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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Department of Politics, Ph.D., 2003

Fields: Political Theory, Latin American Politics, and Comparative Politics

Dissertation: “Machiavelli and Nietzsche: The Art and Agon of the Political”

Committee: George Kateb, Maurizio Viroli, and Stephen Macedo

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Master’s in Public Policy, 1996

Field: Political and Economic Development. Ricardo Godoy, Advisor

Thesis: “Examining Bolivia’s Social Policy: Decentralization and the Fondo de Inversión Social”

The University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, doctoral program, 1996-1997

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, College of Social Studies, B.A., 1993

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Texas A&M University, Full Professor, Department of Political Science, Bush School of Government, College Station, TX, August 2020-.

Texas A&M University, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, College Station, TX, 2012 –.

Texas A&M University, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College Station, TX, 2005 – 2012.

Yale University, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Presidential Visiting Fellowship. New Haven, CT, 2017-2018.

Wesleyan University, External Examiner, College of Social Studies Sophomore Comprehensive Exams. Middletown, CT. Social/Political Theory examiner, 2002, 2003, 2018. Visitor/Advisor, CSS, February 1-9, 2020.

Stanford University, Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA, 2009-2010.

Institute for Advanced Study, Member, School of Social Science, Princeton, NJ, 2008-2009.

Columbia University, Visiting Scholar, Latin American Studies, New York, NY, 2004-2005.

Hunter College, City University of New York, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, New York, NY, 2004-2005.

Vassar College, Consortium for a Strong Minority Presence Postdoctoral Latino Faculty Fellow, Political Science Department, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2003-2004.

Williams College, Bolin Predoctoral Latino Faculty Fellow/Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Williamstown, MA, 2002-2003.

Princeton University, Research Assistant, Center for Human Values, Princeton, NJ, 2001-2002.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Theoretical:

- Comparative/Global Political Theory
(Latin American/European Political Thought; Comparative Democratic Theory)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration
- History of Modern Political Thought (from Machiavelli to Nietzsche)

Practical:

- Political and Economic Development (Bolivia/lithium/political economy)
- Ethics and Public Policy/Administration

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Report

von Vacano, Diego, A. "Miracle or Mirage? Lithium Governance and Prospects in Bolivia."
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Latin America Program.
February 17, 2024.

Edited Volume

von Vacano, Diego A. and Kazuko Suzuki (eds.) *Reconsidering Race: Social Science Perspectives on Racial Categories in the Age of Genomics*. Oxford University Press. Preface by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (published June 2018).

Reviewed in the journals:

Perspectives on Politics, Vol. 17, No. 2, June 2019
American Journal of Human Biology, December 12, 2018

Annual Review Article

von Vacano, Diego A. "The Scope of Comparative Political Theory," *Annual Review of Political*

Refereed Monographs

von Vacano, Diego A. *The Color of Citizenship: Race, Modernity and Latin American/Hispanic Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2012; paperback in February 2014)

Reviewed in the journals:

- *Hispanic American Historical Review* (2015 95(1): 142-144)
- *Review of Politics* (76: 2014; p. 1-3)
- *Perspectives on Politics* (Volume 11, Issue 1, March 2013, 303-305)
- *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (March 2013)
- *CHOICE* (June 2012)

von Vacano, Diego A. *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory* (Lexington/Rowman & Littlefield, 2006. Paperback in 2007)

Reviewed in the journals:

- *Studia Humana* (Volume 1:2, 2012)
- *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* (Issue 37/38, 2009)
- *The Review of Politics* (71:152-154, 2009)
- *Redescriptions: Yearbook of Political Thought* (Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2009)
- *The Agonist (Nietzsche Circle)* (December 2008)
- *Perspectives on Politics* (Volume 6, Issue 1, pp 170-171, March 2008)
- *Political Theory* (February 2008)
- *Theory and Event* (December 2007)
- *CHOICE* (September 2006)

Book Workshops:

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. "Author Meets Critics," *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory*, by Diego von Vacano. Event organized by Dr. Yuval Jobani. 05/20/2009. Comments by Professors Aurelian Craiutu, Darrel Moellendorf, Yuval Jobani, and Zouhair Ghazzal.

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. "Author Meets Readers," *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory*, by Diego von Vacano. Event organized by Dr. Dan Conway (Professor, Philosophy, TAMU). Commentators: Robert Gooding-Williams (Professor, University of Chicago) and Christopher Swift (Communications, TAMU), Texas A&M University, 02/10/2009

Refereed Journal Articles

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| 2019 | von Vacano, Diego A. "American Caudillo: Princely Performative Populism and Democracy in the Americas." <i>Philosophy & Social Criticism</i> , Vol 45 Issue 4, p. 413- 428. |
| 2012 | von Vacano, Diego. A. "Las Casas and the Birth of Race." <i>History of Political Thought</i> . Vol. 33 No. 3, Autumn 2012, pp. 401-426. |
| 2012 | von Vacano, Diego A. "The Form of Freedom in Plato's <i>Laws</i> ." |

Refereed Book Chapters

- 2011 von Vacano, Diego A. "Zarathustra *Criollo*: Vasconcelos on Race." In *Forging People: Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality in Hispanic American and Latino/a Thought*, edited by Jorge J.E. Gracia. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press.
- 2007 von Vacano, Diego A. "Race and Political Theory: Lessons from Latin America." In *Race or Ethnicity? On Black and Latino Identity*, edited by Jorge J.E. Gracia. Ithaca: Cornell University Press: 248-266.

Non-Refereed Book Chapters

- 2008 von Vacano, Diego A. Book Chapter "Immigrantenidentität und politische Theorie." In *Integration und Identität in Einwanderungsgesellschaften. Herausforderungen und transatlantische Antworten*, edited by Michael Meimeth, John Robertson, and Susanne Talmon. Baden-Baden, Germany: NOMOS Verlag.

Book Reviews

- 2012 von Vacano, Diego A. Book Review of *The Legal Foundations of Inequality: Constitutionalism in the Americas, 1776-1860*, by Roberto Gargarella (2010, Cambridge University Press). *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2012).
- 2010 von Vacano, Diego A. Book Review of *Twenty Theses on Politics* by Enrique Dussel (2008, Duke University Press). *Perspectives on Politics* March 2011 issue, vol. 8, no. 1.
- 2007 von Vacano, Diego A. Book Review of *The Heart of Judgment: Practical Wisdom, Neuroscience, and Narrative* by Leslie Paul Thiele (2010, Cambridge University Press). *Theory and Event* 2007 issue, vol. 10, no. 4.

Non-Refereed Article

- 2004 von Vacano, Diego A. "Football and Philosophy." *Philosophy TODAY*, 17: 45. British Society for Applied Philosophy, University of London, p. 20-27.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 von Vacano, Diego A. Encyclopedia Entry: "Race in Latin America." *Encyclopedia of Postcolonial Studies*. Editor, A. Moreiras. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2013 von Vacano, Diego A. Encyclopedia Entry: "Latin American Political Thought." *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Editor, Gregory Claeys. Sage.
- 2013 von Vacano, Diego A. Encyclopedia Entry: "Latin American Political Thought." *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Editor, Michael Gibbons. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2010 von Vacano, Diego A. Encyclopedia Entry "Machiavelli." In *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, edited by Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

BOOK SERIES

Oxford Studies in Comparative Political Theory. Chief Editor: Diego von Vacano (2018-present)
Oxford University Press

Consulting Editors: Andrew March (UMass Amherst) and Loubna el Amine (Northwestern)

Misplaced Ideas? Political-Intellectual History in Latin America, by Dr. Elias Palti. Published February 11, 2024.

Democracy After Virtue: the Philosophical Challenges to Confucian Democracy, by Dr. Sungmoon Kim. Published June 1, 2018.

Tantric State: A Buddhist Approach to Democracy and Development in Bhutan, by Dr. William Long. Published December 1, 2018.

Forthcoming books by Elton Chan, Kevin Pham, and Mohammed Bassiouni.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Forthcoming Monograph

Power over Energy: Lithium, Bolivia, and the Global Struggle for the New Green Economy

Under contract, Oxford University Press

(Heretical Thought Book Series. First draft completed; 250 pp., expected December 2024)

Book examining the political economy of sustainable development focused on Bolivia's lithium and the global struggle for its control. The book examines Bolivia's attempt to secure sovereignty in the face of external and internal pressures over control of the nascent lithium sector. Work is in part based on my own personal experience as an advisor to President Luis Arce of Bolivia between 2019 and 2022. Also employs Comparative Political Theory to examine Bolivia's political ideology and culture as the framework of the nation's lithium debates.

RESEARCH PROGRAMS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Research Program

- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Texas A&M Energy Institute Bolivia Collaborative. Lead PI for a project to work with various government agencies in the energy sector of Bolivia, including lithium, natural gas and renewables in relation to climate change. Work on political economy of lithium, education programs, and events. Under auspices of TAMU Energy Institute (Initiated April 13, 2021).

Major National/International Faculty Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Honors

- von Vacano, Diego A. Texas A&M Chancellor and Board of Regents, selected as “Nationally and Internationally Recognized Faculty.” November 14, 2018.
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Visiting Presidential Fellowship, Yale University, Department of Political Science, Visiting Associate Professor, 2017-2018 (\$90,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2009-2010 (\$40,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Member Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton, NJ, 2008-2009 (\$40,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Career Enhancement Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, NJ, 2008-2009 (\$40,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Faculty Fellowship, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2008-2009 (declined)

Other Fellowships/Grants

- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Faculty Research Grant, Glasscock Humanities Center. For “American Caudillo: Between Populism and Democracy.” April 2019. Texas A&M University (\$5,000)
- Yale University ‘Statement Maker’ Fellowship. Selected for program to facilitate scholars’ publication of articles in media (September 2017)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). 2017 Arts and Humanities Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts. For new book project on transcultural democracy; three-year project. (\$15,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Major Speakers Grant, Glasscock Humanities Center. For lecture by Prof. Stephen Macedo, Princeton University. May 2016. Texas A&M University (\$3,500)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Publication Assistance Grant, Glasscock Humanities Center. For “The Evo Morales Experiment.” 2016. Texas A&M University (\$800)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant, awarded April 4, 2014. “Immigrant Identity: A Comparative Political Theory Perspective.” Texas A&M University (\$9,458)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). College of Liberal Arts Strategic Development Fund, awarded June 2012. “Comparative Democratic Theory from a Global Perspective.” Workshop to be held in October 2013, Texas A&M University (\$26,600)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (Co-PI) with Kazuko Suzuki, Sociology Department (Co-PI). College of Liberal Arts Strategic Development Fund, awarded June 2011. “Reconsidering Race: Cross-Disciplinary and Inter-Disciplinary Perspectives.” Workshop, May 3-4, 2013, Texas

A&M University (\$26,600)

- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Cantú Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment Grants. To work with undergraduate students Carlos Hernández and Christian Pérez, Texas A&M University, May 2011 (\$1,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). “Immigrant Identity in a Cosmopolitan World,” Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Texas A&M University, 2010 (\$9,985.50)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). College of Liberal Arts travel grant to the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, to give two lectures on immigrant identity and race, Texas A&M University, 2010 (\$1,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). “Diversity and Democracy in Bolivia,” International Research Related Travel Grant (IRTAG), Texas A&M University, 2010 (\$1,600)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Archive travel grant to Buenos Aires Argentina, Immigrant Identity project, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, 2010 (\$1,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Stipendiary Grant, immigrant identity project Bolivia/Argentina, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, 2010 (\$1,500)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Conference Organization: “Immigration and National Identity.” Grant, College of Liberal Arts (\$12,300); Glasscock Center (\$3,500); Cantú Endowment (\$2,000); Departments of POLS, SOC, PHIL, ANTH, HIST (\$2,550), Texas A&M University, February 2007
- von Vacano, Diego A. Faculty Seminar Travel Grant, Freedom in Latin American Political Theory, Liberty Fund, Mexico City, 2007 (\$3,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. Internal Faculty Fellow, Glasscock Humanities Center, Fall 2007.
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). “Immigration and National Identity: A Transatlantic Comparison,” European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University, 2007 (\$2,965)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Faculty Stipendiary Grant, “The Color of Citizenship,” Glasscock Center for Humanities, Texas A&M University, 2007 (\$1,500)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Faculty Abroad Seminar Grant, Office of Latin American Programs, Mexico, Texas A&M University, 2006 (\$3,760)
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). Faculty Fellowship, “The Color of Citizenship: Learning from Latin American Political Thought,” Mexican-American/Latino Research Center, Texas A&M University, 2005-2008 (\$5,000)
- von Vacano, Diego A. Seminar Participation Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Seminar in Latin American Philosophy, SUNY Buffalo, 2005 (\$2,500)
- von Vacano, Diego A. Ethics Postdoctoral Fellowship, Université de Montréal, 2003 (declined)

- von Vacano, Diego A. Frederick Douglass Minority Teaching Grant, Political Science Department, West Chester University, Summer 2002
- von Vacano, Diego A. Research Grant, Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ 2001. “Immigrants’ Educational Options in Northern Virginia.”
- von Vacano, Diego A. Mellon Prize Graduate Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2000-2001
- von Vacano, Diego A. Princeton University Presidential Fellowship, 1997-2001
- von Vacano, Diego A. Cuban Scholarly Exchange Grant, The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business /Center for Latin American Studies, 1997. Research on education policy in Cuba.
- von Vacano, Diego A. Latino Graduate Fellowship Program, American Political Science Association, 1994/1996
- von Vacano, Diego A. Andrew W. Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program, 1990-2005

Grant Proposals in Development

- von Vacano, Diego A. (Co-PI). TAMU X-Grant Proposal (Started December 2020; due April 2021). “Next-Generation Carbon Composite Materials Underpinning the Energy Storage-Natural Resource Nexus.” Interdisciplinary project to develop energy-storage technologies for green energy. Major focus on lithium batteries. I focus on the political economy dimensions of lithium batteries especially for developing countries (focus on lithium-rich Bolivia with an MOU with the Government of Bolivia). Co-PI’s are: Profs. Lei Fang (Chemistry); Jodie Lutkenhaus (Chemical Engineering); Sarbajit Banerjee (Chemistry); Mohammad Naraghi (Aerospace Engineering); Hongcai Zhou (Chemistry); Matt Pharr (Mechanical Engineering); Mohammed al-Hashimi (TAMU Qatar Engineering Science).
- von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). “Elite Soccer Education Conference.” With Aspire Zone Foundation of Qatar, TAMU Qatar, and Yale University’s School of Management. Working on a grant proposal to fund a multi-year international soccer education and industry conference based on the successful ‘Yale Soccer Conference’ in 2019. Proposal currently evaluated by Aspire Zone Foundation. Team: Dr. Kazuko Suzuki (TAMU), Thairo Arruda and Joao Lacombe (Yale). (Started in February 2019. Submitted December 26, 2021 for event on December 26, 2022).

Other Grants Applied for:

TAMU Global Engagement Grant (Applied in March 2019; not received)
 TAMU X-Grant: Genomics and Racial Categories in Social Science (Applied in January 2019; not received)

CLASSES TAUGHT

Yale University

Spring 2018

Seminar: Immigration Ethics (20 students)

(Teaching Evaluation: 4.4 over 5.0; sixth-highest rating out of 72 courses in semester)

Graduate Independent Reading Course on Latin American Political Thought

With graduate student Daniel Hirschel-Burns

Fall 2017

Seminar: Latin American Political Thought (10 students)

(Teaching Evaluation: 4.7 over 5.0; third-highest rating out of 82 courses in semester)

Graduate Independent Reading Course on Comparative Political Theory

With graduate Student Nishin Nathwani

Texas A&M University

Courses taught:

POLS 203 Introduction to Political Theory (capped at 60 students)

POLS 362 Energy Geopolitics in Latin America (33 students)

POLS 306-502 Immigration and Political Theory (enrollment 36 students)

POLS 362-500 Latin American Political Thought (enrollment 36 students)

POLS 650: Machiavellian Political Thought (graduate seminar; 5 students)

POLS 650 Ethics of Immigration (graduate seminar; enrollment 9 students)

POLS 674 Race, Ethnicity and American Politics (with Michael Jones-Correa and F. Pedraza)

POLS 689-602 Special Topics Graduate Seminar [Race and Political Theory] (enrollment: 5)

POLS 654 Graduate Seminar in Latin American Political Philosophy (enrollment: 5)

University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Summer 2014

Immigration and Political Theory (graduate seminar, Political Science Department, enrollment six students; two-week course)

Hunter College, NY

Spring 2005

Democracy and Dictatorship (enrollment: 32)

Latin American Political Thought (enrollment: 30)

Fall 2004

Latin American Political Thought (enrollment: 30)

The Art of Power: Aesthetics and Politics (enrollment: 28)

Vassar College, NY

Spring 2004

The Art of Power: Understanding Politics Aesthetically (enrollment: 31)

Fall 2003

Latin American Political Philosophy Seminar (enrollment: 6)

Williams College, MA

Spring 2002

History of Latin American Political Theory (enrollment: 33)

West Chester University, PA

Summer 2002

History of Modern Political Thought (enrollment: 20)

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND COMMITTEE SERVICE

Escuela de Cuadros Chato Peredo, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Academic Advisor. Advising students for international education and policy work. Frequent speaker for their Speakers Series (July 2021-2022).

TAMU, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPS), Diversity Excellence Fellowship, Reviewer, AY 2018-219.

TAMU: Senior Thesis advisor, Fathima Castillo (2019).

At Yale University (2017-2018):

Mentored 5 Latina students

(Vargas, Barros, de Jesus, Melchor, Berka)

Spring 2018:

Senior Theses advisor on immigration ethics topics:

Rosa Vargas (Ethics, Politics and Economics major)

Madison de Jesus (Philosophy major)

Maria Melchor (Political Science major)

Advised and wrote recommendation letter for Delia Berka (awarded Bouchet Fellowship at Yale)

Fall 2017:

Senior Thesis advisor for: Ana Barros (Poli Sci major) (immigration ethics/Latin America).

TAMU Graduate Student Dissertation Advising:

- Co-Chair, Graduate Advisory Committee, Guillaume Bogiaris (Defended Dec. 2017)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Matthew Wester (Philosophy)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Megan Dyer (December 2016)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Peyton Wofford (December 2015)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Brad Goodine (August 2013)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Ted Brown (August 2013)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Roberto Loureiro (September 2010)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Daniel Betti (May 2010)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Mary Elizabeth Sullivan (May 2010)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Christie Maloyed (April 2010)

Other Committee Service

- Director, Political Theory Convocation, 2011-13; 2013-2015

(For Ethics and Politics: 2016: Invited Profs. Jacob Levy, McGill; John Roemer, Yale)

- Member, Graduate Committee, 2012-2013; 2013-2015
- Member, REP Search Committee, 2012-2013
- Member, Manuel Teodoro Tenure Committee, 2012-2013
- Member, Diversity Committee, 2011-12
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007-2008
- Glasscock Humanities Center Advisory Committee, 2013-2016
- Cantú Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment, undergraduate advising, Christian Pérez and Carlos Hernández, Spring 2011
- Cantú Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment, undergraduate advising, Perla Lopez and Ricardo Mercado. Spring 2019 for work in summer 2019.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Venice Multidisciplinary World Conference on Republics and Republicanism. Venice International University, Venice Italy. “Global Machiavellian Republicanism, Bolivarianism and Climate Change Policy.” May 24-26, 2024.

APSA 2019, Washington, DC. “El Presidente Trump: Between Populism and Democracy in the Americas.” Foundations of Political Theory. Panel: ‘Rethinking Populism.’ August 2019.

“Transcultural Democracy: Bolivia's 2009 Constitution, Latin American post-republicanism and comparative democratic theory.” European Society for the History of Political Thought, “Constitutional Moments. Founding Myths, Charters and Constitutions through History.” Barcelona, Spain, 10/19-21/ 2016.

“Immigrant Identity and Cosmopolitanism,” Western Political Science Association conference, San Antonio, Texas, 04/21/2011.

“Paradox of Empire: Las Casas and the Birth of Race,” Association for Political Theory, Reed College, 10/2010.

“Race in Latin American Political Thought,” American Sociological Association, “Race in the Americas” panel. Invited by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Duke), Presidential Panel. Atlanta, Georgia, 08/17/2010.

“Paradox of Empire: Las Casas and the Birth of Race,” Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA, 04/03/ 2010.

“Immigrant Identity in a Cosmopolitan World,” Association for Political Theory, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 10/2009.

“Immigrant Identity,” International Political Theory Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland, 07/2008.

“Three Kinds of Latin American Constitutions,” Constitutional Experiences in Federal Polities, paper presented at the ASKO Europa Stiftung Symposium, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 10/2007.

“Race and Republicanism in Latin American Political Thought,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 08/ 2007.

“Race in Hispanic/Latin American Republican Thought,” paper presented at the Siglo XXI Latino Cultural Studies Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 04/14/ 2007.

“Machiavelli’s Art of Power: A Study of Aesthetic Politics,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 08/ 2006.

“Machiavelli and Empire,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Theory Association, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 04/15/ 2006.

“Race and Identity in Latin American Political Thought,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 03/ 2006.

“Alternative Modernities: Dussel, Latin America, and Modernity,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 09/2005.

“Race in the History of Latin American Political Thought,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 09/ 2004.

“The Art of Power: Nietzsche’s Machiavelli and the Making of Aesthetic Political Thought,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 04/30/ 2004.

“Whose Nietzsche for Latin America? Rodó’s or Mariátegui’s?” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Iberoamerican Philosophy Association, Lima, Peru, 01/16 2004.

“Teaching Latin American Political Thought in US Colleges: Some Theoretical Reflections,” paper presented at the 9th International Annual Conference of the Iberian Association for Cultural Studies’ ‘Culture and Power’ Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 11/07/ 2003.

“Machiavelli and Nietzsche,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 11/08/ 2001.

“Pinochet and Crimes against Humanity,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 09/02 2001.

“John Dewey in Mexico,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association , Miami, Florida, 03/ 2000.

“The Political Praxis of José Carlos Mariátegui and Gustavo Gutiérrez,” paper presented at the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows National Convention at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 06/ 1999.

INVITED LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Southern Political Science Association. Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Keynote invited lecture. “Power over Energy: Law, Resource Nationalism, and Latin America’s

Central Role in the Global Climate Change Crisis.” January 13, 2024.

UC San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy.

Guest lecture on Bolivia and lithium policy. “Energy Policy in Latin America” class. Professor Jeremy Martin. November 14, 2022.

Universidad Autonoma Gabriel Rene Moreno. Santa Cruz, Bolivia. “Introducion a Filosofia Politica.” March 7, 2022. Alexander Guaman, organizer. (virtual).

Wesleyan University. College of Social Studies. Visitor/Advisor. Lecture on “The Rise and Fall of Evo Morales in Bolivia.” Lecture on Bolivia and globalization in Professor Giulio Gallarotti’s class on Globalization. Advised students on theses, applying to CSS, preparing for CSS Sophomore Comprehensive Exams, and graduate school plans. February 1-7, 2020.

Wesleyan University. “Human Rights and Comparative Political Theory” Workshop. Helped organize an interdisciplinary conference on human rights beyond Western paradigms. Chair of panel on global trends in human rights. February 8, 2020.

University of Cape Town, South Africa. “Democracy: Genealogies, Concepts, and Practices.” December 17-18, 2019.

Georgetown University. Government Department. Political Theory Workshop. Paper presentation. “The People’s Hero: Machiavelli and Populism.” October 25, 2019.

Harvard University. Invited lectures for Professor Doris Sommer’s course on aesthetics and politics, “Politics, the Greatest Art.” Harvard College, General Education program. Also workshop discussion with faculty and graduate students from Romance Languages, Germanic Studies, Kennedy School, Divinity School, School of Design, and History. September 18, 2019.

Oxford University. Blavatnik School of Government. First Oxford Symposium on Comparative Political Philosophy. “American Caudillo: Between Populism and Democracy.” July 12, 2019.

Duke Kunshan University, China. Keynote Speaker, Undergraduate Research Conference. Presentation: “El Presidente Trump: Explaining the rise of Trump through a Transnational Lens.” April 20, 2019.

Duke Kunshan University, China. Workshop on Comparative Political Theory. Manuscript assessment for Dr. Lincoln Rathnam, Assistant Professor. April 19, 2019.

German Political Science Association Conference (DVPW). Panel: ‘From theories of transnational democracy to transnational democratic theory?’ Paper: “Towards comparative democratic theory: The crisis of American republicanism and the rise of the plurinational state model.” Goethe University, Frankfurt. September 26, 2018.

RESET DOC "Fountainheads of Toleration" Cross-Cultural Conference. "Trump, Populism and Cross-Cultural Theory." Venice, Italy. June 7, 2018.

Central European University, Budapest. "Narratives of Order: Re-Thinking non-Western Political Thought." July 1, 2018.

Yale University. Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies. "El Presidente Trump: Understanding (and Transcending) Populism in the Americas through Latin American Thought." February 14, 2018.

Columbia University. Political Theory Workshop. "El Presidente Trump: Understanding (and Transcending) Populism in the Americas through Latin American Thought." February 7, 2018.

Wesleyan University. College of Social Studies. "President Trump and Populism." Monday Luncheon Speaker Series. October 2, 2017.

Yale University. "Post-Republicanism in Latin American Political Thought." Yale Political Theory Workshop. September 27, 2017.

Central European University, Budapest. "Narratives of Order: Re-Thinking non-Western Political Thought." July 1, 2017 (declined)

London Comparative Political Theory Workshop. "Race, Religion, and Empire: Las Casas and Racialization," SOAS, University of London, March 8, 2016.

RESET DOC Bilgi University. Istanbul Seminars, Turkey. "Politics Beyond Borders. The Republican Model Challenged by the Internationalization of Economy, Law and Communication." RESET Seminars. Presentation on Latin American post-republican thought. May 26-30, 2015.

SOAS, University of London. "Transcultural Democracy: Perspectives on Comparative Political Thought." March 16, 2015.

Yale University. "The Princely Republican: Bolivar's Machiavellian Approach to Race." Yale Political Theory Workshop and Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies. September 24, 2014.

University of Sao Paulo. "Comparative Political Theory." Department of Political Science. August 21, 2014.

University of Texas, Austin. "Race and Democratic Caesarism in Latin American Thought: The Political Sociology of Laureano Vallenilla Lanz." Power, History and Society/Race and Ethnicity Group, Department of Sociology. November 20, 2013.

University of Sao Paulo. “Liberty Loves Struggle: Machiavelli on Social Conflict and Freedom.” Keynote Speaker. “Machiavelli’s *Prince* at 500” Conference. October 30, 2013.

Liberty Fund. “Liberalism in Mexico.” Workshop directed by José Antonio Aguilar. La Jolla, CA 8/22/13.

TAMU Qatar. “Ethical Citizenship and Cosmopolitan Immigrant Identity,” Ethical Engagement with Citizenship, Multiculturalism and Globalization: Multidisciplinary Perspectives conference, 2/3/13.

Duke University. “Liberty Loves Struggle: The Class Basis of Machiavelli’s Republicanism.” Machiavelli’s Legacy at 500 conference, 3/28/13.

Northwestern University. “Vasconcelos’ Aesthetic/Nietzschean View of Race,” Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, 10/18/2012.

Princeton University, Center for Human Values. “The Chimera of Populism.” Paper presented at an invited workshop on ‘Populism: Historical and Normative Aspects.’ 2/17/2012.

Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Buenos Aires, Argentina. “Immigrant Identity in a Cosmopolitan World.” Spanish/English presentation. 07/12/2011.

Wesleyan University. “Las Casas and the Birth of Race.” Shasha Seminar, ‘Histories of Race,’ 04/8-10/2011.

University of Johannesburg, South Africa. “Race, Modernity and National Identity,” invited lectures. Politics Department, 07/20-22/2010.

Stanford University. “Immigrant Identity in a Cosmopolitan World,” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 05/05/2010.

University of California, Berkeley. “The Princely Republican: Bolívar’s Machiavellian Approach to Race,” Political Theory Workshop, 04/22/2010.

Stanford University. “The Princely Republican: Bolívar’s Machiavellian Approach to Race,” Center for Latin American Studies, 04/06/2010.

Stanford University. “Racial Identity in Latin American Political Thought,” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Identity Table Seminar, 02/23/2010.

Stanford University. “Immigrant Identity in a Cosmopolitan World,” Program on Global Justice, 01/08/2010.

Columbia University. “The Citizenship of Beauty: Vasconcelos’ Synthesis of Race,” Political Science Department, Political Theory Seminar, 04/23/2009.

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. "Race and Latin American Political Thought: José Vasconcelos' Aesthetic Synthesis of Race," School of Social Science, 12/04/2008.

University of California, Los Angeles. "Immigrant Identity," Political Science Department, 11/15/2007.

University of Texas, Austin. "Racial Identity in Hispanic/Latin American Thought: The Republican Tradition," 04/25/2007.

Columbia University. "Bolivia and Latin American Politics," Institute of Latin American Studies and SIPA, Latin America at the Crossroads Conference, 11/17/2006.

Vassar College. "Bolivia's Evolution and Latin American Politics," Political Science Department, 11/16/2006.

Liberty Fund. Latin American Liberalism. Directed by Jose Antonio Aguilar. Tepoztlán, Mexico. 10/30/06.

New York Public Library. "Bolivia and Latin American Politics," 10/07/2006.

Columbia University. "Bolivia's Left Turn: Prospects for Democracy and Latin America," Institute of Latin American Studies, 03/09/2006.

Columbia University. "Race and Identity in Latin American Political Theory," Institute of Latin American Studies, 11/16/2004.

Williams College. "A Machiavellian Zarathustra," Philosophy Department, 12/05/2002.

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITY

Political Advisor Work

Special Advisor to Luis Arce, President of Bolivia (since March 2019). Ad honorem.
Principal areas: 2020 campaign, US-Bolivia relations, academic affairs, climate change/lithium.

Advised in the Campaign of the Former Economics Minister, Government of Bolivia (Presidential Candidate for the MAS Party; won election in October 2020).

Zoom meeting organized with Harvard scholars Dani Rodrik, Steven Levitsky, and Daniel Ziblatt. (April 16, 2020).

Zoom meeting organized for Columbia University scholars including Joseph Stiglitz (April 24, 2020).

Zoom meeting with Arce and Bernie Sanders' foreign policy advisors (May 6, 2020).

Zoom meeting with Texas A&M Engineering and Bush School faculty (May 2020).

Advice with media: NY Times, Washington Post, El País, Guardian, et al.

Liaison with other universities: Rice, Johns Hopkins, Stanford, UCSD/IOA.

Advisor to the President (as of November 2020; won election with 55% of vote).

Liaison with the office of Bernie Sanders.

Linkages with Arce Energy Team on lithium, renewable energy for YLB and YPFB.
Zoom meeting with Dr Joseph Stiglitz (April 13, 2021).
Discussion on Bolivia Debt swap for Nature with private bankers (April 20, 2021).
Planning visit of Arce and VP Choquehuanca to the US in Fall 2021.
Zoom discussion with Arce and Bernie Sanders, Matt Duss (May 30, 2021)
Zoom discussion with Goldman Sachs for investment in Bolivia's lithium (December 2021)

Editorial Board Member

'Comparative Political Theory' journal (Brill). Starting August 2020.

Conferences/Speaker Series Organizing

Elite Yale Princeton TAMU Soccer Conference

March 4, 2021. Online event. "Education and Soccer Post-covid."

Organizer. Full day of online discussions on football after covid19. With Fatma al Nuaimi of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy World Cup 2022; Giorgio Marchetti, UEFA; Fernando Palomo, ESPN (TAMU alum); Claudio Pizarro, Bayern Munich; Carolina Zalaquett, WisLaw; Charlie Stillitano, Relevent; Jaime Macias, BeIN; Jimmy Pallotta, Raptor, Isabel Falconer, FIFA and others. With Yale and Princeton Soccer Conference organizers.

<https://www.soccerconference.org/>

von Vacano, Diego A. (PI). "Elite Soccer Education Conference." With Aspire Zone Foundation of Qatar, Josoor Institute, TAMU Qatar, and Yale University's School of Management. Working on a grant proposal to fund a multi-year international soccer education and industry conference based on the successful 'Yale Soccer Conference' in 2019. Proposal currently evaluated by Aspire Zone Foundation. Team: Dr. Kazuko Suzuki (TAMU), Thairo Arruda and Joao Lacombe (Yale). (Started in February 2019. Submitted December 26, 2021 for event on December 26, 2022).

Princeton Soccer Conference. Co-Organizer. December 7-8, 2019.

Speakers: Charlie Stillitano (Relevent); Grant Wahl (Sports Illustrated); Sunil Gulati (former head, USSF); Yael Averbuch (NWSL); Jaime Macias (BeIN); Court Jeske (USL); Boris Gartner (La Liga); Brooke Elby (NWSL); Tyler Lussi (Portland Thorns), et al. (\$25,000 budget).

<https://www.princetonoccerconference.com/>

Yale Soccer Conference. School of Management Co-Founder and Co-Organizer.

February 9-10, 2019.

Speakers: Fernando Palomo (ESPN); Mario Kempes (ESPN); Pierre Moosa (NBC); Charlie Stillitano (Relevent); Marta Plana (Barcelona FC); Ben Carrington (USC); Benno Ruwe (Bayern Munich FC), et al. (\$30,000 budget).

<https://www.soccerconference.org/>

Organizer, IIDEA Diversity Speakers Series. College of Liberal Arts grant. 2015-2016. Invited Professors Nicole Guidotti-Hernandez, UT Austin; Helene Landemore, Yale; Susan Stokes, Yale.

Organizer, "Machiavelli Between Past and Present" Texas A&M University, February 8-9, 2014. Political Theory Convocation. With additional support from Glasscock Humanities Center and UT-Austin. Participants: Maurizio Viroli, Harvey Mansfield, Steven Smith, Thomas Pangle, Nathan Tarcov, Clifford Orwin, Erica Benner, Mikael Hornqvist, et al. Co-organizer: Guillaume Bogiaris-Thibault. (\$9,000 Budget).

<http://machiavelli500.wordpress.com/>

Organizer, “Comparative Democratic Theory.” Texas A&M University, October 11-12, 2013.
Dean’s Strategic Development Fund (\$26,600 Budget).

Participants: Will Kymicka (Queen’s), Melissa Williams (Toronto), Joshua Mitchell (Georgetown), Nadia Urbinati (Columbia), Enrique Peruzzotti (Di Tella, Argentina), Lawrence Hamilton (University of Johannesburg, South Africa), Ajume Wingo, (University of Colorado/Cameroon), Leigh Jenco (LSE), Sor Hoon Tan (National University of Singapore), Karuna Mantena (Yale), Andrew March (Yale), Anne Norton (University of Pennsylvania), Joshua Cohen (Stanford), and Alan Ryan (Princeton).

<http://comparativedemocracy.wordpress.com/>

Co-Organizer, “Reconsidering Race: Genomics and Social Science” Texas A&M University, May 3-4, 2013. Dean’s Strategic Development Fund (\$26,600 Budget).

Participants: Rogers Brubaker, UCLA Sociology; Jennifer Hochschild, Harvard Government; Ann Morning, NYU Sociology; Sharmila Rudrappa, UT Austin Sociology; Arthur Sakamoto, UT Austin Sociology; Kazuko Suzuki, TAMU Sociology; Jay Kaufman, Epidemiology, McGill; Alondra Nelson, Columbia Sociology; Wendy Roth, Univ British Columbia; Hsiao-Li Sun, Singapore; Carolyn Rouse, Princeton, Anthropology; Michael Keevak, Hong Kong; Ruha Benjamin, BU, Sociology; Mara Loveman, Wisconsin, Sociology; Joan Fujimura, Wisconsin Sociology; Catherine Bliss, UCSF; Henry Louis Gates, Harvard.

<http://reconsideringrace.wordpress.com/>

Organizer, “Immigration and National Identity: Lessons from/for Political Theory.” Texas A&M University, February 23-24, 2007 (\$25,000 Budget).

Participants: Stephen Macedo and Alejandro Portes, Keynote Speakers (Princeton), Nadia Urbinati (Columbia), Arthur Applbaum (Harvard), Mathias Risse (Harvard), Joseph Carens (Toronto), Amaney Jamal (Princeton), Michael Blake (Univ. of Washington), Jorge Gracia (SUNY Buffalo), José A. Aguilar (CIDE Mexico), Gaku Tsuda (Arizona State), David Hollinger (Berkeley).

<http://immigrationandnationalidentity.blogspot.com/>

Co-organizer, “Forging People: Race, Ethnicity and Nationality in Latin American Thought” with Professor Jorge Gracia at SUNY-Buffalo, 10/2007.

Link

Contigo! Student Group Advisor, TAMU. Faculty advisor for Latino/a students’ groups helping undocumented youth (2019)

Article and Book Manuscript Referee

Journals: American Political Science Review, Political Theory, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Constellations; Presidential Studies Quarterly. **Books:** Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Northern Illinois University Press, Yale University Press, Lexington Books, Penn State Press, Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, Univ. of Toronto Press; Broadview Press

Service outside of Texas A&M University

APSA. Committee on Conflicts of Interest, Member (2017-2018).

Chair and Organizer, "Comparative Democratic Theory," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Paper on "Democratic Caesarism and Vallenilla Lanz." Washington, DC August 2014.

Program Chair, "Political Theory and its Applications," Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Hollywood, CA, Fall 2012. March 2013 conference.

Chair and Organizer, "Republicanism: Theory and History," panel at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, Paper on "Bolivar and Republicanism." May 2013.

Chair and Organizer, "Reshaping Race: Immigration and New Racial Paradigms," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 2012.

Chair and Organizer, "Citizenship Theory from Latin America," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 2012.

Chair and Organizer, "Citizenship Theory from Latin America," panel at the Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 23, 2012.

Chair and Organizer, "Forging People: Race, Ethnicity and Nationality in Latin American Thought." ERIP (Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean) Conference, UC San Diego, November 4, 2011. Paper presented: "Zarathustra Criollo: Vasconcelos's Nietzschean Approach to Latin American Racial Identity."

Discussant, "Egalitarianism and Racial Inequality," paper by Derrick Darby, University of Kansas, Stanford Political Theory Workshop, 04/23/2010.

Chair and Organizer, "Race and Political Theory," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 08/2007.

Workshop participant, "Resurgent Populism in the Andes," United States Government, Arlington, Virginia, 03/07/2007.

Workshop participant, Immigration and Citizenship Conference, European Academy, Otzenhausen, Germany, 10/09-11/2006.

Chair and Organizer, "Machiavelli and Power," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 08/2006.

Chair and Organizer, "Regulating Race and Ethnicity," panel at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 03/2006.

Chair and Organizer, "Comparative Political Theory in Global Perspective," panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 09/2004.

Workshop Participant, Annual Meeting of the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows National Convention at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 06/2003.

Workshop Participant, "Small States in World Markets," Gothenburg University, Sweden, 09/25/2001.

Media/Commentary

El País, Madrid, Spain

“Bolivia abre una segunda oferta de litio.”

Interview on Bolivian lithium.

<https://elpais.com/america/2024-02-17/bolivia-abre-una-segunda-oferta-de-litio-mientras-busca-como-llenar-su-hueco-fiscal.html>

(February 17, 2024).

El Mundo, Madrid, Spain

“Evo Morales asedia a su delfín.”

Interview on Bolivian politics and lithium.

<https://www.elmundo.es/internacional/2023/10/06/651eee0521efa031668b45a1.html>

(October 6, 2023)

Nasdaq

“Scramble for riches: South American lithium.”

Interviewed on Lithium in Latin America

<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/scramble-for-riches-can-south-americas-lithium-triangle-mint-new-millionaires>

(September 11, 2023)

Nasdaq

“Bolivia has the world’s largest lithium reserves. Is it worth investing in?”

Interviewed on Bolivia lithium

<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/bolivia-has-the-worlds-largest-lithium-reserves-is-it-worth-investing-in>

(July 31, 2023)

Voice of America

“Bolivia: poca transparencia en litio.”

Lithium Bolivia interview (in Spanish).

<https://www.vozdeamerica.com/a/bolivia-poca-transparencia-en-convenios-de-extraccion-de-litio-con-empresas-de-china-y-rusia-/7165102.html>

(July 4, 2023)

LatinNews Podcast

London, UK

Lithium in Bolivia interview

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7079442788295057408/>

(June 28, 2023)

Wall Street Journal

“China’s Risky Strategy to Control Lithium”

Interviewed and cited on China-Bolivia relations

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/china-spends-billions-on-risky-bets-to-lock-down-worlds-lithium-39e174e8>

(May 24, 2023)

El Deber, Bolivia

Interview/Profile on role in lithium

https://eldeber.com.bo/edicion-impresa/diego-von-vacano-analista-en-el-tema-litio-la-fuerte-presencia-de-ypfb-en-el-tema-litio-dana-el-nego_325889

(May 23, 2023)

Americas Quarterly

“Bolivia’s Faded Star”

Interview and cited on Bolivia’s Finance Minister

<https://americasquarterly.org/article/bolivias-faded-star/>

(May 17, 2023)

El País, Spain

“From a Meeting with Stiglitz to tensions with the US”

Cited on Bolivia’s lithium and President Arce’s administration

<https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/2023-05-12/from-a-meeting-with-stiglitz-to-tensions-with-the-us-luis-arce-changes-the-course-of-lithium-politics-in-bolivia.html>

(May 12, 2023)

Deutsche Welle

“Impulsó el litio de Ucrania la invasión de Rusia?”

Interviewed on Bolivia’s lithium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGopf9h3FVU&list=PLvgi6sEBVkztG06uEpzCZpnQBZfJfRSYz&index=2>

(February 5, 2023)

Mining Technology

“Growing the Supply base of Lithium”

Interview on lithium

<https://www.mining-technology.com/features/supply-base-lithium-growth/>

July 14, 2022

S&P Global

“Bolivia vies to join lithium producers”

Interview on Bolivia lithium

<https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/news-insights/latest-news-headlines/bolivia-vies-to-join-lithium-producers-club-after-years-of-disappointment-71065165>

(July 11, 2022)

El País, Spain

“La fiebre del litio despierta los nacionalismos en América Latina”

Interviewed for article on lithium and nationalism

<https://elpais.com/internacional/2022-02-08/la-fiebre-del-litio-despierta-los-nacionalismos-en-america-latina.html>

(February 8, 2022)

New York Times

“Battling for Bolivia’s Lithium that’s Vital to Electric Cars” by Clifford Krauss

Interviewed and cited five times in a front-page article on Bolivia and lithium

(December 16, 2021)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/16/business/energy-environment/bolivia-lithium-electric-cars.>

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Argus Media, London

Bolivia Takes Another Shot at Lithium

Interviewed and cited for article on Bolivia's lithium sector

(December 16, 2021)

<https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2283947-bolivia-takes-another-shot-at-lithium>

Pagina 7, Bolivia

Profile on Diego von Vacano and lithium

(December 26, 2021)

<https://www.paginasiete.bo/economia/2021/12/26/diego-von-vacano-seria-un-error-dar-exclusividad-un-solo-pais-en-proyectos-de-litio-319070.html>

RT 'Going Underground' From London

Interviewed about Bolivia and US relations.

(July 19, 2021)

<https://www.rt.com/shows/going-underground/529467-cuba-hardships-us-blockade/>

VICE News

(March 8, 2021). Interviewed on Bolivia and the IMF.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/7k9yvq/argentina-and-bolivia-are-done-with-the-looting-imf>

Sputnik News, Russia

(February 23, 2021). Interviewed on third-party option in US.

<https://sputniknews.com/us/202102231082160374-does-a-third-party-have-a-shot-at-success-in-the-us-political-system/>

VICE news

October 23, 2020). Interviewed on Bolivia, Arce and Evo Morales.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/k7aq79/it-will-be-my-government-bolivias-new-socialist-president-elect-says-no-role-for-evo-morales>

The Guardian

(October 17, 2020). Interviewed on Bolivia, elections, and socialism.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/17/bolivia-election-socialism-luis-arce-evo-morales>

Al Jazeera

(October 16, 2020). Interviewed on Bolivia elections.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/10/16/bolivians-brace-for-violence-ahead-of-charged-election>

Washington Post

(October 16, 2020). Interviewed on Bolivia, elections, and socialism.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/bolivia-election-evo-mesa-arce-camacho/2020/10/15/7c475fa8-0d76-11eb-8a35-237ef1eb2ef7_story.html

El Deber, Bolivia

(October 7, 2020). Published an article on the lithium industry in Bolivia.

<https://eldeber.com.bo/opinion/el-litio-el-modelo-de-catar-y-la-reactivacion-economica-de-bolivia>

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La Razon, Bolivia

(October 4, 2020). Published an article on the lithium industry in Bolivia.

<https://www.la-razon.com/voces/2020/10/04/el-litio-y-el-despegue-economico-de-bolivia/>

El País, Spain

(October 4, 2020). Interviewed for an article on Latin American elections and pandemic.

<https://elpais.com/economia/2020-10-04/america-latina-afronta-un-curso-electoral-inedito-marca-do-por-el-impacto-de-la-pandemia.html>

NBC NEWS

(September 26, 2020). Interviewed for an article on Trump and authoritarianism.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/trumpismo-latino-republicans-need-call-out-trump-s-authoritarianism-critics-n1241101>

Americas Quarterly

(September 23, 2020). Interviewed for an article on Bolivia's elections.

<https://americasquarterly.org/article/bolivia-has-changed-since-2003-has-carlos-mesa/>

Washington Post

(September 21, 2020). Cited in an article on Bolivia's elections.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/09/22/can-left-return-power-bolivia/>

New York Times

(September 9, 2020) Op-Ed article on Bolivia's elections

<https://www.nytimes.com/es/2020/09/09/opinion/contributors/bolivia-socialism-arce-elections-morales.html>

New York Times

Bolivia Under Blockade as Protesters Choke Access to Cities.”

(August 7, 2020). Interviewed for an article on protests in Bolivia.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/07/world/americas/bolivia-roadblock-blockade.html>

NPR-- National Public Radio

“Is America's Two-Party System Fracturing?”

(February 16, 2020). Interview on Weekend Edition with Lulu Garcia-Navarro.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/02/16/806417273/is-americas-two-party-system-fracturing>

Le Nouvel Observateur (L'Obs), Paris, France

“Le ‘Thermidor’ d'Evo Morales en Bolivie.” Article on Bolivia, in French.

(November 26, 2019). The major news magazine in France.

<https://www.nouvelobs.com/monde/20191126.OBS21571/tribune-le-thermidor-d-evo-morales-en-bolivie.html>

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“Morales Loyalists Block Bolivia's Roads.”

(November 23, 2019). Television interview.

<https://www.channel4.com/news/morales-loyalists-block-bolivias-roads?fbclid=IwAR2i2g3lOZDutElbG4xX5zuUaNOFuQ6oOcv0vUE5dp4LwBEhe9W7fUoOLrs>

The New York Times

“Ethnic Rifts in Bolivia Burst into View with Fall of Evo Morales.”

Interviewed and quoted for front-page article on Evo Morales and race in Bolivia

(November 16, 2019)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/15/world/americas/morales-bolivia-Indigenous-racism.html>

The Guardian, UK

Interviewed for articles on Evo Morales and Bolivia (2019)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/15/evo-morales-indigenous-leader-who-changed-bolivia-but-stayed-too-long>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/24/bolivia-evo-morales-vow-jail-rest-life-arturo-murillo>

The Guardian UK (2017)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/03/evo-morales-bolivia-president-election-limits>

Washington Post

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(January 26, 2017) . Article cited in L’Express, Clarin, O Estado de São Paulo, et al.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/01/26/trump-is-the-u-s-s-first-latin-american-president/?utm_term=.7082ac0c0234

NBC NEWS Latino

“White Nationalists are Wrong, European does not mean White”

(December 13, 2016)

[TAMU President Michael Young invited me to his office to congratulate me for this article]

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/opinion-white-nationalists-are-wrong-european-does-not-mean-white-n694831>

NBC NEWS Latino

“Trump Embraces Caudillo Politics as Latin America Shuns it”

(November 22, 2016)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/opinion-trump-embraces-caudillo-politics-latin-america-shuns-it-n686861>

NBC NEWS Latino

Frequent contributor and commentator for NBC NEWS Latino articles on Latino politics

http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/texas-swing-latinos-may-help-loosen-republican-hold-lone-star-n672876?cid=sm_tw

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The Monkey Cage, “Butch Cassidy and the Snowden Kid: Evo Morales’s Plane and the Latin American Left.” July 6, 2013.

<http://themonkeycage.org/2013/07/06/butch-cassidy-and-the-snowden-kid-evo-moraless-plane-and-the-latin-american-left/>

The Monkey Cage, “Political Fútbol: The World Cup and Brazilian Democracy.” June 24, 2013.

<http://themonkeycage.org/2013/06/24/political-futebol-the-world-cup-and-brazilian-democracy/>

The Monkey Cage, “IQ and the Nativist Movement.” May 13, 2013.

<http://themonkeycage.org/2013/05/13/iq-and-the-nativist-movement/#comment-56357>

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The Monkey Cage, “Hugo Chávez and the Death of Populism.” March 6, 2013.

<http://themonkeycage.org/blog/2013/03/06/hugo-chavez-and-the-death-of-populism/>

quoted in Daily Dish by Andrew Sullivan

<http://dish.andrewsullivan.com/2013/03/06/venezuela-after-chavez-ctd/>

La Razón, daily newspaper, La Paz, Bolivia:

“¿El ocaso de los ídolos?” October 24, 2019; “Maquiavelo y el populismo,” August 14, 2019; “Trump, el caudillo del norte,” January 1, 2017; “Viendo la telenovela en lugar del partido,” June 5, 2016; “Repostulación y democracia.” October 25, 2015; “Una revolución verdadera en la universidad.” July 26, 2015; “Dos pasos adelante, un paso atrás.” April 19, 2015.

Asuntos del Sur, Argentinian politics website about world politics (frequent contributor)

<http://www.asuntosdelsur.org/opinion/trump-and-the-latin-americanization-of-us-politics>

“Race and IQ at Harvard,” NPR Radio Boston WBUR, interview on race, IQ, Hispanics and immigration, along with Jason Richwine. May 21, 2013.

Los Tiempos newspaper, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Interview/Profile. May 6, 2012.

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The Washington Post, op-ed, ‘How He Can: Obama and the Latino Vote,’ February 6, 2008.

New York Times, letters to the editor: ‘How did economists get it so wrong?’ September 20, 2009; ‘The second plane,’ May 11, 2008; ‘Praxis makes perfect,’ May 4, 2008; ‘The games and athletes’ beliefs,’ April 6, 2008; ‘The case for contamination,’ January 15, 2006.

The Battalion Student Newspaper, Texas A&M University. Interviewed and cited for article “Immigration issues strike close to home,” January 30, 2008.

Miami Herald, op-ed, “Bolivia, Morales, and Soccer War,” June 13, 2007.

Council of Foreign Relations, interview on the nationalization of gas in Bolivia, May 10, 2006.

CNN, “Panorama Mundial” interview about politics in Bolivia on “CNN en Español,” live international broadcast, June 9, 2005.

Jornal do Brasil (Brazilian daily newspaper), Op-ed, “Levante gradual da esquerda” (Rise of the Latin American Left), December 12, 2004.

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Iberoamerican Political Thought Association
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