

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Researcher <i>KU Leuven</i>	Leuven, Belgium 2026
Postdoctoral Researcher <i>Getulio Vargas Foundation</i>	São Paulo, Brazil 2025 – 2027
Max Weber Fellow <i>European University Institute</i>	Fiesole, Italy 2023 – 2025

EDUCATION

Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco Recife, Brazil
Ph.D. in Political Science 2016 - 2022

- Thesis: “The Family Connection: Political dynasties and government transparency in Brazilian municipalities.”
- Best Doctoral Dissertation Award 2024, Brazilian Political Science Association

Latin American Centre, University of Oxford Oxford, United Kingdom
Visiting Doctoral Student 2018 - 2019

Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco Recife, Brazil
M.A. in Political Science 2013 - 2015

- *Selected for Competition:* Best MA Thesis Award, Associação Nacional de Pós-Graduação e Pesquisa em Ciências Sociais (ANPOCS), 2016

Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco Recife, Brazil
B.A. in Political Science 2013 - 2015

- PUBLICATIONS
1. Koga, Natalia M., Pedro Palotti, Miguel Loureiro and **Virginia Rocha**. “Policy Advice in Brazil: Sources and Uses of Policy Knowledge in a Federal Presidential System.” *Brazilian Political Science Review* (2026).
 2. Batista, Mariana, **Virginia Rocha**, and Pedro Nascimento. “Tying the Successor’s Hands or Following the Neighbor? Diffusion of Access to Information in Brazilian Municipalities.” *Revista de Administração Pública/Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* 56, no. 3 (2022): 393–412.
 3. Cunha, Matheus, Amanda Domingos, **Virginia Rocha**, and Marcus Torres. “How Many Could Have Been Saved? Effects of Social Distancing on COVID-19.” *Revista de Administração Pública/Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* 55, no. 1 (2021).
 4. Rocha, Virginia. “From Theory to Analysis: An Introduction to Using Semi-Structured Individual Interviews in Political Science.” *Revista Política Hoje* 29, no. 1 (2021).
 5. Batista, Mariana, **Virginia Rocha**, and José L.A. Santos. “Transparency, Corruption, and Mismanagement: An Analysis of Brazilian Municipalities.” *Revista de Administração Pública/Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* 54, no. 5 (2020): 1382–1401.
- In Portuguese
6. Koga, N. M., Pinheiro, M. M. S., Santos, É. R., Bertogna, J. P. S., Rosa, L. G. L., Oliveira, R. M., & **Rocha, V.** (2026). *Capacidades, governança e cultura de evidências: estruturas, processos e instrumentos para o uso de evidências no MDHC* (Texto para Discussão No. 3166) [In Portuguese]. Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (Ipea).
 7. Domingos, Amanda, **Virginia Rocha**, and Palloma Marciano. “A estrada dos tijolos amarelos: Desafios e sugestões para produzir pesquisas qualitativas mais transparentes.” *Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política* 43 (2024).
 8. Rocha, Virginia. “Desmantelamento de políticas públicas: uma breve introdução.” In *Ciência política: uma proposta educativa: políticas públicas: volume II*, edited by Pedro Nascimento and Ana Tereza Duarte Lima de Barros, 15–28. Campina Grande: EDUEPB, 2023.
- WORKING PAPERS
1. “Oligarchic Political Competition in Brazil.” (*with Yuri Kasahara, Taylor Boas, and Daniel Hidalgo*) (Under Review)
 2. “Subnational Polyarchy in Brazil.” (*with Javier Pérez Sandoval and Timothy J. Power*) (Under Review, second round after R&R)
 3. “How Political Capital is Transmitted within Political Dynasties: Qualitative Evidence from Brazil” (Under Review, second round after R&R).
- SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS
1. “Mass and Elite Cooperation: Experimental Evidence of Depolarization in Brazil,” *w/ Matheus Cunha* (FGV).
 2. “Do dynastic politicians evade transparency? Evidence from Brazil.”
- GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS
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| Early-Stage Researchers Grant, European University Institute | 2024 |
| Polarization Research Lab (Dartmouth College, University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University), Global Political Pulse | 2024 |
| Research financial support for early career researchers, Brazilian Political Science Association | 2023 |
| Research Fellowship, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brazil | 2023 |
| PhD Internship Fellowship, Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior, Brazil | 2018 |
| PhD Fellowship, Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior | 2016 |

CONFERENCES	Annual Meetings	
	Pre-EPSA Conference - Political Connections Meeting, Madrid, Spain	2025
	120th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, US	2024
	ECPR General Conference, Dublin, Ireland	2024
	14th EPSA Annual Conference, Köln, Germany	2024
	The Norwegian Association of Latin American Studies Conference, Remotely	2021
	12th Congress of the Brazilian Association of Political Science, Remotely	2020
	9th Congress, Latin American Association of Political Science, Montevideo, Uruguay	2017
	10th Congress of the Brazilian Association of Political Science, Belo Horizonte, Brazil	2016
	Workshops	
	Computational Text Analysis, EUI, Florence, Italy	2025
	Grant Application Skills workshop, EUI, Florence, Italy	2023
	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science/FGV DAPP, Remotely	2022
	International Summer School, University da Coruña, A Coruña, Spain	2014
	Invited Talks	
	“Apresentação e discussão do Plano de Integridade e Combate à Corrupção”, Brazil’s General Comproller (Controladoria Geral da União), 8 October 2024, Remotely	
	“Hacia gobiernos más transparentes a nivel subnacional: ¿Qué sabemos del acceso a la información local en América Latina y el Caribe?”, UNESCO, 27 September 2024, Remotely	
	Political Behaviour Colloquium, EUI, 1 October 2024, Florence, Italy	
	Distributive Politics in the Global South Workshop, 18-20 September 2024, Marburg, Germany	
September Presentations, Max Weber Programme, EUI, 17 September 2024, Florence, Italy.		
June Conference, EUI, 2023, Florence, Italy, 2024		
September Presentations, Max Weber Programme, EUI, 2023, Florence, Italy		
SKILLS	Languages: English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (beginner)	
	Programming: R, Python, Latex, Stata	

ACADEMIC
SERVICES

Advisory Board Member, Polarization Research Lab
(Dartmouth College, University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University) 2023 - Present
Organization Committee Member, CIVICA Data Science Seminar Series 2023 - 2024

Reviewer for: *Journal of Latin American Studies*

Jornal de Administração Pública/Brazilian Journal of Public Administration

Revista DADOS de Ciências Sociais

Revista Brasileira de Políticas Públicas e Internacionais - RPPI

Cadernos Gestão Pública e Cidadania

Política Hoje

Supervisor for: *BA Thesis, José Luiz Alves dos Santos, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 15 December 2021*

External Examiner for: *25% Presentation - PhD Requirement, Paloma Abril Poncela, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, 26 March 2025*

25% Presentation - PhD Requirement, Kirill Melnikov, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, 12 March 2025

PhD Dissertation, Leonardo Rodrigues Ferreira, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 20 December 2024

25% Presentation - PhD Requirement, Alissa Siara, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, 23 April 2024

BA Thesis, Samuel Brandão Rodrigues, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 26 March 2024

MA Thesis, Lidyanne Costa Araujo, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 7 March 2024

MA Thesis, Alain Esmeraldo Lopes, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 30 January 2024

BA Thesis, Matheus Maymone de Barros Dias, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 19 May 2023

BA Thesis, Maria Raryanne Freitas de Oliveira, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 15 May 2023

BA Thesis, Tiago Gomes Barbosa, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 5 May 2023

BA Thesis, Ana Larissa de Oliveira Monte, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 3 May 2023

PhD Dissertation, Natália Cordeiro Guimarães, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 22 March 2023

BA Thesis, Catarina Luisa Alves de Araújo, Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 8 November 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor <i>SPS Summer Academy 2024, European University Institute</i>	Fiesoly, Italy 2024
	Lecturer <i>Undergraduate level, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco</i>	Recife, Brazil 2023
	Instructor <i>Public Policies in Education Course, Escola Legislativa de Pernambuco</i>	Recife, Brazil 2021
	Teaching Assistant <i>Public Policy Course, Prof. Mariana Batista, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco)</i>	Recife, Brazil 2017
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant <i>Prof. Timothy Power, University of Oxford</i>	Remotely 2021
	Research Assistant <i>Prof. Yuri Kasahara, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research</i>	Remotely 2017-2021
	Project Coordinator <i>NGO Politiquê?</i>	Recife, Brazil 2020
	Research Assistant <i>Prof. Taylor Boas, Boston University, EGAP's Metaketa Project</i>	Remotely 2017
	Public Servant <i>Education Department, City Hall</i>	Recife, Brazil 2015-2016

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