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Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Latin American politics, Local Governance, Political Economy of Development, Causal Inference

Education

Ph.D.	Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, USA (Expected May 2027)
	<i>Major: Comparative Politics</i>
	<i>Minor: Political Methodology (Obtained in 2023)</i>
M.A.	Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, USA, 2026
M.A.	Political Science, Federal University of Minas Gerais, BRA, 2020
B.A.	Social Sciences, Federal University of Minas Gerais, BRA, 2016

Appointment

2025–2026	Predoctoral Fellow, School of Foreign Service and Government Department Georgetown University, USA
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Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

- [1] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** (under review) Cannot or Will Not? How Willingness and Capacity Shape Subnational Compliance. *International Journal of Administration*.
- [2] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz** & Silame, T. [CGU's Institutional Designs between 2001 and 2016](#). *Revista E-Legis* 15 (2022).
- [3] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** [System of Internal Control of the Federal Executive Power: Change and Political Agents in the Constituent National Assembly of 1987](#). *Journal of the General Comptroller of the Union* 12 (2019).

*Expected.

Book Chapters

[1] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** in *Democracy and anti-corruption public policies (in Portuguese)* (eds Carlos, L. G., France, G. & Medeiros, K. P.) 7–20 (2023).

Working papers

[1] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** The Costs of Bureaucratic Turnover (Dissertation Essay).

[2] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** When Bans Aren't Enough: Candidate Insulation and Procurement Favoritism (Dissertation Essay).

[3] Gingerich, D. & **Silva da Costa, Beatriz.** Local Authoritarianism: Appointed Mayors and Preferences for Democracy in Brazil (Manuscript being prepared for publication).

Work in Progress

[1] **Silva da Costa, Beatriz**, Fazekas, M. & Klašnja, M. Political Connections and Corruption in Times of Crises.

Research Experience

2021–2025	Research Assistant, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, USA
2018	Researcher, Comptroller General of the Union and the Ministry of Economy of Brazil, BRA
2017–2021	Research Assistant, PEX - Executives, Presidents and Cabinet Politics , Federal University of Minas Gerais, BRA
2017–2021	Research Assistant, Center for Legislative Studies , Federal University of Minas Gerais, BRA

Conferences & Workshops

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

Teaching Experience

University of Virginia

2025	Instructor of Records, Corruption and Democracy (PLCP 2500)
2024	Instructor of Records, Corruption and Democracy (PLCP 2500) Teaching Assistant, Race and Real State in the US (AAS 3853) Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics (PLCP 1010) Teaching Assistant, Politics of Modernity (PLCP 2420)
2023	Teaching Assistant, Politics of Developing Areas (PLCP 3012) Teaching Assistant, Politics and Political Economy of the Welfare State (PLCP 3120)
2022	Teaching Assistant, 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
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Federal University of Minas Gerais

2017	Teaching Assistant, Representation, Democracy, and Corruption
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Grants

2021 – 2027	Department of Politics Doctoral Fellowship, Full Tuition & Stipend, University of Virginia, USA
2025-2026	Carl Menger Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, USA
2025 - 2026	Bankard Fund for Political Economy Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia, USA (Offered)
2025	Residency Funding, Institute for Humane Studies, USA
2023, 2024	Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation, University of Virginia, USA
2023	Summer Grants for Junior Fellows, University of Virginia, USA
2023 – 2026	College of Arts & Sciences' Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia, USA
2023	Conference Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, USA
2022	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Awards, University of Virginia, USA
2022	Quandt Fund for International Research, University of Virginia, USA
2015 – 2019	Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, BRA
2014	Minas Mundi Scholarship, Federal University of Minas Gerais, BRA

Fieldwork

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

Editorial Experience

2022	<i>Editorial Assistant</i> , American Journal of Political Science
2022	<i>Peer Reviewer</i> , Brazilian Journal of Public Administration
2014	<i>Journal Editor</i> , <i>Três Pontos</i> Journal

Service

2025	APSA Discussant at Panel "Legalized "Corruption," or Criminalized "Access?": The Political Economy of Lobbying and Influence"
2024-2025	Comparative Politics Representative, Department of Politics Graduate Council, University of Virginia, USA
2024	Comparative Writing Group discussion leader, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, USA
2022-2023	Graduate Student Council Representative of the Department of Politics, University of Virginia, USA

Leadership & Community Engagement

2019 -	Lemann fellow, Lemann Foundation, BRA
2015	Volunteer, UNICEF at Illinois State University, USA
2009-2013	Co-founder and Head of Human Resources, React Change NGO, BRA
2011	Brazilian Youth Ambassador Delegate, US State Department, USA

Skills

Languages	English (fluent), Italian (beginner), Spanish (intermediate), Portuguese (native)
Programming	R, Python, SPSS, STATA, LaTeX, Bootstrap

Tools & Software

[electionsBR](#): R package that provides a comprehensive set of functions for effortlessly retrieving and cleaning Brazilian electoral data from the Brazilian Superior Electoral Court.

Additional Training

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

Affiliations

Fellow	Lemman Foundation, UVA Quantitative Collaborative, UVA Society of Fellows
Member	American Political Science Association, Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, Brazilian Association of Political Science, National Capital Area Political Science Association
Researcher	Visiting Researcher, Getulio Vargas Foundation (2025), BRA

References

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University of Virginia, christopher.carter@virginia.edu

Rachel Augustine Potter, Associate Professor, Department of Politics,
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Georgetown University, marko.klasnja@georgetown.edu

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