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### EDUCATION

**Florida International University**, Miami, Florida, United States August 2014-

Ph.D. program in International Relations (Ph.D. candidate since June 2016)

Major: Foreign Policy and Security Studies

Minor: International Political Economy

- Research Interests: The impact of international norms on drug policies in South America; Strategic Culture; Inter-American relations
- Dissertation Topic: Drug Policy in an Era of Normative Change: The Cases Uruguay, Ecuador, and Peru

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina May 2013

Master in International Studies

Concentration: International Politics and Security

- Study Semester Abroad: **The George Washington University**, August-December 2011  
Elliott School of International Affairs  
Washington DC, United States
- Thesis: *"Hacia un cambio en la política sudamericana sobre el narcotráfico: El caso del Consejo Sudamericano sobre el Problema Mundial de las Drogas"* ("Towards a change in the South American policy on drug trafficking: The case of the South American Council for the Global Drug Problem," May 2013)

**Hochschule Bremen, University of Applied Sciences**, Bremen, Germany March 2010

International Bachelor's Degree Course in Political Management

- Study Semester Abroad: **Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina**, March-July 2008  
Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Thesis: "The strengths and weaknesses of Mearsheimer's offensive realism: An analysis based on the expansion of the United States military activity in Colombia" (February 2010)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**German Institute of Global and Area Studies**, Hamburg, Germany January-March 2014

Intern at the Institute of Latin American Studies

- Assisted Prof. Dr. Leslie Wehner in conducting preliminary research for a book chapter on geopolitics in Latin America; in gathering information for an article on the border dispute between Chile and Peru; and in preparing his application for a grant of the European Research Council.

**Konrad Adenauer Foundation**, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Personal Assistant of the Foundation's country representative

February-August 2011

- Analyzed and delivered written reports on Argentina's 2009 electoral reform; the country's 2011 electoral outlook; and its 2011 import restrictions.
- Prepared the visits to Argentina of Prof. Dr. Bernhard Vogel, Minister-President (ret.) of Rhineland-Palatinate (1976-1988) and Thuringia (1992-2003); and Joseph Daul, Chairman of the European People's Party in the European Parliament.

Intern

May-September 2008

- Provided ongoing reporting and summaries about the conflict between Argentina's agricultural producers and the country's government.
- Elaborated an introductory guide to Argentine politics for future interns.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**2017-2018 Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship** (\$750). Research grant for junior, tenure-earning faculty members, and advanced doctoral students in departments and programs of FIU's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

**Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in International Relations 2015-2016.** The Department of Politics & International Relations, Florida International University, Miami, FL. April 28, 2016. Paper Title: "Goodbye Protectionism! Explaining Peru's Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement."

**Certificate of Achievement: Second Place Humanities II, Oral Presentation** (\$200). GSAW Scholarly Forum. Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States. March 29, 2016. Presentation Title: "Between Regulation and Prohibition: Drug Policy in Uruguay and Ecuador."

**Best paper award: Second place** (\$300). 13<sup>th</sup> Tri-University Annual South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference. *Latin America in the XXI Century and Beyond*. Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States. April 10, 2015. Paper Title: "Towards a New Drug Policy in South America: The Case of the South American Council for the Global Drug Problem."

**Presidential Fellowship Award.** Award for entering Doctoral students at Florida International University. Includes an annual stipend of \$30,000 for three years. Awarded April 2014 by FIU University Graduate School.

## PUBLICATIONS

Beckmann, Nicolas. "The Expansion of the Drug Trade in Venezuela: Causes and Consequences." *Boletín del Instituto de Seguridad Internacional y Asuntos Estratégicos*. Edición Especial "La Crisis en Venezuela." Consejo Argentino par alas Relaciones Internacionales. No. 60, Agosto 2015. 4-13.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPACION

### Paper Presentations:

- Latin American Studies Association. XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. *Diálogos de Saberes*. Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Peru. April 29 – May 1, 2017. Paper Title: "South America and the Illegal Drug Trade: Cultivating a New Strategic Culture."
- Midwest Political Science Association. Annual Conference 2016. Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, United States. April 7-10, 2016. Paper Title: "'Pot' for Prestige: The Role of Normative Change and Interstate Hierarchy in Explaining Uruguay's Drug Policy Reform."

- Florida Political Science Association. Annual Meeting 2016. Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, FL, United States. April 2, 2016. Paper Title: “Goodbye Protectionism! Explaining Peru’s Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.”
- GSAW Scholarly Forum. Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States. March 29, 2016. Paper Title: “Between Regulation and Prohibition: Drug Policy in Uruguay and Ecuador.”
- ISA-Northeast Region’s 2015 Annual Conference. *Untimely Mediations: History, Sociology, and Aesthetics in International Relations*. Providence Biltmore Hotel, Providence, RI, United States. November 6-7, 2015. Paper Title: “‘Pot’ for Prestige: The Role of Normative Change and Interstate Hierarchy in Explaining Uruguay’s Drug Policy Reform.”
- ISA-South Region’s 2015 Annual Conference. *Global Governance: the United Nations at 70*. Downtown Hilton, Tampa, FL, United States. October 23-24, 2015. Paper Title: “Strategy and Drugs: An Analysis Based on the South American Context.”
- Tri-University 13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference. *Latin America in the XXI Century and Beyond*. Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States. April 10, 2015. Paper Title: “Towards a New Drug Policy in South America: The Case of the South American Council for the Global Drug Problem.”
- Florida Political Science Association. Annual Meeting 2015. March 28, 2015. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, United States. Paper Title: “Bringing Order into the Drug Trade: The Causes and Consequences of the Illicit Narcotics Industry.”
- World International Studies Committee. Fourth Global International Studies Conference 2014. August 6-9, 2014. Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Paper Title: “Towards a change in the South American policy on drug trafficking: The case of the South American Council for the Global Drug Problem.”

**Discussant:**

- South Florida Student Conference on Human Trafficking. Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States. March 3, 2017. Panel I: Theorizing on Human Trafficking.

**ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**

- ISA Northeast-Region’s 2015 Graduate Student Workshop on Interpretive and Relational Methods. Providence Biltmore Hotel, Providence, RI, United States. November 7, 2015.
- Multidisciplinary Workshop on Cyber Security. June 22-24, 2015. Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, United States.
- Summer School on Concepts, Methods and Techniques in Political Science. January 31 – February 11, 2011. University of São Paulo and International Political Science Association, São Paulo, Brazil. Course: Textual Analysis.

**AFFILIATIONS**

- European International Studies Association
- Florida Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

## SKILLS

**Languages:** German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (basic skills in speaking and writing), French (basic skills in speaking and writing)

**Computer:** Microsoft Windows, OSX Lion, Microsoft Office, SPSS, Stata, R, MAXQDA, Zotero

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### **Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Organization**

President and Founding Member

August 2016-August 2017

**Acción Social**, Buenos Aires, Argentina

July-December 2012

Volunteer, Part-time teacher

Taught classes of mathematics, history, and Spanish literature to small groups of students of the high school *Fili Dei* in *Villa 31*, one of Buenos Aires' poorest neighborhoods.