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Personal Information

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Current Position

Researcher, Fedesarrollo (Bogotá). Research projects on regional competitiveness, decentralization, government-business relations, and corruption in Colombia and other Latin American countries

Education

2013- 2017 PhD in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Graduated, May 26, 2017.

Dissertation title: “Elusive Alliances: Local Government, Transnational Capital, and Regional Growth in Post-reform Mexico,” (with Honors)

- Passed with distinction, Latin America Studies comprehensive exam
- Passed with distinction, Comparative Politics comprehensive exam
- Passed International Economics comprehensive exam with highest possible marks
- Teaching Assistant: Microeconomics, Introduction to Economic Development
- Coursework: Applied Methods of Political Research, Theories and Methods of Qualitative Research, Econometrics, Applied Econometrics, Advanced Trade Theory
- Student Representative to the PhD Faculty Committee

2009-2011 MA in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (with honors).

- Editor of *The SAIS Review of International Affairs*
- Average GPA 3.95/4

2002-2006 Bachelor of Arts in Government. Harvard University.

- David Rockefeller Center for Latin America Studies Summer Research Grant recipient
- GPA 3.6/4

Publications

Book Manuscripts

Government-Business Relations and Regional Development in Post-Reform Mexico. 2019. New York, NY: Palgrave-Macmillan Press

Papers

“Foreign Direct Investment, Inter-governmental Relations, and Recentralization: a Theory based on the Latin American Experience”. Paper para ser presentado en la Conferencia Anual la Asociación de Estudios Latinoamericanos (LASA), May 24-29, 2019

“All Business Is Local: Large Firm Collective Action and Economic Governance in Two Mexican States”. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 5-8, 2018

“Toward a Common Trade Agenda: Latin America and India”. *Integration and Trade Journal*. July 2017.

“Viceroys in the States? The Political Economy of Subnational Fiscal Federalism in Mexico” Paper presented at the Latin America Studies Association Conference, May 28-31, 2016

“Internet Freedom and the Challenge of a Principled Foreign Policy” *The SAIS Review of International Affairs*. Vol. 30, No. 2, 2010.

“The United States, Europe, and the Threat of Radical Islam: Different Means of Engagement” *The SAIS Review of International Affairs*. Vol. 20, No. 1, 2010.

Book Chapters

“Regional Public Goods Cooperation: An Inductive Approach to Measuring Regional Public Goods,” in Antoni Esteveordal and Louis Goodman (eds.) *21st Century Cooperation Regional Public Goods, Global Governance, and Sustainable Development*. Routledge Press, 2017 (with Ted Liu)

“The Region Needs a Business Plan: Trade between Latin America, China, and India”, in Riordan Roett and Guadalupe Paz (eds.) *Latin America and the Asian Giants Evolving Ties with China and India*, 2016 (with Robert Devlin)

“Future Scenarios for Latin America's Relations with China and India”, in Riordan Roett and Guadalupe Paz (eds.) *Latin America and the Asian Giants Evolving Ties with China and India*, 2016 (with Mauricio Moreira)

“Cooperation between Latin America and Asia: Forging Linkages beyond Trade and Investment”, in Mauricio Mesquita Moreira (ed.) *Shaping the Future of the Asia-Latin America and the Caribbean Relationship*. Inter-American Development Bank (2012)

Working Papers

“Growth in Mexico’s Municipalities: Did democratization matter?” Working Paper. Johns Hopkins University. 2015.

Book Reviews

Fernando Ciaramitaro and Marcela Ferrari (coords.), *A través de otros cristales: Viejos y nuevos problemas de la historia política de Iberoamérica* in *Nuevos Mundos* (July 2016).

<http://nuevomundo.revues.org/69410>

Teaching

2017-2019, Adjunct Lecturer, International Economics Department, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; courses: International Trade Theory

2017-2018, Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science Department, Johns Hopkins University, course: Understanding Modern Mexico

2017-2018, Adjunct Lecturer, International Economic Relations Program, School of International Service (SIS), American University, course: International Economics

2014-2016, Visiting Professor, Social Sciences Department, Universidad Iberoamericana-Puebla, courses: Latin America in the Global Economy, Contemporary Latin American Politics (taught in Spanish), Seminar on Research Methods (taught in Spanish)

2013-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, International Economics Department, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), courses: Microeconomics, Introduction to Economic Development

Other Professional Experience

2018-2019 Consultant, Institutional Capacity of the State Division, Inter-American Development Bank; research on transparency and anti-corruption initiatives in public investment management in Latin America, using digital technologies

2017-2018 Consultant, Poverty Global Practice, the World Bank; support the Systematic Country Diagnostic for Mexico, identifying and quantifying the impact of governance constraints on growth, equity, and sustainability; produce inputs into Bank's Country Partnership Framework for Mexico

2012-present Consultant, Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-American Development Bank; Conducts technical research on Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) trade and investment, in particular focusing on China-LAC economic relations, regional public goods, and South-South Cooperation

2014-present Expert Contributor on Latin America, Oxford Analytica

2015 Consultant for Bertelsmann Institute, Mexico Ratings project

2011-2012 Consultant, Institutional Capacity of the State Division, Inter-American Development Bank

2008-2009 Reporter, *The Washington Examiner*, Washington DC.

2006-2008 Reporter, *The Santiago Times*, Santiago Chile.

Other Publications (Selected)

“Digital Technologies for Transparency in Public Investment: New Tools to Empower Citizens and Governments.” Discussion Paper No. IDB-DP-634. Inter-American Development Bank, 2018.

“Korea: New Frontiers in the Asia-Latin America Relationship”, Inter-American Development Bank, 2017.

“A Virtuous Cycle of Integration: The Past, Present, and Future of Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Relations”, Inter-American Development Bank, 2016.

“Korea and Latin America and the Caribbean: Striving for a Diverse and Dynamic Relationship” Inter-American Development Bank, 2015.

“LAC Investment in China: A New Chapter in Latin America and the Caribbean-China Relations” IDB monograph series; 138. Inter-American Development Bank, 2014.

“Japan and Latin America: Building a Sustainable Trans-Pacific Relationship”, Inter-American Development Bank, 2013.

“Pathways to China: the Story of Latin American Firms in the Chinese Market”, Inter-American Development Bank, 2012.

“From Information to Participation: the Potential of New Technologies in Accountability Initiatives,” with Paloma Baena. Discussion Paper No. 355. Inter-American Development Bank, 2012.

“Presidential Transitions in Latin America: Lessons from the North” Working Paper. Fundación CIPPEC, 2011.

Internet Publications

“Corruption in Mexico: A Challenge that Dwarfs Donald Trump”, December 9, 2016, <https://semancha.com/2016/12/09/corruption-in-mexico- a-challenge-that-dwarfs-donald-trump/>

“The Trump-AMLO Connection: More Complicated Than It Seems”, August 8, 2016, <https://semancha.com/2016/08/08/the-trump-amlo- connection-more-complicated-than-it-seems/>

“The Real Lesson of Mexico’s State Elections” *Americas Quarterly Online*. June 9, 2016, <http://www.americasquarterly.org/content/real-lesson- mexicos-state-elections>

“Impeachment in Brazil: After the chips fall”, April 22, 2016, <https://semancha.com/2016/04/22/impeachment-in-brazil-after-the-chips- fall/>

“Mexico’s Mid-term Elections: Six Questions”, June 3, 2015, <http://semancha.com/2015/06/03/mexicos-mid-term-elections-six-questions/>

“US Policy in Latin America: What a difference a decade makes”, February 19, 2015, <http://semancha.com/2015/02/19/us-policy-in-latin-america-what-a-difference-a-decade-makes/>

“Security-Mexico’s Missing Reform”, August 13, 2014, <http://semancha.com/2014/08/13/security- mexicos-missing-reform/>

“China and Japan in Latin America—What Competition?”, August 5, 2014, <http://semancha.com/2014/08/05/china-and-japan-in-latin-america-what-competition/>

“Brazilian Bonds: Hot or Not?”, March 27, 2014, <http://semancha.com/2014/03/27/brazilian-bonds- hot- or-not/>

“Mexico’s Energy Reforms—We Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet”, January 31, 2014, <http://semancha.com/2014/01/31/mexicos-energy-reforms-we-aint-seen-nothing-yet/>

“NAFTA at 20: A Good Deal for Mexico?”, January 3, 2014, <http://semancha.com/2014/01/03/nafta-at-20-a-good-deal-for-mexico/>

“Chinese Investment in Latin America: Much Ado about Next to Nothing”, November 20, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/11/20/chinese-investment-in-latin-america-much-ado-about-next-to-nothing/>

“Brazil: Why the Protests didn’t sink Dilma”, November 1, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/11/01/brazil-why-the-protests-didnt-sink-dilma/>

“Mexico: Reforming Ain’t Easy”, October 9, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/10/09/mexico-reforming-aint-easy/>

“Thoughts on Two September 11s”, September 11, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/09/11/thoughts-on-two-september-11s/>

“TPP and the Pacific Alliance: Two Visions of Asia-Latin America Trade”, September 2, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/09/02/tpp-and-the-pacific-alliance-two-visions-of-asia-latin-america-trade/>

“The Other Side of the Eike Batista Case”, August 8, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/08/08/the-other-side-of-the-eike-batista-case/>

“After the ‘Golden Years,’ what next for Latin America?”, July 25, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/07/25/after-the-golden-years-what-next-for-latin-america/>

“Mexico: What Local Elections mean for the Peña Nieto Sexenio”, July 10, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/07/10/mexico-what-do-local-elections-mean-for-the-pena-nieto-sexenio/>

“The Piñera Presidency: A Most Successful Failure”, June 19, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/06/19/the-pinera-presidency/>

“Mexico – China Relations: Flipping the Script?”, June 4, 2013 <http://semancha.com/2013/06/04/mexico-china-relations-flipping-the-script/>

“Maduro, Dilma and the Future of Mercosur”, May 21, 2013, <http://semancha.com/2013/05/21/maduro-dilma-and-the-future-of-mercosur/>