

BEATRIZ SILVA DA COSTA

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APPOINTMENT

2025–26 **Predoctoral Fellow**, School of Foreign Service & Government Department, Georgetown University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs — University of Virginia *Expected 2026*

Major: Comparative Politics *Minor:* Political Methodology

Dissertation: Essays on the Politics and Economics of Public Procurement

Committee: Daniel Gingerich (chair), Christopher Carter, Rachel Potter, Marko Klašnja, Shan Aman-Rana

M.A., Foreign Affairs — University of Virginia 2025

M.A., Political Science — Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) 2020

B.A., Social Sciences — Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive Political economy of development, corruption, organized crime, illicit economy, welfare provision, accountability, distributive politics.

Methodological Causal inference, computational text analysis, machine learning, interviews.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

Silva da Costa, Beatriz and Thiago Silame (2022). “CGU’s Institutional Designs between 2001 and 2016”. In: *Revista E-Legis* 15.37.

Silva da Costa, Beatriz (2019). “System of Internal Control of the Federal Executive Power: Change and Political Agents in the Constituent National Assembly of 1987”. In: *Journal of the General Comptroller of the Union* 12.22.

Book Chapters

Silva da Costa, Beatriz (2023). “Global Trends: Erosion of Democracy and New Forms of Corruption”. In: *Democracy and anti-corruption public policies (in Portuguese)*. Ed. by L. G. Carlos, G. France, and K. P. Medeiros, pp. 7–20.

Dissertation Essays

(a) **Silva da Costa, B.** *Organized Crime and Public Procurement*.

(b) **Silva da Costa, B.** *Politics and Markets: Campaign Finance Reform and Favoritism in Public Procurement*.

(c) **Silva da Costa, B.** *Political Control and the Costs of Bureaucratic Turnover: Procurement, Expertise, and State Capacity.*

Other Working Papers

Silva da Costa, Beatriz (2026a). *The Price of Entry: Campaign Spending Caps, Candidate Selection, and Procurement Capture.*

Gingerich, Daniel and **Silva da Costa, Beatriz** (2026). *Local Authoritarianism: Appointed Mayors and Preferences for Democracy in Brazil.*

Silva da Costa, Beatriz, Mihály Fazekas, and Marko Klašnja (2026). *Political Connections and Corruption in Times of Crises.*

Silva da Costa, Beatriz (2026b). *Cannot or Will Not? How Willingness and Capacity Shape Subnational Compliance.*

AWARDS

2026 Inaugural Award for Excellence in Mentorship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Council, University of Virginia

GRANTS

2021–27 Department of Politics Doctoral Fellowship (Full Tuition & Stipend), University of Virginia

2025–26 Carl Menger Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University

2025–26 Bankard Fund for Political Economy Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia (*Offered*)

2025 Residency Funding, Institute for Humane Studies

2023, 2024 Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation, University of Virginia

2023 Summer Grants for Junior Fellows, University of Virginia

2023–26 College of Arts & Sciences' Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia

2023 Conference Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies

2022 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Awards, University of Virginia

2022 Quandt Fund for International Research, University of Virginia

2015–19 Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)

2014 Minas Mundi Scholarship, Federal University of Minas Gerais

TEACHING

University of Virginia — Instructor of Record

2024, 2025 Corruption and Democracy (PLCP 2500)

University of Virginia — Teaching Assistant

2024 Race and Real Estate in the US (AAS 3853)

- 2024 Introduction to Comparative Politics (PLCP 1010)
- 2024 Politics of Modernity (PLCP 2420)
- 2023 Politics of Developing Areas (PLCP 3012)
- 2022, 2023 Politics and Political Economy of the Welfare State (PLCP 3120)

Transparency International

- 2023 Guest Lecture: Global Trends: Erosion of Democracy and New Forms of Corruption

Federal University of Minas Gerais

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Representation, Democracy, and Corruption

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021–25 Research Assistant, Department of Politics, University of Virginia
- 2018 Researcher, Comptroller General of the Union & Ministry of Economy, Brazil
- 2017–21 Research Assistant, PEX — Executives, Presidents & Cabinet Politics, Federal University of Minas Gerais
- 2017–21 Research Assistant, Center for Legislative Studies, Federal University of Minas Gerais

FIELDWORK

- 2025 Dissertation fieldwork, Brazil (2 months)
- 2023 Preliminary dissertation fieldwork, Brazil (1 month)
- 2022 Preliminary dissertation fieldwork, Brazil (2 months)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2024–26 American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2022, 2026 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- 2025 Markets & Society, George Mason University
- 2023 International Political Science Association
- 2023 Corruption in the Global South Network Conference
- 2022 The Economics of Corruption Workshop, Germany
- 2021 11th Research and Extension Conference of the Chamber of Deputies, Brazil
- 2017 Argentine Society of Political Analysis
- 2016, 2018 Brazilian Political Science Association

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University
- 2026 Rising Stars Workshop, Department of Political Science, HSE University

SERVICE

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| 2025, 2026 | APSA Discussant |
| 2026 | MPSA Discussant |
| 2024–25 | Comparative Politics Representative, Department of Politics Graduate Council, University of Virginia |
| 2024 | Comparative Writing Group discussion leader, Department of Politics, University of Virginia |
| 2022–23 | Graduate Student Council Representative, Department of Politics, University of Virginia |

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2025– | Reviewer, <i>International Journal of Public Administration</i> |
| 2022 | Editorial Assistant, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> |
| 2016 | Journal Editor, <i>Três Pontos Journal</i> |

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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| 2019– | Lemann Fellow, Lemann Foundation, Brazil |
| 2015 | Volunteer, UNICEF at Illinois State University |
| 2009–13 | Co-founder & Head of Human Resources, React Change NGO, Brazil |
| 2011 | Brazilian Youth Ambassador Delegate, US State Department |

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| 2025 | Graduate Seminar on the Teaching of Writing, University of Virginia |
| 2025 | Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, NY |

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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| <i>Languages</i> | Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (beginner) |
| <i>Programming</i> | R, Python, Stata, SPSS, ArcGIS, L ^A T _E X |

TOOLS & SOFTWARE

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| <i>Software</i> | Colaborator of electionsBR — R package providing functions for retrieving and cleaning Brazilian electoral data from the Superior Electoral Court. |
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AFFILIATIONS

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| <i>Fellow</i> | Lemann Foundation; UVA Quantitative Collaborative; UVA Society of Fellows |
| <i>Member</i> | APSA; Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política; Brazilian Association of Political Science; National Capital Area Political Science Association |
| <i>Visiting</i> | Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil (2025) |

REFERENCES

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