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EDUCATION

08/24 - 12/27 (*expected*) **Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona** Barcelona, Spain

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Ecology at the *Institute for Environmental Science and Technology* (ICTA-UAB)

Dissertation Proposal: “Latin American Climate Justice Movements”

Supervisors: Giorgos Kallis (ICTA-UAB), Diego Andreucci (U de Barcelona), Sara Mingorría (U de Girona)

08/20 – 05/23 **University of Southern California** Los Angeles, CA

M.A. in Sociology in the subfields of Political Sociology and Social Movements

Master’s Thesis: “Collective Memory and Collective Action: Transitional Justice from Below in Guatemala”

Advisors: Nina Eliasoph, Paul Lichterman, Hajar Yazdiha, Manuel Castells (USC Annenberg)

08/17 – 01/19 **New York University** New York City, NY

M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the *Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (CLACS)

Masters’ Thesis: “Partisanship in Nonpartisan Democracies: Guatemala’s Post-War Multiparty System”

Advisors: Pamela Calla (CLACS), Patricio Navia (CLACS)

08/13 – 05/17 **New York University** New York City, NY

B.A.: Triple-Major in Sociology; Spanish; Global Liberal Studies (Concentration in Politics, Rights, and Development)

Bachelor’s Thesis: “¿Firme y Duradera? Citizenship and Nationhood in the Guatemalan Peace Process”

Advisors: Sibylle Fischer (History), Christian Parenti (Geography), Patricio Navia (CLACS)

TEACHING & RESEARCH

07/22 – 04/24 **Research Assistant, Annenberg School of Communication at USC** Los Angeles, CA

Spring 2024 *Digital Determinants of Academic Performance*
Prof. Manuel Castells

Fall 2022, Spring 2023 *Technological Gap in Latin American Education*
Prof. Manuel Castells

08/21 – 06/22 **Teaching Assistant; Department of Sociology at USC** Los Angeles, CA

Spring 2022 *SOCI-250mg: Grassroots Participation in Global Perspective*
Prof. Hajar Yazdiha

Fall 2021 *SOCI-200: Introduction to Sociology*
Prof. Juliana McGene

07/18 – 12/19 **Adjunct Instructor; CLACS at NYU** New York City, NY

Fall 2019, Fall 2018 *FYSEMUA-306: Latin America at the start of the 21st Century*
Prof. Jorge Castañeda (NYU)

Fall 2019, Fall 2018 *LATCGA-2531: Postwar U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America*
Prof. Jorge Castañeda (NYU) and Jeffrey DeLaurentis (Columbia)

POLICY WORK

- 05/23 – Now **Community Impact Producer, Skylight Engagement** Brooklyn, NY
- Participated in the post-production of the feature-length documentary film *BORDERLAND* (Dir. Pamela Yates)
 - Fact-checked and verified protagonists' claims to ensure the best ethical practices in filmmaking
 - Elaborated a study guide to be distributed among academic centers focusing on immigration issues in the U.S.
- 01/20 – 01/21 **Executive Counsel; Congressional Labor Committee** Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Drafted a year-long legislative agenda promoting economic justice through robust labor law enforcement
 - Provided expert advice on issues like domestic work, equal pay, and inclusionary labor practices
 - Led meetings with national stakeholders regarding the implementation of federal labor legislation
- 01/18 – 09/18 **Research Fellow; NYU Gallatin Global Fellowship in Urban Practice** Madrid, Spain
- Conducted community-oriented ethnographic research with a domestic workers' association in Madrid
 - Surveyed the Central American diaspora from a chronological perspective using government data
 - Interviewed fifteen domestic workers to assess the impact of Spanish labor laws in their struggle for parity
- 05/16 – 05/17 **Research Assistant; NYU Department of Sociology** New York City, NY
- Cross-examined various U.S. federal legislations during the past 30 years regarding child support
 - Analyzed laws qualitatively, creating a dichotomy listing arguments for and against each punitive measure
 - Created four federal-level memos with in-depth policy analysis for each piece of legislation
- 02/16 – 09/16 **Intern, Americas Division; Human Rights Watch** New York City, NY
- Worked conjointly with the Division Director on covering and denouncing regional human rights abuses
 - Followed 25+ media outlets as part of daily monitoring cases from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras
 - Wrote the chapter on Guatemala's efforts toward transparency and accountability for the *2017 World Report*
- 08/15 – 12/15 **Consultant, Cities Department; CIPPEC** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Collaborated with the Inter-American Development Bank on a project analyzing regional water governance
 - Collected contextual information (demographic, economic, fiscal, life quality, and spatial) on 64 cities
 - Gained extensive dataset skills; data-mined to provide insightful information on regional trends

PUBLICATIONS

Published Peer-Reviewed Articles

Masek, Vaclav, Briseida Milián Lemus. (2024). “¿Institucionalizar el estallido en Guatemala? Del Movimiento Estudiantil de 2015 al Movimiento Semilla de 2023.” *Escripta*. julio-diciembre 2023. Vol. 3, No. 10:144-175.

Masek, Vaclav. (2023). “Guatemala's Indigenous-Led National Strike Rejects Authoritarianism.” *NACLA Report on the Americas*, Vol. 55, No. 4. DOI: 10.1080/10714839.2023.2280317.

Masek, Vaclav. (2023). “La paradoja del desarrollo: consultas comunitarias en la posguerra guatemalteca.” *Iberoamerican Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1: 276-300. DOI: 10.26754/ojs_ried/ijds.801.

Masek, Vaclav; Navia, Patricio; Perelló, Lucas. (2021). “Demand without supply? Mass partisanship, ideological attachments, and the puzzle of Guatemala's electoral market failure.” *International Area Studies Review*. 1-22.

Masek, Vaclav and Luis Aguasvivas. (2021). “Consolidando el poder en El Salvador: El caso de Nayib Bukele.” *Ecuador Debate*, 112: 157-173.

Masek, Vaclav; Navia, Patricio; Perelló, Lucas. (2019). “The Determinants of Perception of Corruption in Guatemala, 2006–2016.” *Public Integrity*. 22(5), pp. 425-444.

Book Chapters

Masek, Vaclav. (2023). “O Paradoxo Do Desenvolvimento: Consultas Comunitárias Na Guatemala do Pós-Guerra.” *Humanidades e Ciências Sociais: Perspectivas Teóricas, Metodológicas e de Investigação*. São Paulo: Editora Artemis.

Book Reviews

Masek, Vaclav. (2023). "Review of Testimonio: Canadian Mining and the Aftermaths of Genocide in Guatemala, ed. by Catherine Nolin and Grahame Russell." *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 22(2), pp. 255-257.

Masek, Vaclav. (2020). "Review of Out of the Shadow: Revisiting the Revolution from Post-Peace Guatemala." *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 52(4), pp. 466-467.

Public Writing

04/24 [EP Investiga](#)

02/24 [Agencia Ocote](#)

01/24 [El País](#)

10/23 [Plaza Pública](#)

05/23 [El Periódico](#)

03/23 [El Periódico](#)

02/23 [El Periódico](#)

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03/19 [CNN en Español](#)

02/19 [CNN en Español](#)

01/19 [Nómada](#)

01/19 [CNN en Español](#)

12/18 [CNN en Español](#)

In Spanish:

“¿Habrá moratoria minera?”

“Ciclos de protesta, octubrismo revolucionario.”

“Bernardo Arévalo no tendrá luna de miel.”

“¿Semilla pasó de movimiento social a partido político?”

“Utilidades públicas mínimamente funcionales.”

“Negar el pasado atroz”

“La Puya, arbitraje y consulta”

“Irritantes atascos fronterizos”

“Ejes temáticos de las ‘midterms’”

“Bolsonaro, amenaza global”

“La memoria colectiva es praxis”

“Nicaragua, ventana y espejo”

“Cuando se denuncia al Estado”

“Justicia climática y resistencia indígena”

“Chaves rompe el tradicionalismo en Costa Rica tras imponerse en las elecciones”

“Secuelas de la fiebre anticomunista”

“Cuando Putin visitó Guatemala”

“Ciberespionaje bajo patrocinio del Estado”

“Consultas de mala fe”

“Nuestra democracia contrainsurgente”

“La paradoja minera de El Estor”

“¿Para quiénes son las fronteras?”

“Nuestro vecino el incongruente”

“La desilusión de la política migratoria bipartidista”

“Así se ha manejado la crisis del coronavirus en Centroamérica”

“Eternamente autoritarios”

“Guatemala: un gobierno que comienza desgastado”

“La absurda ‘normalidad’ centroamericana”

“Un replanteamiento de la memoria histórica en España”

“En Mesoamérica, Estados bajo amenaza”

“Efectos post-CICIG”

“La diplomacia de la extorsión”

“La hora pico”

“Centroamérica se vuelve a congelar”

“Bukele: ¿outsider u oportunista?”

“¿Por qué hay tantos partidos políticos en Guatemala?”

“De crisis migratorias e instituciones erosionadas”

“Entre Tapachula y Tijuana”

In English:

04/24 [El Faro English](#)

12/23 [El Faro English](#)

08/23 [NACLA](#)

05/23 [Global Observatory](#)

10/22 [Firmament](#)

“Guatemala Reform Agenda Hinges on Crucial High Court Elections.”

“An Anti-Democratic Mafia Is Isolating Guatemala.”

“Lawfare Casts Shadow Over Paradigm-Shifting Guatemalan Election.”

“Ten Years After Genocide Trial in Guatemala, Justice System Suffering Trust Deficit.”

“On ‘The Long Memory of the Peoples’”

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- 11/21 [NACLA](#) “Guatemala Cracks Down on Q’eqchi’ Resistance in El Estor.”
- 12/20 [NACLA](#) “Remembering Guatemala’s Martyr of Justice: An Interview with Francisco Goldman.”
- 11/20 [NACLA](#) “Guatemalans Have Had Enough.”
- 07/20 [Global Policy](#) “Authoritarian Populism in the Americas: A Symptom of Democratic Crisis.”
- 05/20 [NACLA](#) “White Flags as Guatemalans Grow Hungry.”
- 08/19 [NACLA](#) “In Guatemala, Out with the Old, In with the Older.”
- 05/19 [NACLA](#) “‘History Moves Forward. You Cannot Go Back.’ Interview w/ Judge Yassmín Barrios.”

CONFERENCES

- 07/24 **Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) at the University of Amsterdam** Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Panel: *Guatemala in Flux – Unraveling Dynamics from the Uprising to the Ongoing Democratic Backsliding*
- 06/24 **Latin American Studies Association (LASA) at the Javieriana University** Bogotá, Colombia
Panel: *Cracking the Commodity Consensus*
Presentation: “Resistencias: Anti-Mining Sites in Guatemala”
- 05/24 **Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG)** San Juan, Puerto Rico
Panel: *Emerging Research into Extractivism(s) in Guatemala*
- 04/24 **Inaugural British Journal of Sociology (BJS) Conference** at LSE London, England
Panel: *Environmental Movements*
Presentation: “Climate Justice Movements Against Extractivism”
- 04/24 **2024 ASEN Conference: Nationalism and Memory at the University of Edinburgh** Edinburgh, Scotland
Presentation: “Mnemonic Frames in ‘Unsettled’ Times: Movements after Political Violence”
- 01/24 **Indigeneity and Socialism in the Americas at University College London** London, England
Presentation: “Latin American Marxism: José Carlos Mariátegui’s Revolutionary Praxis”
- 10/23 **2nd Annual Southern California Association of Latin American Studies at CSU Northridge** Los Angeles, CA
Panel: *Memorias–Freedom of the Press in Latin America*
Presentation: “Freedom Under Siege in Guatemala”
- 09/23 **III Jornadas Red Interamericana de Historia de América Latina Contemporánea** Córdoba, Argentina
Mesa – Movimientos estudiantiles latinoamericanos: historias con presente
Ponencia: “¿Institucionalizar el estallido? El caso del Movimiento Semilla en Guatemala (2015-2023)”
- 06/23 **International Sociological Association’s XX World Congress of Sociology** Melbourne, Australia
Research Council: *Exploring Grassroots Activism in Armed Conflicts and Post-Conflict Contexts*
Presentation: “Memory Movements During “Unsettled” Periods”
- 03/23 **Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies** Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala
Session on *Extractivism(s) in Neoliberal Guatemala*
Presentation: *Revisitando las resistencias pacíficas*
- 01/23 **2023 Conference on Latin American Geography** Tucson, AZ
Session on *Time, Space, and Identity* Presentation: “Memory in Post-Peace Guatemala”
- 10/22 **International Conference at the Center for Advanced Genocide Research at USC** Los Angeles, CA
Session on *Genocide Denial*
Presentation: *Denial and Distortion in Post- “Peace” Guatemala*
- 08/22 **2022 American Sociological Association** Los Angeles, CA
Roundtable on Emergent Graduate Research on the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations
Table 2: “Indigenous Movements and Identities”
- 07/22 **2022 Postgraduates in Latin American Studies (PILAS) Conference at CLAS** Cambridge, England
Paper: “Temporal Imaginations: Memory in Social Movement Action”

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- 05/22 **VI Congreso Internacional de Estudios del Desarrollo (CIED) en el IBEI** Barcelona, Spain
Panel: *Violencia política, el conflicto armado y el desarrollo*
- 04/22 **Chicago Ethnography Conference at the University of Wisconsin** Madison, WI
Panel: *Community, Land, Memory*
Paper: “Meaning-Making in Social Movements.”
- 03/22 **Jornadas de Litigio Estratégico en Derechos Humanos, Universidad de la Pampa**, Santa Rosa, Argentina
Panel: *Minería y DD.HH.*
Paper: “La minería en El Estor: el desafío de la consulta comunitaria.”
- 11/21 **I Congreso de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala** Guatemala City, Guatemala
Paper: “El proceso de consulta comunitaria en El Estor.”
- 08/21 **2021 American Sociological Association** Chicago, IL
Panel Presider: *ASA Latino/a/x Roundtable on Navigating Education*
- 11/20 **XII Coloquio Antropología y Sociología, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala** Guatemala City, Guatemala
Paper: “Banderas Blancas: ¿(Des)confianza en el Estado?”
- 05/20 **Latin American Studies Association Conference** Guadalajara, Mexico
Paper: “Partisanship in Nonpartisan Democracies: The Post-War Multiparty System in Guatemala”

GRANTS & HONORS

- 04/23 **Fellow-in-Residence at the Auschwitz Institute (AIPG)** Krakow and Oświęcim, Poland
Instructor, Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Global Government Edition
- 05/22 **Lev Summer Fellowship at the Center for Advanced Genocide Research (CAGR) at USC** Los Angeles, CA
\$3,000 to conduct testimony-based archival research linking collective memory and Indigenous resistance
- 05/21 **W.E.B. DuBois & Ida B. Wells-Barnett Graduate Student Scholar Award** Los Angeles, CA
\$2,500 in research funds to USC Sociology students engaged in critical race scholarship and public sociology
- 03/18 **Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant** Guatemala City, Guatemala
\$2,000 to carry out in-depth elite interviews for Latin American Studies MA thesis in Guatemala
- 05/17 **Global Liberal Studies Class of 2017 Global Impact Award** New York City, NY
Cohort-wide recognition for community service and engagement during undergraduate career

WORKSHOPS

- 06/24 **2024 Institute Critical Social Inquiry (ICSI) at The New School for Social Research** New York City, NY
Fellow, *Reading Karl Marx's Grundrisse Today* (Prof. David Harvey)
- 06/23 **Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) Summer School** Zadar, Croatia
Participant, *Nations & Nationalism in a Contemporary World*
- 06/22 **2022 Institute Critical Social Inquiry (ICSI) at The New School for Social Research** New York City, NY
Fellow, *Expulsions: The Rise of Extractive Logics in our Economies & Societies* (Prof. Saskia Sassen)
- 02/22 **Politics, Organizations, Ethnography, and Theory (POETs) Seminar** Los Angeles, CA
Manuscript: “Temporal Imaginations: Future-Coordination in Post-Conflict Guatemala”
- 01/22 **Latin American Studies Working Group at Yale University** New Haven, CT
Manuscript: “Temporal Imaginations: Future-Coordination in Post-Conflict Guatemala”

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2024 – present Society of Latin American Studies (SLAS)
2023 – present Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG)
2023 – present Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)
2022 – present International Sociological Association (ISA)
2020 – present American Sociological Association (ASA)
2019 – present Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish – Native
English – Bilingual
Portuguese – Fluent
French – Professional
Catalan – Elementary

Technical: Microsoft Office 365 – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
Learning Management Systems - Canvas, Blackboard
Video conferencing platforms – Zoom, Teams, Skype
Multimedia authoring tools – Adobe Creative Suite
Statistical packages – Stata, R
Qualitative Analysis Software – NVivo, Atlas.ti, ArcGIS (beginner)
Bibliography Manager – Zotero, Notion