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Data-driven reform specialist in institutions and the justice sector, with expertise in the rule of law, transparency, anti-corruption, judicial independence and gender equality. Applies data science to design, evaluate, and scale innovative public sector reforms.

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Academic mobility: *Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Norway and the U.S.*

EDUCATION

Universitet i Bergen <i>Post.Doc in Quantitative Methods</i>	2017
University of Pittsburgh <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i>	2010
University of Pittsburgh <i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	2006
Georgetown University <i>M.A. in Development Management and Public Policy</i>	2004
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella <i>B.A. in International Studies</i>	2001

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

The World Bank	2017 to present
• <u>Argentina</u>: Conducted assessments of national and subnational access to information legal frameworks and developed an index (2017–2019); Conducted an institutional assessment of the Federal Judiciary and presented original quantitative data of performance indicators(2020–2021). • <u>Colombia</u>: Evaluated the implementation of transparency and access to information legislation at the national level (2024–2025). • <u>Paraguay</u>: Collaborated on the design of the strategic plan for the Anti-Corruption Office and provided ongoing implementation monitoring and follow-up (2021–present).	
CEJIL-GQUAL-OHCHR	2024-2026
• <u>USA</u>: Designed and implemented an international online survey targeting current and former women mandate holders in Special Procedures, Treaty Bodies, and the Advisory Committee. Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and co-authored the final report on structural and institutional barriers affecting women’s access to and exercise of international human rights mandates.	
United Nations Development Program	2021, 2024-2025
• <u>Argentina</u>: Reviewed and analyzed best practices in open justice in local courts of the City of Buenos Aires; developed a practical toolkit and replication strategies for adoption by other judicial bodies (2021) • <u>Argentina</u>: Assessed the two-year implementation of a community-based criminal prosecution program led by the Public Prosecutor’s Office; proposed evidence-based strategies for replication in additional city neighborhoods (2023-2024)	

Konrad Adenauer Foundation

2020-2023

- Latin America: Analyzed the institutional capacities of subnational judicial statistics offices across Latin America; designed and delivered tailored training programs to strengthen data collection and institutional performance (2020).
- Latin America: Served as principal researcher on the role of women in high courts in Latin America; produced a policy paper based on original empirical data addressing gender equality in judicial leadership (2023).

Inter-American Development Bank

2018-2019

- Argentina: Assessed open government policies within the executive branch of the City of Buenos Aires; developed a practical implementation toolkit and replication strategies for adoption by other branches of government and provincial administrations (2019).
- Uruguay: Evaluated Uruguay's e-government modernization policy led by AGESIC and its innovation lab, focusing on institutional design, digital governance, and innovation outcomes (2020).

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*Visiting Professor*

2017 to present

Centre on Law & Social Transformation (Norway)*Affiliated Researcher*

2014 to present

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Flacso-Mexico)*Assistant Professor*

2010-2014

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Flacso-Mexico)*Director of M.A. in Government and Public Policy*

2012-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Castagnola, A. 2018. *Manipulating Courts in New Democracies: Forcing Judges off the Bench in Argentina*. Routledge: New York

Edited Book

- Castagnola, A. and López Noriega, S. (eds.) 2016. *Judicial Politics in Mexico: The Supreme Court and the Transition to Democracy*. Routledge: New York. [Spanish translated version in 2016]

Peer-reviewed journal articles (selected)

- Castagnola, A. and Pérez-Liñán, A. 2025. “La judicialización de la política y el control constitucional en modelos híbridos restringidos: el activismo judicial por ‘defecto’ de Paraguay”. *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, Vol. 22, Issue 5.
- Franco, Sh. and Castagnola, A. 2024. “Los derechos de las mujeres y el rol de la Corte Suprema de Paraguay” *Estudios Constitucionales* Vol. 22 (1): 267-300
- Castagnola, A. 2020. “La Trampa de la Manipulación Judicial: Un análisis histórico del control político de la Corte Suprema Argentina”. *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* 29 (1): 49-80
- Pérez-Liñán, A. and Castagnola, A. 2016. “Judicial Instability and Endogenous Constitutional Change: Lessons from Latin America”. *British Journal of Political Science* 46 (2): 395-416.
- Castagnola, A. 2012. “I Want It All, and I Want It Now: The Political Manipulation of Argentina’s Provincial High Courts” *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 4 (2): 39-62.

Book Chapters (selected)

- Castagnola, A. 2025. "Los jueces de la Corte Suprema Argentina y la difícil tarea de permanecer en el cargo" In *El Uso del Derecho como Herramienta de Transformación en América Latina*, Gabriel Pereira and Catalina Smulovitz (editores). Editorial Dejusticia
- Pérez-Liñán, A. and Castagnola, A. 2024. "Judicial Tenure and Retirements" In *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Judicial Behaviour*, Lee Epstein, Gunnar Grendstad, Urška Šadl, & Keren Weinshall, editors. Oxford University Press.
- Castagnola, A. and Gonzalez-Ocantos, E. 2024. "Argentina's 'Judicial Family': Mapping Family Connections in the Argentine Provincial Federal Judiciary" In *Informality and Courts*, Sanchez-Urribarri Raul, Bjoern Dressel and Alex Stroh. Edinburgh University Press
- Castagnola, A., Pérez-Liñán, A., and Bonzi, G. 2024. "Judicial Activism: a reactive form of compensatory justice in Paraguay " In *Judicial Activism in Comparative Perspectives*, Lori Hausegger and Raul Sanchez Urribarri (eds.). Peter Lang Publishing.
- Castagnola, A., Muro, S. and Chethman, A. 2024. "The Supreme Court of Argentina " Johanna Frohlich (ed) *Constitutional Reasoning*. Bloomsbury. NY
- Pérez-Liñán, A. and Castagnola, A. 2020. "¿Activismo inocuo? La Justicia Constitucional en la era democrática" In *Tres décadas de democratización en Paraguay: actores, instituciones y Sociedad*, ed. Cerna Villagra, S. and Villalba S. Asunción: Centro de Estudios Antropológicos de la Universidad Católica.
- Castagnola A. and Pérez-Liñán, A. 2011. "Bolivia: The Rise (an Fall) of Judicial Review." In *Courts in Latin America*, ed. G. Helmke and J. Rios-Figueroa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Publications for International Development Projects and NGO (selected)

- Castagnola, A. 2024. El Ministerio Público Fiscal en el barrio. Evaluación del programa de persecución penal comunitaria en el barrio Rodrigo Bueno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires. Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
[The Public Prosecutor's Office in the neighborhood. Evaluation of the community criminal prosecution program in the Rodrigo Bueno neighborhood of Buenos Aires. United Nations Development Program, Buenos Aires, Argentina]
- Castagnola, A. 2023. Mujeres, Poder y Justicia. El efecto de las normas y de las instituciones judiciales de género como herramientas para promover la incorporación femenina en las Cortes Supremas y Constitucionales de América Latina. Programa Estado de Derecho Latinoamérica Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.
[Women, Power, and Justice. The effect of gender norms and judicial institutions as tools for promoting the incorporation of women in the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of Latin America. Rule of Law Program Latin America Konrad Adenauer Stiftung]
- Castagnola, A. 2023. La (im)posible consolidación del Consejo de la Magistratura en Argentina. Dossier El Consejo de la Magistratura: miradas sobre su funcionamiento real. ADC
[The (im)possible consolidation of the Judicial Council in Argentina. Dossier The Judicial Council: perspectives on its actual functioning]
- Castagnola, A. and Pérez-Liñán, A. 2021. La representación femenina en las Cortes Supremas y Tribunales Constitucionales de América Latina: identificando trayectorias de inclusión y perfiles de juezas. Programa Estado de Derecho Latinoamérica Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.
[Female representation in Latin American Supreme Courts and Constitutional Courts: identifying paths to inclusion and profiles of female judges. Rule of Law Program Latin America Konrad Adenauer Stiftung]
- Naciones Unidas: Castagnola, A. 2021. Justicia Abierta en tiempos de COVID 19: Un modelo para armar en base a las experiencias del Juzgado Penal, Contravencional y Faltas No. 10 de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires. Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo, Buenos Aires, Argentina

[Open Justice in times of COVID-19: A model to be developed based on the experiences of Criminal, Misdemeanor, and Minor Offense Court No. 10 of the City of Buenos Aires. United Nations Development Program, Buenos Aires, Argentina]

- Castagnola A., and Arancio, A. 2020. “Un “Lab” en constante evolución. La experiencia del Laboratorio de Innovación en Gobierno Digital, Agescic, Uruguay” Institutions for Development Sector. Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC.
- Grupo Banco Mundial: Castagnola A. 2019. Índice de acceso a la información pública en las provincias Argentinas: un análisis de la calidad normativa. Washington DC, Banco Mundial.[Index of access to public information in Argentine provinces: an analysis of regulatory quality]

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS and GRANTS (selected)

2024-2027: Research fellowship. Max Planck Institute – ICCAL (Germany)
2024-2028: Research Grant. CMI Norwegian Research Council (Norway)
2020: USAID. Co-PI in research project in collaboration with Instituto Desarrollo and University of Notre Dame.
2019: Postdoctoral fellowship (declined) Argentinian Research Council (CONICET)
2016: Paraguayan Research Council (CONACYT) with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Instituto Desarrollo.
2014-2017: Postdoctoral fellowship. University of Bergen (Norway)
2012-2014: CONACYT Award for research candidate (Mexico)
2010: Lozano Memorial dissertation prize (Honorable mention). University of Pittsburgh.
2009: National Science Foundation (NSF) (SES 0918886 with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán).
2008: The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2004-2006: Doctoral fellowship. Fulbright Scholar Fellowship from Argentina

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English, (bilingual proficiency) Portuguese (advanced), and Norwegian (intermediate).

Programming: STATA and R

Country expertise : Latin American region. Extended field work on the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Paraguay

Teaching experience: Data Science Courses (MA and BA levels) at UTDT (Argentina), University of Bergen (Norway), Flacso-Ecuador and Hertie School of Governance (Germany), Political Science Courses (PhD, MA and BA levels) at Flacso-Mexico, UTDT (Argentina), ITAM (México), Flacso- Mexico, Law School Courses (MA and BA levels) at UTDT (Argentina)

REFERENCES

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