

# ISABELLA CARO MONTINI

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Berkeley

*Ph.D. in Political Science - Fields: Comparative Politics and Research Methods*

*M.A. in Political Science (Distinction)*

Berkeley, CA

*Aug 2022 - present*

### Stanford University

*M.A. in Latin American Studies (Political Economy) - Summa Cum Laude*

Stanford, CA

*Sep 2021 - June 2022*

### Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

*B.A. in Political Science and Sociology*

Berlin, Germany

*Oct 2018 - Sep 2021*

## DISSERTATION PROJECT

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Contested Governance, Contested Claims: *The Politics of Claim-Making in Urban Peripheries*

Committee: Alison Post (chair), Scott Straus (chair), Thad Dunning and Hillel Soifer

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Farag, M., Montini, I. C., Fontenay, J., Jung, H. R., Ladhar, S. (2023). Modalities of Power Sharing: Consociationalism after 50 Years - A Scoping Review (1969-2018). *Government and Opposition*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. Coercion Gaps and State-Sponsored Organized Crime Expansion: Evidence from Rio de Janeiro's Militias. *Revise and Resubmit at Latin American Politics and Society*. (with Bruno Pantaleão)
2. To Impeach Or Not To Impeach: Elite Polarization, Mass Mobilization and Corruption Scandals. *Revise and Resubmit at the European Review of Political Science* (with Mahmoud Farag and Philipp Schemm)
3. Electoral Rules and the Provision of Public versus Targeted Goods: Evidence from Mayoral Elections in Brazil. *Under Review*.
4. Pork Politics and City Size: Evidence from Brazil. *Working Paper*. (with Alison Post)
5. Under the Radar: Estimating Underreporting of Gender-Based Violence to the Police. *Working Paper*. (with Jessie Trudeau)
6. The Paradox of Protection: Patterns of Gender-Based Violence Under Criminal Rule. *In Progress*. (with Johanna Reyes Ortega)

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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### Peter H. Odegard Award for Outstanding Performance in Political Science

*Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley ~ \$3,000*

2025

### Simpson Research Grant in International Studies for ABDs

*Institute for International Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$15,000*

2025

### Global Metropolitan Studies Summer Funding Competition

*Center for Global Metropolitan Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$5,000*

2025

<b>CAF Policy Grant (with Jessie Trudeau)</b> <i>Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina Y El Caribe ~ \$12,000</i>	2025
<b>CEGA Development Economics Challenge</b> <i>Center for Effective Global Action ~ \$5000</i>	2025
<b>John L. Simpson Pre-Dissertation Fellowship</b> <i>Graduate Institute for Area Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$5000</i>	2024
<b>Political Economy Research Grant</b> <i>BESI Network UC Berkeley ~ \$5000</i>	2024
<b>Jim Fahey Safe Homes for Women Fellowship</b> <i>Graduate Division at UC Berkeley ~ \$1000</i>	2024
<b>Outstanding Teaching Award</b> <i>UC Berkeley</i>	2024
<b>UC Berkeley Diversity and Community Fellowship</b> <i>Graduate Diversity (UC Berkeley ~ \$7500)</i>	2023
<b>Path To Professoriate Fellow</b> <i>Graduate Diversity (UC Berkeley)</i>	2022
<b>Excellence Award for Academic Performance</b> <i>Center for Latin American Studies (Stanford University)</i>	2022
<b>Ayacucho Fellowship</b> <i>Center for Latin American Studies (Stanford University ~ \$80,000)</i>	2021-22
<b>Full 3-year DAAD scholarship for Undergraduate Students</b> <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service ~ \$42,000)</i>	2018-21

## TEACHING

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### Graduate Student Instructor

*University of California, Berkeley*

- PS 231b: Causal Inference (Graduate), Spring 2025
- PS 148A: Latin American Politics, Fall 2024
- PS 147G: The Welfare State in Comparative Perspective, Fall 2023

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development

*UC Berkeley*

June 2022 - present

*Berkeley, CA*

### Research Fellow PovGov Lab

*Stanford University, Department of Political Science*

Oct 2021 - present

*Stanford, CA*

### Quantitative Methods Tutor (Mathcamp)

*UC Berkeley*

May 2023 - May 2024

*Berkeley, CA*

### Getting into Grad School (GiGS) Mentor

*UC Berkeley*

June 2022 - June 2023

*Berkeley, CA*

### Research Assistant

*Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Social Sciences*

Sep 2019 - July 2021

*Berlin, Germany*

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**Women in Political Science Representative**

*UC Berkeley*

May 2024 - present

**President of the Political Science Graduate Students' Association**

*UC Berkeley*

Jan 2024 - Jan 2025

**Center on the Politics of Development Workshop Coordinator**

*UC Berkeley*

August 2023 - May 2024

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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Midwestern Political Science Association (2025)

Guest Lecturer, *Latin American Politics: Understanding Criminal Governance*, UC Berkeley (2024)

Urban Politics in the Global South (2024)

American Political Science Association (2024)

Latin American Studies Association Hybrid Conference (2022)

European Consortium for Political Research (2021)

Political Studies Association Annual International Conference (2021)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), German (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Beginner)

**Programming:** R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, QGIS, Git

## FACULTY REFERENCES

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**Alison E. Post**, Associate Professor of Political Science and Global Metropolitan Studies, UC Berkeley

**Scott Straus**, Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, UC Berkeley

**Thad Dunning**, Robson Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley

**Beatriz Magaloni**, Graham Stuart Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science, Stanford University