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## Education

- 2024–2027 **Political Science**, Aarhus University, Aarhus, *Ph.D.*  
(Expected) Supervisors: Mathias Tromborg and Christoffer Green-Pedersen
- 2021–2023 **Political Science**, University of Brasília, Brasília-DF, *M.S.*  
Committee: Adrián Albala (Chair), Raimondas Ibenskas, and Frederico Bertholini
- 2016–2020 **Political Science**, University of Brasília, Brasília-DF, *Bachelor's degree*  
Supervisor: Adrián Albala

## Research Interests

Coalition Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Behaviour, and Legislative Studies

## Publications

*My work has appeared in:*

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| Brazilian Political Science Review (2x) | British Journal of Politics and Int. Rel. |
| Dados                                   | European Political Science Review         |
| Latin American Politics and Society     | Political Studies Review                  |
| Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política  | Revista Política Hoje                     |

## Articles

- [A.9] **L. Couto**. “The Drivers of Resemblance in Presidential Regimes: explaining the conversion of pre-electoral coalitions into coalition cabinets”. *European Political Science Review*, *Forthcoming*. [Available Here](#), pp. 1–37.
- [A.8] **L. Couto**, A. V. Lopes, A. Albala, and V. R. Paley. “Party Switching in Elected Upper Chambers: The Case of the Brazilian Senate”. *Political Studies Review* 23.2, 2025, pp. 589–607. DOI: [10.1177/14789299241289757](https://doi.org/10.1177/14789299241289757).
- [A.7] **L. Couto**. “Government formation in presidentialism: Disentangling the combined effects of pre-electoral coalitions and legislative polarization”. *Latin American Politics and Society* 67.1, 2025, pp. 36–55. DOI: [10.1017/lap.2024.30](https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2024.30).
- [A.6] **L. Couto**, A. V. Lopes, and A. Albala. “A Constitution I Am Used To? Constitutional Endurance and Replacement in Democratic Latin America”. *Brazilian Political Science Review* 19.1, 2025, pp. 1–36. DOI: [10.1590/1981-3821202500010001](https://doi.org/10.1590/1981-3821202500010001).
- [A.5] A. Albala, A. Borges, and **L. Couto**. “Pre-electoral coalitions and cabinet stability in presidential systems”. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 25.1, 2023, pp. 64–82. DOI: [10.1177/13691481211056852](https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481211056852).

- [A.4] A. Albala and **L. Couto**. “Question of Timing: Pre-Electoral Coalitions in Multiparty Presidential Regimes”. *Brazilian Political Science Review* 17.1, 2023, pp. 1–28. DOI: [10.1590/1981-3821202300010001](https://doi.org/10.1590/1981-3821202300010001).
- [A.3] **L. Couto** and A. Albala. “A Coalescência Revisitada: O Cálculo Presidencial no Bicameralismo”. *Dados* 66.4, 2023, pp. 1–45. DOI: [10.1590/dados.2023.66.4.304](https://doi.org/10.1590/dados.2023.66.4.304).
- [A.2] A. Albala, **L. Couto**, A. Lopes, and B. Livramento. “Uma Câmara Só Para Carimbar? Produção Legislativa do Senado Brasileiro”. *Revista Política Hoje* 30.2, 2021, pp. 79–96. DOI: [10.51359/1808-8708.2021.255992](https://doi.org/10.51359/1808-8708.2021.255992).
- [A.1] **L. Couto**, A. Soares, and B. Livramento. “Presidencialismo de coalizão: conceito e aplicação”. *Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política* 34, 2021, pp. 1–39. DOI: [10.1590/0103-3352.2021.34.241841](https://doi.org/10.1590/0103-3352.2021.34.241841).

## Book Chapters

- [B.1] **L. Couto** and A. Albala. “QCA para Políticas Públicas: uma abordagem configuracional para estudar o Estado em ação”. In: *Desafios Metodológicos das Políticas Públicas baseadas em evidências*. Ed. by I. Fernandes. 2022, pp. 231–254.

## Grants and Scholarship

2025 **Department of Political Science, Aarhus University**  
*Voter Responses to Political Compromises in Multiparty Presidential Democracies*  
 Amount: DKK 40 000.

2021–2023 **CAPES**  
*Pre-Electoral Coalitions and Government Formation in Presidentialism*  
 Amount: R\$ 40 500.

2019 **FAP-DF**  
*Os determinantes da aprovação dos projetos do Senado Federal*  
 Amount: R\$ 4 800.

## Teaching

### Course Convenor

[Latin American Politics](#) Fall 2025

### Teaching Assistant

[Political Institutions: Western countries, EU and International Organizations](#) Spring 2026

Lecturers: Derek Beach, Costin Ciobanu, and Jan P. Vogler

[Research Techniques in Political Science](#) Fall 2021

Lecturer: Marisa Von Bülow

### Student Assistant

[Research Techniques in Political Science](#) Fall 2019

Lecturer: Lucio Rennó

[Introduction to Public Policy](#) Fall 2018 & Spring 2018

Lecturer: Adrián Albala

[The Economic Growth of Brazil](#) Spring 2017

Lecturer: Flávio Rabelo Versiani

## Conferences

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2026 (Expected*)
Danish Political Science Association (DPSA)	2025
Brazilian Political Science Graduates Forum (FBCP)	2022 & 2023
Brazilian Political Science Association (ABCP)	2020

## Service to the Discipline

Reviewer for *Party Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Verified peer review activity is available [here](#).

## Media

- 2025 "A dança das cadeiras na Esplanada dos Ministérios" *Jornalismo Júnior*, May 29.
- 2021 "A CPI da covid-19: palco político ou guerra de narrativas?" *Estadão*, July 1.
- 2020 "O governo namora o PSD para se blindar no Senado" *Estadão*, July 4.

## Languages

Portuguese Native

English Fluent

French Intermediate

*Reading Proficiency*

## Programming/Software

R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

## References

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