in Political Science June 2011

Non-academic employment

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador

Second Secretary, Alternate Representative
Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the Organization of American States (OAS)
Washington D.C., United States of America 2012-2014

Political Analyst, Office of Political Analysis
Quito, Ecuador 2009-2012

Research interests

Identity formation and change, political parties, party-voter linkages, women political careers, Latin American and Ecuadorian politics, ethnic identities, , racist discourse, and qualitative research methods.

Publications

Abad, A., Aldaz, R., **Davila Gordillo, D.**, Vallejo Vera, S. (2022). "An Unwelcomed Deja-vu: Ecuadorian Politics in 2021." *Revista De Ciencia Política (Santiago)*.doi: <https://doi.org/10.4067/s0718-090x2022005000112>

Abad, A., Aldaz, R., **Davila Gordillo, D.**, Vallejo Vera, S. (2021). "Believe in me: Parties' Strategies During a Pandemic." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 13(3), 419-441. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1866802X211058742>

Davila Gordillo, D., & Wylie, K., (2021). Party leadership and institutionalization in Latin America. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1667>

Davila Gordillo, D., & Ragazzi, F., (2017), The Radicalisation Awareness Network: Producing the EU counter-radicalisation discourse. In Carrera S., Mitsilegas V. (Eds.) *Constitutionalising the Security Union Effectiveness, Rule of Law and Rights in Countering Terrorism and Crime* . Brussels: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). 54-63.

UNDER REVIEW

Semi-supervised machine-learning models to detect covert and overt racism in large corpora (with Sebastián Vallejo Vera and Joan C. Timoneda) [*R&R Journal of Politics*]

The division of the indigenous voters: the Ecuadorian paradox of recognition [*Under review*]

WORKING PAPERS

The surprising new votes for Pachakutik in 2021: the indigenous voters, and segmented mobilization strategies.

The missing women of the electoral process (with Sebastián Vallejo Vera and Selina Hofstetter)

Polarization and Party-System Populism: the Case of Ecuador. (with Angélica Abad, Raúl Aldaz, and Sebastián Vallejo Vera).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Davila Gordillo, D. (2021). Elecciones presidenciales en el Ecuador: flashback al pasado y un futuro incierto. In *Voz y Voto*.

Abad, A., Aldaz, R., **Davila Gordillo, D.**, Vallejo, S., (2021). Ecuador: cómo diferenciarse cuando compites con 16 candidatos. In *Agenda Pública*

Research projects

Principal investigator, project: "Attitudes towards Venezuelan migrants among the Ecuadorian youth: Challenging the criminalization of immigrants" (with Leila Demarest, Juan Masullo, Paolo Moncagatta, and Katharina Natter) Project funded by the EGAP LATAM Regional Hub Small Grants Fund.

Principal investigator (with Angelica Abad, Raúl Aldaz, and Sebastián Vallejo Vera) data collection project: "Elecciones nacionales 2021, Estrategias de movilización de votantes / Geo-Party-Links Ecuador"

Contributor and country coordinator for Ecuador with Sebastian Vallejo Vera for the Political Parties Database Project (PPDB).

Conference presentations and invited talks

2022

"The division of the indigenous voters: the Ecuadorian paradox of recognition", Guest Lecture at the Latin American Politics Seminar, University of Denver, October 18.

"Ethnic parties in Latin America: The case of Pachakutik," Guest Lecture at Konstanz University, June 21-23.

"Ethnic parties in Latin America: The case of Pachakutik," paper presented at the XL International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), May 5-8, 2022, Virtual Congress.

"The division of the indigenous voters: the Ecuadorian paradox of recognition," paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions, The University of Edinburgh & Online, 19-22 April.

2021

"Indigenous Politics in Latin America - the case of Pachakutik", Guest Lecture at the Latin American Politics Seminar, University of Denver, October 18.

"Believe in Me: Parties' Strategies During a Pandemic during the Ecuadorian elections." Paper presented at the ECPR General conference, Virtual Event, August 30 - September 3.

"Voter mobilization strategies in the Ecuadorian elections of 2021". Invited talk at Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico), as part of the event: "Coyunturas: Movilización Electoral en la Era Covid". May 19.

"The surprising new votes for Pachakutik in 2021: the indigenous voters, and segmented mobilization strategies." Paper discussed at the twelfth Charlemos event of the Center for Latin American Studies from University of Pittsburgh. March 15

"Pachakutik's performance in the 2021 elections" invited talk at the event "Cleavages, Indigenous Politics, and Policy" organized by Queen Mary Latin American Network (QMLAN), Queen Mary University London, March 3.

2020

Due to the global pandemic, I cancelled presentations at MPSA and LASA.

2019

"Unity within Diversity – Pachakutik's mobilization strategies in local elections". iposter presented at the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting. Washington D.C., USA, August 29 – September 1.

"Evaluating party goals and party performance. The cases of Pachakutik and Izquierda Democratica (1996-2017)". Paper presented at the XXXVII International

Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Boston, USA, May 24-27.

“Evaluating party goals and party performance. The cases of Pachakutik and Izquierda Democratica (1996-2017)”. Paper presented at the 77th Annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, USA, April 4-7.

2018

“Partidos Políticos: Objetivos, Actuación y Éxito. Repensando la evaluación del éxito de los partidos políticos desde la perspectiva de sus objetivos”. Presentation at FLACSO Ecuador, August 28.

2017

“Losing Members and Winning Votes? Pachakutik and Indigenous Representation in Ecuador.” Paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions University of Nottingham, Nottingham April 25-30 April.

Teaching Experience

Lake Forest College

2022

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring x2)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall)

Women, Institutions, and Politics

Latin American Politics

Leiden University

MASTER LEVEL (LECTURER)

2022

Qualitative Research Methods

2021

Qualitative Research methods

2020

Qualitative Research methods (x3)

2019

Qualitative Research methods (x2)

2018

Second reader Master Theses

BACHELOR LEVEL (LECTURER)

2022

Bachelor Project: Democracy in Latin America
(supervised 14 undergraduate thesis)

Introduction to Comparative Politics

2021

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Bachelor Project: Democracy in Latin America

	(supervised 11 undergraduate thesis)	
2019	Seminar: Party politics in Latin America	
BACHELOR LEVEL (INSTRUCTOR)		
2019	Working groups of Introduction to Political Science (x3)	
2018	BSc. Year 1: Skills 3 - Book Review (x4)	
	BSc. Year 1: Skills 4 - Critical Review (x3)	
	Second reader Bachelor Theses (x3)	
2017	BSc. Year 2: working groups of International Security (x3)	
2016	BSc. Year 2: working groups of Comparative Analysis of Political Systems (x3)	

Scholarships and awards

ECPR Travel Grant for the 2017 ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.	2017
Scholarship for Excellence from the Secretaría Nacional de Educación Superior (SENESCYT), for Master Level studies.	2014

Other relevant activities

SUMMER SCHOOLS

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary	2017
Network Analysis	
Mixed Methods	
27th ECPR Summer School on Political Parties Nottingham University, Nottingham, United Kingdom	2017

SEMINARS

<i>Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)</i> Expert Seminar on the effects of Counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation policies	April 2015
<i>Organization of American States (OAS)</i> Special Session on International Humanitarian Law	January 2014
Workshop: Mechanisms to Protect the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	October 2013

Service to the profession

Member of the Advisory Council of the Institute of Political Science

2020-2022

Section co-chair: "Social Movements, Political Parties and Neoliberalism: Challenges and Alternatives for Latin America" at the ECPR General Conference at the University of Wrocław

2019

Languages

Spanish (Native speaker), English (C1), French (B2), German (A1), Dutch (Basic comprehension)