

# Matias Giannoni

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## Education

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.**

Ph.D. in Political Science (2017 - 2023)

Fields: Political Economy; Models and Statistical Methods.

Dissertation title: “Frustrated Expectations: Firm-Based Origins of Anti-System Politics”

Committee: Ben Ross Schneider (chair), Volha Charnysh, Peter Hall, Kathleen Thelen

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

Master in Political Science (2014-2017)

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

BA (Licenciatura) in Political Science and Government (2008–2012)

*Medal of Honor - Highest GPA*

## Academic Appointments

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.**

Associate Researcher (Fall 2025 - )

**Tecnológico de Monterrey.**

Assistant Professor of Political Science (Fall 2023 - Summer 2025)

## Publications & Working Papers

From the Factory Floor to the Ballot Box: Firm-Based Origins of Brazil’s Populist Right. 2025. *British Journal of Political Science* (in print)

Firm-Based Origins of Anti-System Politics. 2025. *Comparative Political Studies* (in print)

The Politics of ‘Place’: Community and Individual Precarity in Anti-System and Right Populist Views in France. 2025. *European Politics and Society* - DOI - 10.1080/23745118.2025.2462942

How Did Economic Success Breed Anti-System Politics? Communities of Fate and Low-Road Firms in the Rise of the Lega Nord. 2025. *Contemporary Italian Politics* - DOI - 10.1080/23248823.2025.2522509

“Who Benefits from Informality? Middle Classes and the Distributional Consequences of Informality.” Revise & Resubmit at *Comparative Politics*

Harnessing Generative AI for Land Conflict Detection in the Brazilian Amazon (with Rorisang Lekalake).

“Big Business and the Inequality Trap: Taxes, Collusion, and Undue Influence in Latin America.” (with Ben Ross Schneider).

## Work in Progress

“Voting Against the Chief: The Historical Roots of Contentious Politics in South Africa.” (with Rorisang Lekalake).

“When Opportunism Knocks: Political Parties and Land Occupations during COVID-19 in Buenos Aires and South Africa.” (with Rorisang Lekalake).

“The Cycle of Protest and the Stability of Violence through Social Media Images: An Application of Convolutional Neural Networks to the Gilets Jaunes Acts in France.”

“Local Economic Networks, Political Careers and the Rise of the Far-Right: Tracking the Biographies of Small Business Owners in Italy.”

## Teaching Experience

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Geopolitics & Technological Change. Fall 2024.

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Geopolitics & Technological Change. Fall 2024 - Spring 2025.

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Risks and Threats of the Global Agenda. Fall 2023 - 2024 - 2025.

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Public Choice & Game Theory. Winter 2024.

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Behavioral Economics. Fall 2023.

Tecnológico de Monterrey - Introduction to Social Sciences. Fall 2023 - 2024.

MIT - Instructor: Introduction to SQL. Spring 2023. (Graduate).

MIT - Instructor: Convolutional Neural Networks and Image Classification. Fall 2020. (Graduate).

MIT - Teaching Assistant: 17.835 - Machine Learning and Data Science in Politics. Professor: In Song Kim. Spring 2020. (Undergraduate).

MIT - Teaching Assistant: 17.800 - Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression. Professor: Daniel Hidalgo. Fall 2019. (Graduate).

MIT - Instructor - Political Science Math Pre-fresher. Summer 2019 & Summer 2020. (Graduate).

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Political Science. Professor: Ana Maria Mustapic. 2014-2017. (Undergraduate).

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - Teaching Assistant: Political Institutions and Government. Professor: Ana Maria Mustapic. 2014-2017. (Undergraduate).

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - Teaching Assistant: Comparative Politics. Professor: Ana Maria Mustapic. 2014. (Undergraduate).

## Grants & Fellowships

Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship - Harvard Center for European Studies - 2021 - USD 38,000

Travel grant - MaxPo-MPIfG PhD Seminar - 2019 - USD 1,000

Fieldwork seed grant - MIT's GOV/LAB - 2018 - USD 5,000

Luksic Fellowship - MIT Department of Political Science - 2017 - USD 70,000

Tuition Scholarship for Master's - Fundacion Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - 2014-2017

Tuition Scholarship for BA - Fundacion Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - 2008-2012

## Conference Presentations

“Workshop: Polarization, Democratic Backsliding, and the Expanding Gap Between Democratic Expectations and Outcomes: Latin America and Beyond ” - Queen's Mary University London, April, 2025.

“Harnessing Generative AI for Land Conflict Detection in the Brazilian Amazon” - LA Pol-Meth, November, 2024.

“Harnessing Generative AI for Land Conflict Detection in the Brazilian Amazon” - LA Pol-Meth, November, 2024.

“Firm-Based Origins of Anti-System Politics” - APSA Annual Meeting, September 1 - 3, 2023.

“Frustrated Expectations: Firm-Based Origins of Anti-System Politics” - MPSA Annual Meeting, April 13 - 16, 2023.

“Big Business and the Inequality Trap: Taxes, Collusion, and Undue Influence in Latin America” - REPAL Annual Meeting, June 30 - July 1, 2022.

“The Role of Firms in the Rise of Anti-System Politics ” - ECPR Annual Conference, August 22-26, 2022.

“Populism, Polarization and Social Democracy” - MaxPo-MPIfG PhD Seminar, Paris, May 21-23, 2019.

## Skills

Software and computer languages

**Python, R, SQL, Javascript, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stan, ArcGIS**

Languages

Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Advanced - C1), French (Intermediate - B1)

## References

Ben Ross Schneider - Ford International Professor of Political Science - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - [brs@mit.edu](mailto:brs@mit.edu)

Kathleen Thelen - Ford Professor of Political Science - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - [kthelen@mit.edu](mailto:kthelen@mit.edu)

Peter Hall - Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies - Harvard University - [phall@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:phall@fas.harvard.edu)

Volha Charnysh - Ford Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - [charnysh@mit.edu](mailto:charnysh@mit.edu)