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ACADEMIC PROFILE

PhD in Political Science from the University of Perugia (2024), with expertise in political theory, social philosophy, and political psychology. University lecturer and researcher with over twenty years of teaching experience in Argentina. Currently a Research Fellow at the Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italiano (Italy), conducting research on the political, cultural, and institutional history of the Risorgimento and the long nineteenth century. Ranked first in a competitive national research fellowship selection (38/40 points; nine applicants); fellowship renewed for 2026–2027. Senior Teaching Assistant (Jefa de Trabajos Prácticos) in Psychology of Intersubjectivity at the National University of San Martín since 2016, with experience in online teaching and recorded video lectures. Co-author of a forthcoming monograph on Gramsci (Morlacchi Editore, Perugia). Research interests include theories of the state, nationalism, political representation, regional integration, and the intersections of political subjectivity, social psychology, and gender. Member of two University of Buenos Aires political science research groups addressing subnational gender policy and legislative politics. Experienced academic translator from Italian into Spanish.

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science — *2021–2024*

Università degli Studi di Perugia (Italy) — Dottorato di ricerca in Scienze Politiche: cultura, legalità e democrazia

- Dissertation: “Anthony D. Smith: A Scientific and Intellectual Biography”
- Final assessment: Ottimo (highest grade), with an explicit recommendation for publication by the examination committee
- Doctoral programme designated Dottorato Internazionale Innovativo, recognising its international and innovative character
- Dissertation defended on 3 December 2024

Graduate Studies in History — *2014–2019*

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella — Graduate School (Argentina)

- Academic training focused on political, social, cultural, and intellectual history.

Licenciatura in Political Science (Argentine university degree) — *2000–2006*

Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) — Faculty of Social Sciences

- Focus on political theory and political philosophy
- Final grade average: 8.58/10

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND GRADUATE SEMINARS

[2014] Diploma Programme in Gender and Institutional Management. Instituto Nacional de Derecho Aeronáutico y Espacial (INDAE), Argentine Air Force / Argentine Ministry of Security. Successfully completed.

[2010] Doctoral seminar: Philosophy of the Modern State: Hobbes and Hegel. Dr Rubén Dri, Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA.

[2010] Doctoral seminar: Literature and Historical Analysis. Dr Waldo Ansaldi, Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA.

[2010] Doctoral seminar: Social History of Social Bonds in Argentina, from the Revolution to the Centenary. Prof. Pilar González, Université Paris VII Denis Diderot / Franco-Argentine Centre for Advanced Studies / UBA.

[2010] Doctoral seminar: Hermeneutics and the Social Sciences. María José Rossi and Jorge Lulo, Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA.

[2010] Doctoral seminar: Theory and Methodology of Conceptual History: The Atlantic World, Eighteenth–Nineteenth Centuries. Gabriel Entin and Claudio Sergio Ingerflom, Faculty of Philosophy, UBA.

[2010] Continuing Education Programme in Public Security Policy. Dr L. Arslanián, Faculty of Law, UBA. Successfully completed.

[2006] Graduate seminar: The Political Theory of Max Weber and Carl Schmitt and Contemporary Political Dilemmas. Dr Julio Pinto, Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA.

[2004] Kant Bicentenary Lecture Series. Organised by Tomás Várnagy; coordinated by Francisco Naishtat and Miguel Rossi, Political Science Programme, UBA.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM), Argentina

Senior Teaching Assistant — Psychology of Intersubjectivity *2016–present*

Psychopedagogy and Therapeutic Accompaniment degree programmes, Faculty of Humanities — Course convenor: Roberto Candiano

- Lead teaching of seminar and practical classes in Psychology of Intersubjectivity
- Design and delivery of classes; assessment of essays and examinations; individual student guidance
- Responsible for the final units of the programme: critical and peripheral epistemologies; institutions, identity and nation; bodies, genders and subjectivities; violence
- Online teaching: scripting and recording of video lectures with supporting slides, live online classes, and remote assessment
- Coordination with the teaching team and contributions to curriculum planning
- Organisation of office hours and academic mentoring
- Continuous appointment since 2016

Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina

Teaching Assistant— Foundations of Political Science II *2017–present*

Political Science degree programme, Faculty of Social Sciences — Course convenor: Dr D'Alessandro

- Teaching of lecture-seminar sessions; preparation of reading guides; grading of examinations and final assignments
- Student support in empirical and comparative political science

Teaching Assistant (Ayudante ad honorem) — Contemporary Political Problems *2010–2014*

Political Science degree programme, Faculty of Social Sciences — Course convenor: Dr Julio Pinto

- Supported elective-course teaching, discussion seminars, and assessment

Appointed Teaching Assistant (Ayudante de Primera) — Foundations of Political Science *2008–2016*

Political Science degree programme, Faculty of Social Sciences — Course convenor: Dr Julio Pinto

- Delivered teaching, developed learning materials, and assessed students in classical and contemporary political theory
- Eight years of continuous teaching in a core disciplinary course

Teaching Assistant (Ayudante de Primera) — Introduction to Political Science *2008–2012*

Common Basic Cycle (CBC) / Faculty of Social Sciences — Course convenor: Dr Aznar

- Introductory teaching, first-year guidance, assessment, and student support

Teaching Assistant (Ayudante de Primera) — Introduction to Political Science *2003–2012*

Common Basic Cycle (CBC) / Faculty of Social Sciences — Course convenor: Dr Julio Pinto

- First university teaching appointment; nine years of continuity in foundational political science teaching
- Teaching locations: Drago and other CBC campuses in Buenos Aires

Teaching Assistant (Ayudante ad honorem) — Theory of the State *2006*

Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, UBA — Course convenor: Dr López

- Assisted with the delivery of Theory of the State

Other institutions

Appointed Course Lecturer — Political Science and International Relations *2005*

Public and Institutional Relations degree programme — Universidad de Belgrano (Argentina)

- Responsible for course teaching, assessment, and monitoring of undergraduate students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow — Nationally Competitive Research Fellowship *2025–present*

Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italiano — Italy (Rome)

- Ranked first in the national selection (2024 call, ref. 4217/2024): 38/40 points among nine applicants; fellowship renewed for a further year (2026–2027)
- Research on the political, cultural, institutional, and social history of the Risorgimento and the long nineteenth century
- Research project: "The Reinterpretation of Myths, Symbols, and Ethnohistories in the Iconography of the Italian Risorgimento: An Ethnosymbolic Perspective"
- The Institute operates under the supervision of the Italian Ministry of Culture and within the Giunta Storica Nazionale network

Research Group Member — GICP, University of Buenos Aires *2026–present*

"Gender and Public Policy at the Subnational Level in Latin America" — Faculty of Social Sciences — Group director: María Victoria Eizaguirre

- Collaborative research on gender equality policy, feminist institutionalism, and subnational governance across Latin America
- Member of the team studying gender perspectives and omissions in the curriculum of the UBA Political Science degree

Research Group Member — GICP, University of Buenos Aires *2026–present*

"Provincial Agenda-Setting Power of National Legislators" — Faculty of Social Sciences — Group directors: Pablo Salinas and Sebastián Dabreinche; coordinator: Santiago Álvarez Varela

- Research on legislators' ability to advance province-specific bills, executive–legislative incentives, and relations between national and provincial legislatures
- Methodological focus on legislative effectiveness, voting and committee records, and comparative provincial indicators

Co-Director — "Community, Myth and Poetry: Contours of the Political" *2018–2020*

Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani — Institutional Recognition Programme, UBA

- Co-directed research on political community, myth, and poetic expression
- Coordinated the associated study circle at IDAES–UNSAM (2017–2019)
- Managed the team, organised internal workshops, and produced research materials

Researcher — UBACyT Project 20020100100297 *2011–2014*

"The Construction of Legitimacy in Post-State Political Communities: Republic and Republicanism, Nation and Nationalism, Historical Meanings and Contemporary Regional Integration in the European Union and Mercosur" — Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA

- Research on normative political theory, republicanism, and legitimacy in supranational integration

Researcher — UBACyT Project S026 *2008–2010*

"The Political Trajectory of Modernity: State, Nation and National Integration — the European Union and Mercosur" — Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA

- Comparative analysis of state formation and nation-building within processes of regional integration

Researcher — UBACyT Project S061 *2004–2007*

"Regional Integration in Comparative Perspective: Mercosur and the European Union" — Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA

- Research on institutional frameworks and political dynamics of regional integration

Research Assistant — Social Protest Research *2001–2003*

"Transformations of Social Protest in Argentina, 1989–2003" — Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, UBA. Project director: Federico Schuster

- Source collection, documentary analysis, and systematisation of data on social conflict

PUBLICATIONS AND ACADEMIC OUTPUT

Books

[In press] Cusinato, María Alicia and Gnerre, Orazio Maria. Partendo da Gramsci: Stato, egemonia, nazionale-popolare. Morlacchi Editore, Perugia. [Author of Chapter I, on the philosophy of praxis, ideology, and hegemony.]

Journal articles

[2015] Cusinato, María Alicia and Ferreyra, Ricardo Tomás. “La intervención del neorepublicanismo en los debates acerca de las democracias contemporáneas” [Neo-republicanism in Debates on Contemporary Democracies]. Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, no. 18. Eudeba, Buenos Aires. ISSN 0329-3092.

[2009] Pinto, Julio and Cusinato, María Alicia. “La integración europea como respuesta a los desequilibrios producidos en la relación institucional Estado-mercado en el último cuarto de siglo” [European Integration as a Response to Institutional State–Market Imbalances]. Sociedad Global, vol. 3, no. 2 (June–December). Universidad Abierta Interamericana, Buenos Aires. Online ISSN 1851-6262.

Research reports

[2024] Cusinato, María Alicia. Comparative Analysis of Political Competition and Gender Inequality: Province of Buenos Aires and Umbria Region. Agenzia Umbria Ricerche, Perugia. ISBN 978-88-97448-42-6.

Book chapters

[2017] Cusinato, María Alicia and Ferreyra, Tomás. “La religión como fenómeno histórico conceptual: entre las formas elementales de la vida religiosa y el multiculturalismo actual” [Religion as a Historical-Conceptual Phenomenon]. In Donatello, Malimaci and Pinto (eds), Nacionalismos, religiones y globalización. Biblos, Buenos Aires. ISBN 978-691-528-1.

[2010] Pinto, Julio and Cusinato, María Alicia. “Frente a la ‘antinomia convergente’ anglo-americana, ¿qué tipo de Estado?” [What Kind of State in the Face of the Anglo-American “Convergent Antinomy”?]. In La Serna, Peón and Ase (eds), Frente a la Crisis, ¿qué hacer con el Estado? IIFAP, Córdoba, Argentina. ISBN 978-987-05-8385-1.

Essays and book reviews

[2010] Cusinato, María Alicia. Review of Carl Schmitt, Diálogo sobre el poder y el acceso al poderoso. Fondo de Cultura Económica, Buenos Aires, 2010. Sociedad Global, vol. 1, no. 4. ISSN 1851-6262.

[2009] Cusinato, María Alicia. Review of Marcelo Fabián Saín, Notas de Ciencia Política. Esbozo de una sistemática social de la política. Universidad de Quilmes, Bernal, 2008. Publicación de Ciencia Política (SAAP), vol. 3, no. 3. ISSN 1666-7883.

[2008] Cusinato, María Alicia. “Estado–Nación: una constelación nebulosa del siglo XXI” [State and Nation: A Nebulous Constellation in the Twenty-First Century]. Essay. Sociedad Global, vol. 2, no. 2 (June–December). ISSN 1851-6262.

[2007] Cusinato, María Alicia. Review of Luis Aznar and Miguel de Luca (eds), Política. Cuestiones y Problemas. Ariel, Buenos Aires, 2007. Sociedad Global, vol. 1, no. 1. ISSN 1851-6262.

Published academic translations (Italian to Spanish)

[2021] Campi, Alessandro. Maquiavelo y las conspiraciones políticas. La lucha por el poder en la Italia del Renacimiento. Buenos Aires: Prometeo. ISBN 978-987-8451-32-9. [Complete book translated into Spanish.]

[2020] Campi, Alessandro. “Maquiavelo y la fenomenología de las conjuras. Apuntes de lectura e hipótesis interpretativas.” Revista Filosófica Symploké, no. 10, pp. 6–14. UNSAM. ISSN 2468-9777.

[2019] Campi, Alessandro. “Naciones y Nacionalismo en la era global. El paradigma científico de Anthony D. Smith y la crítica al modernismo.” Appendix (pp. 249–289) in Nación. Historia de una idea y de un mito político. Sequitur, Madrid. ISBN 978-84-15707-57-8.

[2017] Campi, Alessandro. “Naciones y Nacionalismo en la era global. El paradigma científico de Anthony D. Smith y la crítica al modernismo.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, no. 20.

[2009] Campi, Alessandro. “Populismo: más allá de los estereotipos.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, nos 11–12. Eudeba.

[2007] Portinaro, Pier Paolo. “Realismo político, un mapa Histórico-Teórico.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, nos 9–10. ISSN 0329-3092.

[2005] Lamandini, Marco. “Integración europea y crecimiento trasnacional de las empresas: el difícil camino que atraviesa la sociedad paneuropea y los más recientes problemas de armonización del derecho solidario y financiero europeo.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, nos 9–10.

[2004] Sebesta, Lorenza. “El MERCOSUR y la Unión Europea. Instituciones de la integración en perspectiva comparada.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, nos 7–8.

[2004] Campi, Alessandro (ed.). “Estudio de las Relaciones Internacionales.” Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, nos 7–8.

CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIC EVENTS

[November 2026] Co-author (theoretical framework). “¿Cómo nos formamos? Una revisión de las currículas de la Licenciatura en Ciencia Política (FSOC, UBA) desde la perspectiva de género: actualización y nuevos debates” [How Are Political Scientists Trained? A Gender-Based Review of the Political Science Curriculum at UBA]. Paper by the GICP research team, Faculty of Social Sciences, UBA. 17th National and 10th International Congress on Democracy, Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina, 2–5 November 2026.

[December 2022] Speaker and seminar convenor. “Machiavelli and Political Conspiracies: A Historical-Phenomenological Approach to Power.” Conversations on Political Philosophy series, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM), Argentina.

[July 2019] Speaker and panel chair. Panel on Traditions of Political Thought. 14th National Political Science Congress, “Politics in Uncertainty: Global Reordering, Domestic Realignments and Transparency.” SAAP and UNSAM, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.

[August 2017] Speaker. 13th National Political Science Congress, “Politics under Question: Global Volatility, Persistent Inequalities and Democratic Governance.” SAAP and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires.

[July 2017] Speaker. 9th Latin American Political Science Congress (ALACIP), Montevideo, Uruguay.

[August 2015] Speaker. 12th National Political Science Congress (SAAP), Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.

[October 2010] Speaker. 5th IIFAP Regional Colloquium, “State, Nation and Integration.” Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.

[September 2009] Participant. International Conference on Political and Social Theory, “The German Presence in Argentine Thought.” National Library, Buenos Aires.

[August 2009] Speaker. 9th National Political Science Congress (SAAP), 19–22 August, Santa Fe, Argentina.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Editor (Directora Responsable) — Revista Filosófica Symploké *2019–2024*

Biannual philosophy journal — Lectura Mundi, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM)

- Led editorial management of the UNSAM philosophy journal (ISSN 2468-9777)
- Coordinated editing, manuscript assessment, peer review, and communications with Argentine and international authors
- Oversaw issue no. 10 (July 2019)

Editorial Secretary (Secretaria de Redacción) — Revista Sociedad Global *2007–2014*

Journal of International Relations and Political Science — Universidad Abierta Interamericana (UAI)

- Editorial administration, coordination of peer review, copy-editing, and manuscript layout
- Liaison with national and international authors and organisation of the journal archive

PUBLIC-SECTOR LEADERSHIP AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Head of the Advisory Staff (Jefa de Gabinete de Asesores) *2017–2019*

Undersecretariat for the Rights of Children, Adolescents and Families — National Secretariat for Children, Adolescents and Families (SENNAF), Argentine Ministry of Social Development

- Led the advisory team on child, adolescent, and family policy
- Oversaw policy responses relating to early childhood, prevention of child sexual abuse, and unintended adolescent pregnancy

- Designed, implemented, and monitored national strategies and programmes incorporating a gender perspective
- Coordinated policy work across national public institutions

Head of Advisers to the Chief of Staff (Jefa de Asesores del Jefe de Gabinete) *2015–2017*

National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies — Office of the President of Argentina

- Advised the executive chief of staff on social-policy planning and implementation
- Coordinated cross-sector social-policy projects and programmes

Policy Adviser — National Directorate of Planning and Strategic Coordination *2010–2015*

Airport Security Police (Policía de Seguridad Aeroportuaria, PSA) — Argentine Ministry of Security

- Designed and delivered training on human rights and gender perspectives for police personnel
- Member of the PSA's Gender Centre; contributed to research and institutional protocols
- Gender Focal Point (Referente de Género, 2012–2016, a role held for a further year after the end of the advisory post): led workshops and trained future focal points and trainers on gender perspectives and trafficking in persons (INDAE-supported programme)
- Institutional research project (2011): "How Do Police Officers Work? An Analysis of PSA Command Officers through the Concept of Leadership." Research Department, ISSA/PSA

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native

Italian: Advanced proficiency (reading, writing, and speaking); PhD completed and defended in Italian

English: Advanced proficiency (reading, writing, and speaking)

French: Basic proficiency

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gender studies: Specialist training in gender, institutional security, and child policy; practical experience as a Gender Focal Point in a national security agency (2012–2016).

Team leadership and academic administration: Extensive experience managing teaching teams, coordinating editorial activities, and administering research projects.

International academic engagement: Doctoral research in Italy; academic translation work for Argentine and Spanish publishers; active collaboration with University of Perugia scholars.

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November 2026