

ALEJANDRO AVENBURG

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science (2009 – Present).

Department of Political Science, Boston University, GPA: 3.86.

Dissertation Title: Corruption and Electoral Accountability in Brazil (expected graduation: Spring 2016). Dissertation Committee: John Gerring, Taylor Boas, Dino Christenson.

I passed my qualifying exams in October 2011 (Major Field: Comparative Politics, Minor Field: International Relations, Subfield: Latin American Politics).

Master in International Relations and Negotiations (2009)

FLACSO (Latin American School of Social Sciences)-San Andrés University, Argentina.

GPA: 9.27 / 10.

Dissertation title: “Between Pressure and Support to the Moderates: The U.S. Human Rights Policy and the Argentine Military Regime (1976-1978)”.

B.A. in Political Science (2003)

University of Buenos Aires, School of Social Sciences, Argentina. GPA: 7.78 / 10

Other Graduate Level Training

Summer Program on Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research. Ann Arbor, Michigan, July-August 2012.

Research Interests

Comparative Politics

Latin American Politics

International Relations

Fellowships

2015: Boston University Summer Fellowship.

2014: National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant. Project Title: “Corruption and Electoral Accountability in Brazil.”

2013: Boston University, Graduate Research Fellowship Award.

2013: Latin American Studies Program Fellowship, Boston University.

2011 (September – December): Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future (Boston University) Research Fellow.

2011 (June - August): Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future (Boston University) Summer Fellowship.

2009 – 2011: Fulbright scholarship for graduate studies in the U.S., Argentine Fulbright Commission.

2007 – 2009: University of Buenos Aires scholarship for graduate studies.

2006-2007: Argentine Ministry of Education scholarship to assist in the Project “Twenty Years of Democracy in Argentina. Creation of an Oral History Archive”, Political History Department, University of Buenos Aires

Publications in Refereed Journals

“Between Pressure and Support: The U.S. Human Rights Policy and the Argentine Military Government (1976-1978)”, *Desarrollo Económico, Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, Number 215, Vol. 55, May-August 2015.

“The Changing Roles of The International Monetary Fund and Latin America” (in Spanish), co-authored with Roberto Frenkel, *Desarrollo Económico, Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, Number 194, Volume 49, July – September 2009.

“The Inter American Human Rights Commission in Argentina: Between Democratization and Human Rights” (in Spanish), co-authored with Marcos Novaro, *Desarrollo Economico, Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, Number 193, Volume 49, April – July 2009.

“The Role of Ideas and Strategies in the Creation of IZL and LEHI in Palestine” (in Spanish), *Revista Relaciones Internacionales*, National University of La Plata, Year 17, Number 34, December 2007-May 2008.

Publications in non Refereed Journals

“Social Conflicts and Anti-Semitism during the *Semana Trágica* (Tragical Week)” (in Spanish), co-authored with Matías Obludziner, *Report on Anti-Semitism in Argentina 2006*, Center for Social Studies, DAIA.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2013: Lecturer in the course “Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Science Department, Boston University.

Spring 2013: Teaching Assistant in the course “U.S. Media and Politics”, Political Science Department, Boston University.

Fall 2012: Lecturer in the course “Democracy in Latin America and its Challenges”, International Relations Department, Boston University.

Spring 2012: Teaching Assistant in the course “U.S. Media and Politics”, Political Science Department, Boston University.

2006-2007: Teaching Assistant in the course “Methodology of the Social Sciences” (B.A.), School of Economics, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Research Experience

2013-2014: Research Assistant in project Collaborative Research: Center for Historical Information and Analysis (CHIA), supported by the National Science Foundation. Director: John Gerring, Boston University.

2006 - 2009: Research Assistant in the Political History Program, University of Buenos Aires.

2007- 2009: Research Assistant at CEDES (Center for the Study of State and Society), Economics Division.

2005-2006: Research Assistant in the Political History Department, FLACSO (Latin American School of Social Sciences)

2004: Member of the Research Group on the Arab and Jewish communities in Argentina and their perceptions and opinions toward the Palestinian Israeli conflict, School of Political Science, University of Buenos Aires

Awards

2013: Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University.

Conference Papers

2015: "Misuse of Public Funds and Electoral Accountability in Brazil". Argentine Society of Political Analysis Annual Conference, Mendoza, Argentina.

2013: "Corruption and Electoral Accountability in Brazil", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

2012: "Corruption, Accountability, and Citizen Participation in Protests in Latin America", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

2010: "NGOs, Civilian Leaders and the Carter's Human Rights Policy to Argentina (1976-1978)", New England Council for Latin American Studies (NECLAS) Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut.

2008: "Between Pressure and Support: U.S. Human Rights Policy to Argentina after the Military Coup of 1976 and the Moderates", Society for Historians of American Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Ohio.

2007: “American Bureaucracy and Foreign Policy Change: The Transition to the James Carter Human Rights Policy to Argentina (1976-1977)”, Argentine Society of Political Science VII National Congress.

2006: “The Role of Ideas and Strategies in the Creation of IZL and LEHI in Palestine”, presented during the Sixth Congress on Middle East, National University of La Plata.

International Seminars

2008: University of Massachusetts Civic Initiative, Argentinean Fulbright Scholars Program, Seminar on American Institutions and Democracy. June 15 – July 12.

2005: Foreign Ministry of Israel Scholarship to attend a 10 days seminar on the Arab Israeli Conflict. Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, January 2005.

Other Courses and Seminars

2007: Graduate Fulbright Seminar “The United States in the Global World: Politics, Culture and Social Movements”, dictated by Professors Gerald McFarland and Darlene Rivas, August 2007, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2003: Graduate Course “Popular Democracies in Eastern Europe”. School of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires

Language Skills

Spanish (native). Fluent in English and French. Competent in Portuguese.

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