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Research Interest

Global Political Economy

Environmental Governance and Extractive Industries

China–Latin America Relations / China Global

South–South Cooperation

Mixed Methods in International Relations

Academic Appointments

2025–present

Lecturer, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: courses on International Relations and Asia

2022–present

Editorial Assistant, Revista de Ciencia Política, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Education

2022–2026

PhD in Political Science. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Committee: Francisco Urdinez (Supervisor), Umut Aydin (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), Rubén González-Vicente (University of Birmingham).

2024

MA in Political Science

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Distinction)

2021

MA in International Studies (Distinction)

University of Chile

2016

MEd in Values and Citizenship Education (Distinction)

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello

2008

BA in Education (with Distinction for the Dissertation)

Universidad Central de Venezuela

Additional Training: School of Advanced Science on Regulatory Governance, Fundação Getulio Vargas (2026). Mixed Methods Summer School, Universidad Católica de Chile (2024, 2025, 2026). Certificate in Chinese Studies, University of Chile (2021). Courses in Data Analysis in R, Introduction to Python, Applied Econometrics for Social Sciences (2021–2022).

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Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming

- Agostinis, Giovanni; Urdinez, Francisco; Telias, Diego; Freites, Andrea. **Segmented Leadership and Strategic Complementarity: Chinese and U.S. Renewable Energy Investments in South America.** Review of International Political Economy (Accepted).

Published

- Giraudy, Agustina; Urdinez, Francisco; Freites, Andrea. 2024. **“Digging Deeper: Subnational Political Drivers of Chinese Extractive Investment in Latin America.”** The Extractive Industries and Society.
- Freites, Andrea. 2024. **“Factors Determining Environmental Concerns Regarding Chinese Investment in South America’s Extractive Sector.”** The Extractive Industries and Society.
- Freites, Andrea. 2023. **“Factions and Agenda-Setting in the G20 (2008–2019).”** Latin American Journal of Asian Studies.
- Freites, Andrea. 2021. **“The Role of Institutionalization in G20 Agenda-Setting.”** Conjuntura Internacional (PUC Minas).

Under review

- Freites, Andrea. **Chinese investments in Chile and their effect on public opinion.** Journal of Current Chinese Affairs (R&R).

Work in Progress

- Freites, Andrea. **Chinese Investments and Environmental Governance in South America’s Extractive Sector: Evidence from Argentina, Chile, and Peru.**
- Freites, Andrea. **Structural Power Beyond the North: State-Backed Foreign Investment and Regulatory Capacity in the Global South** (target: International Organization).

Book Chapters

- Freites, Andrea. **Environmental Compliance and Governance in the Context of Chinese Investment: The Case of Chile.** Routledge Globalization: Law and Policy Series. Accepted.

Policy Outputs, Reports, and Public Commentary

- Rehner, J., Freites, A., Lorie, A., & Atienza, M. (2026). **Gobernanza socioambiental y presencia china: El caso de Chile (América Latina, China y una Transición Energética Justa: Serie de Documentos de Trabajo).** Universidad del Pacífico, Centro de Estudios sobre China y Asia-Pacífico; Boston University, Global Development Policy Center.
- Rehner, J., Freites, A., Lorie, A., & Atienza, M. (2026). **Cadenas de valor, diversificación y transición energética justa: el caso de Chile (América Latina, China y una Transición Energética Justa: Serie de Documentos de Trabajo).** Universidad del Pacífico Centro de Estudios sobre China y Asia-Pacífico, Boston University Global Development Policy Center. <https://doi.org/10.21678/cechap.2026.jet.dt12>
- Freites, Andrea. 2024. **Lithium Governance in Chile.** EMERICS.
- Ríos, María Elvira; Figueroa, Janny; Freites, Andrea. 2023. **Central Hidroeléctrica Rucalhue.** ICLAC.

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Additional op-eds and policy briefs for EMERICS, ICN Digital, Reporte Asia.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer (L) / Course Coordinator (CC)

2026, 2025

- International Organizations — Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (L).
- Institutional and Socioeconomic Development of Asia (L).
- Political Systems in Asia – Universidad de Chile (Postgraduate) (L, CC).
- Diploma Superior en Estudios sobre América Latina y China, International Relations FLACSO, Argentina (L).
- Chinese Contemporary History, China: Business, Technology, Law and International Relations — Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (L).
- Ecological Civilization in China — Diploma in Environment and Investment, University of Chile (L).
- International Relations Theory II — Universidad de Chile (L).
- International Relations in Asia — Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (L).

Editorial and Academic Service

Editorial Manager

2023–Present, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- Coordination of peer-review processes for one of Latin America's leading political science journals
- Liaison with international authors, reviewers, and editors
- Management of editorial workflows, publication timelines, and production
- Support for editorial decision-making and journal strategy

Research Positions and Assistantships

2023–Present

- Researcher — Millennium Nucleus on the Impacts of China in Latin America and the Caribbean (ICLAC), ANID.
- Researcher — Ford Foundation / Fudan University / Universidad del Pacífico / Boston University
- Researcher — ACCWS & University of Chile (2024)

2021–2020

- Research Assistant — Universidad de Chile; National University of Singapore collaborations

Conference Presentations (Selected)

Annual Meetings (P = paper presenter, D = discussant)

- Latin American Studies Association (LASA). 2026 (P & D), 2025 (P), 2024 (P)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress. 2023 (P)

Select Other Conferences, Workshops, and Invited Talks

- Jean Monnet Chair (CEJM), FLACSO Argentina. July 2026 (P).
- Poder empresarial y regulación ambiental. El caso de las inversiones chinas en Chile. Mesa ICLAC, Núcleo Milenio ICLAC. July 2026.

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- **China, Latin America and the New Climate Economy: Opportunities and Challenges (invited panelist).** Institute of Finance and Sustainability (IFS), Beijing, China. July 2026.
- **Environmental compliance and governance in the context of Chinese investment: the case of Chile.** Legal Dimension of China's Presence in Latin America, Universidad de Barcelona.
- **Interaction between Chinese investments and environmental governance in the extractive industries of Argentina, Chile, and Peru.** ACPS Annual Conference.
- **The new geopolitics of clean and just energy transitions in China and the Global South: Latin American Perspectives on the Industrial Policies of U.S./China/E.U.** Dialogue Earth & Fundación Heinrich Böll.
- **Sustainable Development in the Lithium Industry in Latin America.** Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change in Latin America (EKLA).
- **Green transitions and environmental rights in the relationship between China and Latin America.** Dialogue Earth, Instituto Raoul Wallenberg, ICLAC & FLACSO.
- **El rol de la institucionalización en la representación de la agenda-setting del G20.** XI Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política – ALACIP.
- **The role of institutionalization in the representation of G20 agenda-setting.** FLAUC.

Professional Service

- **Analist.** Fundación Gente de la Calle, Santiago de Chile. **2016 - 2025**
- **Manager,** Consejo Moral Republicano, Caracas, Venezuela. **2007 - 2015**

Scholarships & Grants

- São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Regulatory Governance FGV São Paulo (EAESP / Direito SP), Brazil — Selected Participant. Funded by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
- Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo (ANID) – Internship at Universidad de Barcelona.
- Scholarship OEA-ANID.
- National Doctoral Scholarship 2022-2026. National Agency of Research and Development, Chile. ANID.
- Doctoral Scholarship 2021. Vice-Rectorate of Research, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. Category: Assistant Scholar.

Awards

- Research Competition. Institute of International Studies-FIDA.
- Professional Study Exchange. Rotary Foundation. Sweden-Venezuela.

Software & Languages

Software	R (advanced), Wordstat (intermediate), Fuzzy set QCA (intermediate).
Languages	Spanish (Native), English (fluent), Mandarin (beginner). French (beginner).