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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland
Assistant Professor School of Politics and International Relations 2022–
Faculty Fellow Geary Institute for Public Policy 2022–

University of Notre Dame

Indiana, USA
Research Affiliate Violence and Transitional Justice Lab 2020–

National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)

Mexico
Junior Fellow 2022–2025

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)

Mexico City, Mexico
Assistant Professor in International Studies 2019–2022

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Indiana, USA
PhD Political Science 2019
MA Political Science 2014
MA Peace Studies 2012

Universidad de la República

Montevideo, Uruguay
Graduate Diploma International Studies 2009
BA Political Science 2008

PUBLICATIONS Peer-Reviewed

[“Police Reform in the Aftermath of Armed Conflict: How Militarization and Accountability Affect Police Violence,”](#) OnlineFirst *Journal of Peace Research*, 2023

[“Policing the Urban Poor: Support for Punitiveness and Police Violence in a Latin American City,”](#) with Veronica Perez Bentancur, OnlineFirst *Journal of Urban Affairs, Special Issue on Policing in the 21st Century*, 2022

[“How Climate Change Affects Organized Criminal Group Behavior,”](#) OnlineFirst *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2022

[“Iteration in Mixed-methods Research Designs Combining Experiments and Fieldwork,”](#) with Veronica Perez Bentancur, OnlineFirst *Sociological Methods & Research*, 2022

“International Factors,” with Michael Coppedge, Ben Denison, Paul Friesen and Yang Xu. In Michael Coppedge, Amanda B. Edgell, Carl Henrik Knutsen and Staffan I. Lindberg (eds.), *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*, Cambridge University Press, 2022

“Breaking State Impunity in Post-Authoritarian Regimes: Why Transitional Justice Processes Deter Criminal Violence in New Democracies,” with Guillermo Trejo and Juan Albarracin, *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(6):787–809, 2018

Editor Reviewed

“Transparency and Replicability in Mixed-Methods Designs Using Experiments,” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research*, Fall 2021 - Spring 2022, Vol. 19.2 / 20.1

“Authoritarian Police in Democracy,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(3):1028-1029, 2021.

Not peer-reviewed

“International Influence: The Hidden Dimension,” with Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, Paul Friesen and Yang Xu, Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 119. May 2021

“Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial and Neighbor Networks,” with Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison and Staffan I. Lindberg, Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 2. March 2015

**BOOK
MANUSCRIPTS**

“Why Transitional Justice Deters Criminal Violence in New Democracies: Truth, Justice and the Construction of Peaceful Societies,” with Guillermo Trejo and Juan Ablarracin (in progress)

**WORK IN
PROGRESS**

“Criminal Market Expansion” with Chelsea Estancona (*revise and resubmit*)

“Gendarmes and Soldiers: Exploring Drivers of Police and Military Specialization during Civil Wars,” with Peter White (*under review*)

“Mall Cop or Robocop? Political Determinants of Police Militarization in Brazil,” with Juan Albarracin (*under review*)

“Supporting Mano Dura: Police Reform and Public Opinion Perceptions of Deservingness” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, Juan Albarracin and Leslie MacColman (*under review*)

“Attitudes Towards Police Militarization in Latin America,” with Abby Cordova

“Socialization in the Colombian Armed Forces and Implications for Post-Conflict Transitions,” with Alejandra Ortiz-Ayala

“Post-conflict Police Reform and Criminal Violence: Lessons from South Africa”

“Mano Dura: Conceptualizing Public Security Policy,” with Veronica Perez

“Organized Criminal Violence in Uruguay” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, Ines Fynn and Gustavo Diaz

“Criminal Governance in Mexico amid the Covid-19 pandemic” with Sandra Ley and Tiago Ventura

”Supply Chain Disruptions and Criminal Governance in Mexico,” with Chelsea Estancona

“Assessing the quality of evidence in qualitative research: lessons from research on criminal governance strategies in Montevideo, Uruguay,” with Ines Fynn and Veronica Perez Bentancur

“Do list experiments reduce social desirability bias?” with Sandra Ley and Tiago Ventura

“An application of network methods to estimate the size of hard-to-reach populations,” with Gustavo Diaz, Verónica Pérez Bentancur and Inés Fynn

GRANTS

“Small Grants to Develop Studies on Hard to Reach Populations,” WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2022 (Co-PI, \$ 2,600)

“Attitudinal Change and Support for the Militarization of Public Security: Evidence from a Panel Study in Mexico,” Notre Dame International Mexico Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2021 (Co-PI, \$ 10,000)

“Organized Crime Presence in Montevideo, Uruguay,” National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII) of Uruguay, 2021 (Co-PI, \$ 25,000)

“Criminal governance amid the COVID-19 pandemic: Explaining violence and goods provision as public health responses by organized crime groups in Mexico,” Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), 2021 (Co-PI, \$ 10,000)

“Police Capacity, Practices and Citizen’s Perceptions,” National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII) of Uruguay, 2019 (Co-PI, \$ 25,000)

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science, Keough School of Global Affairs, Gender Studies Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Grant to organize the conference New Research by Women Studying Violence, 2019 (\$ 15,000)

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science, Keough School of Global Affairs, Gender Studies Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Grant to organize the conference New Research by Women Studying Violence, 2018 (\$ 10,000)

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Graduate Student Research Grant, 2016 (\$ 7,000)

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Graduate Student Research Grant, 2016 (\$ 3,000)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) Fellowship, 2022–2025

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018–2019

Outstanding Doctoral Student Contributions Award, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 2018

Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, Graduate Student Union Honorable Mention, 2017

Department of Political Science, Professional Development Award, 2017

USAID–Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development, Research Fellowship, Spring and Summer 2017

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, PhD Fellowship, 2012–2017

USAID, Research and Innovation Fellowship, Fall 2015

Varieties of Democracy Project, University of Notre Dame, Research Fellowship, 2014–2015

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, MA Full scholarship, 2010–2012

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Professional Development Award, 2014, 2017

University of Notre Dame, Professional Development Award, 2013, 2014

**INVITED
SEMINARS &
TALKS**

“Effective and Innovative Policymaking in Contested Contexts Colloquium,” University of Erfurt, November 30, 2022

University of Oxford, November 22, 2022

“Ensuring Justice for Venezuela” conference, Caracas, July 6-8, 2022

University of California, San Diego, USMEX Center, May 16, 2022

United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC), Regional Meeting on Strategies to Combat Organized Crime, Panama, March 28-31, 2022

University of Konstanz, June 22, 2021

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, May 5, 2021

The University of Utah, April 23, 2021

Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia, CIDE, June 18, 2021

”[Police Militarization: Notes for Debate](#),” Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, May 26, 2021.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, May 8, 2021.

”[Violence and Security Sector Reform: Elements for Debate](#),” Universidad ICESI, September 23, 2020.

Emory University, September 22, 2020

Ministry of Interior – National Agency for Research and Innovation, Montevideo – Uruguay, July 2020

Folke Bernadotte Academy, New York, September 4-6, 2019

Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame, October 23, 2018

Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development–USAID, San Salvador, El Salvador, 2017

University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2017

The Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame, 2017

Varieties of Democracy Launch Workshop, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 2016

**WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCE
PRESENTA-
TIONS**

EGAP Annual Meeting October 28–29, 2022

“Illicit Economies and Informal Actors Mini-conference,” University of California San Diego, October 14–15, 2022 (co-organizer)

“Hard-to-reach Populations in Political Science Research,” WZB Berlin Social Science Center, March 10–11, 2022

“Facebook as a Research Tool,” Demed, University of Glasgow, November 2021

“From Cocaine to Avocados: Criminal Market Expansion and Violence,” with Chelsea Estancona, CIDE Politics Workshop, November 3, 2021, Carolinas’ Conflict Workshop, January 29, 2021

“Policing the urban poor: support for punitiveness and police violence in a Latin American City,” Global Law and Politics Workshop, April 7, 2021

“Criminality and Conflict,” with Chelsea Estancona, Peace Science Society workshop 2020 (organizers)

“Gendarmes and Soldiers: Exploring Drivers of Police and Military Specialization During Civil Wars,” with Peter White, Peace Science Society workshop 2020, ISA 2019

“Supporting Mano Dura: Policing Practices and Public Opinion in Uruguay,” University of Notre Dame, Kellogg-Kroc Workshop on Crime and Violence, August 17, 2020

“Security Sector Reform and Its Consequences: Police Militarization and Violence in the Aftermath of Armed Conflict,” Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Working Group Meeting, New York, September 2019

“Supporting Mano Dura: Police Practices and Citizen’s Perceptions of Deservingness,” with Verónica Pérez, Juan Albarracín, and Leslie MacColman, APSA 2019, Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research 2019, ISA 2020 (cancelled), Oxford University Security and Criminality in the Americas Conference (postponed).

“Varieties of democracy, International Factors,” with Michael Coppedge, Ben Denison and Paul Friesen, V-Dem Academic Conference, University of Gothenburg, 2019

“Climate Change and Organized Crime,” with Patrick Regan, APSA 2018

“Mall Cop or Robocop? Political Determinants of Police Militarization,” with Juan Albarracin, WPSA 2018 and LASA 2018

“Lethal Weapons: Police Reform and Criminal Violence in Post-conflict contexts 1989-2014,” Peace Science Society, 2016; LASA 2017; ISA 2018

“Securing the Peace? Police Reform and Police Violence in South Africa and Brazil,” LASA 2016

“Violent Legacies: Police Reform and Transition to Peace in South Africa,” ISA, Junior Scholars Symposium, 2016

“Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Neighbors, Trade, and Alliance Networks,” with Michael Coppedge, Ben Denison and Staffan I. Lindberg, V-Dem Research Conference University of Gothenburg 2016; APSA 2015, 2016.

“At Home or Abroad? Explaining the Choice Between Domestic and International Terrorism,” ISA, Junior Scholars Symposium, 2015

“Transitional Justice Mechanisms and Criminal Violence in New Democracies: Evidence from Latin America,” with Guillermo Trejo and Juan Albarracin, ACPOL and LASA, 2014

TEACHING

School of Politics and International Relations, UCD

Undergraduate:

“The Politics of Organized Crime” Fall 2022

Graduate:

“Qualitative Research Design” Spring 2023

“International Security” Spring 2023

Division of International Studies, CIDE

Undergraduate:

“Visualizing Politics” Spring 2020, 2021

“International Security” Fall 2020, 2021

Graduate:

“Crime and Violence in Mexico and Latin America” Spring 2020, 2021,
(short course, graduate diploma) Fall 2021

“International Organization” Spring 2021
(short course, graduate seminar)

Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Instructor of Record “Causes and Consequences of Terrorism” Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant “Introduction to International Relations” Fall 2013

Department of Political Science, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

Co-Instructor “Introduction to Public Policy” Spring 2010

ADVISING

School of Politics and International Relations, UCD

Undergraduate Thesis Direction

Ciara De Butler, “Populist leaders and right-wing violence” 2022–2023

Division of International Studies, CIDE

Undergraduate Thesis Direction

Camila Rodriguez, "Policing Protest in Mexico" (distinction) 2021–2022
Pablo Paras, "State Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (distinction) 2020–2021
Natalia Sanchez, "Municipal Police Militarization in Mexico" (distinction) 2020–2021
Maria Fernanda Mercado, "Public Opinion and Violence in Mexico" 2019–2020

**POLICY
REPORTS**

"Opportunities and Challenges in Civil and Political Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, 30 years after Esquipulas II, using VDem data," white paper, University of Notre Dame–Keough School of Global Affairs–USAID, 2017

"On Corruption in South Africa: an Alternative Interpretation for the Case of the Police Service." Occasional Papers Series, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011

2011 South Africa Reconciliation Barometer Report. With Kate Lefko-Everett and Ayanda Nyoka, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011

"Economic Security in a Time of Uncertainty: A South African Public Opinion Perspective." with Jan Hofmeyr. In Transformation Audit 2011, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011

MEDIA

["Colombia: Derecho a la Protesta y Violencia Policial"](#), *CIPER Académico*, May 12, 2021

["Crime and Conflict: Where we are and Where we are Headed in Research"](#), *PEV-CIDE*, November 23, 2020, with Chelsea Estancona

["¿Por qué persiste la violencia policial?"](#), *CIPER Académico*, October 3, 2020

["Sobre los Costos del Punitivismo"](#), *La Diaria*, June 25, 2020, with Veronica Perez

[Live Interview on Police Violence in the USA](#), France 24, June 16, 2020 (in Spanish)

["Para Vivir Sin Miedo"](#), *La Diaria*, October 23, 2019, with Veronica Perez

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development **USA**
Technical Assistance, Fundación Myrna Mack, Guatemala 2018–2019

Institute for Justice and Reconciliation **Cape Town, South Africa**
Research Fellow, USAID Fall 2015
Research Fellow, Kroc Institute Fall 2011

United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office **Montevideo, Uruguay**
Specialist 2007 – 2010

**OTHER
TRAINING &
SKILLS**

ICPSR Bayesian Statistics 2020
EGAP Experimental Research Training 2019
ICPSR Bayesian Multi-Level Modeling 2017
IQMR Summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2015
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2013

Technology: STATA, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS
Languages: Spanish (fluent), English (fluent), French (basic)

FIELDWORK Uruguay 2019, 2021, interviews and observation
South Africa 2011, 2015, 2017, interviews and observation

SERVICE **To the discipline:**
Reviewer, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine 2022
Organizing Committee, Latin American Peace Science Annual Conference 2022
Section Chair, MPSA Annual Conference 2021
Organizer, Women Studying Violence Workshop 2018, 2019
Search Committee Member, Keough School for Global Affairs 2016

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politica y Gobierno*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Third World Quarterly*, *World Development*, *FONDECYT (Chilean fund for science and technology)*, *ANII (Uruguayan agency for research and innovation)*

To the University:
UCD
Coordinator, SPIRe Seminar Series 2022–
Member, Research Committee 2022–
Member, Research Ethics Committee 2022–

CIDE
Chair, Institutional Review Board (IRB) 2020 – 2022
Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee 2020 – 2022
Member, Library Committee 2019 – 2022
Member, Methods Curriculum Implementation Committee 2021 – 2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society, Latin American Studies Association, Uruguayan Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Guillermo Trejo Professor of Political Science University of Notre Dame gtrejo@nd.edu	Michael Coppedge Professor of Political Science University of Notre Dame mcoppedg@nd.edu
Sarah Daly Associate Professor of Political Science Columbia University sd2623@columbia.edu	Patrick Regan Professor of Political Science and Peace Studies (retired) University of Notre Dame patrickregan@crossroads-solar.com