

# Rocío Salas-Lewin

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## Interests and Expertise

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**Research interests:** social movements, electoral behavior, populism and the far right, public opinion, crises of representation, Latin America and Southern Europe.

**Statistical techniques and methods:** causal inference, latent variable and structural equation modeling (SEM), longitudinal and panel analysis, survey research, multi-method research.

## Education

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### Cornell University

**Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government**

2023–Current

**M.A. in Political Science, Department of Government**

2026 (*Expected*)

Major Subfield: Comparative Politics. Minors: Quantitative Methods and American Politics.

Committee: Dr. Kenneth M. Roberts (Chair, Cornell), Dr. Santiago Anria (Cornell), Dr. Peter K. Enns (Cornell), Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser (PUC-Chile).

### The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

**M.Sc. in Political Science and Political Economy, Department of Government**

2021

Distinction.

### Universidad de Chile

**B.Sc. in Sociology, Department of Sociology**

2019

Distinción Máxima.

### Visiting Positions

Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) 2025–2026

## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed articles

Reyes-Housholder, C., Rovira Kaltwasser, C., & **Salas-Lewin, R.** (2025). Antifeminism and backlash politics. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, Early View. <https://doi.org/10.1332/25151088Y2025D000000114>

Rovira Kaltwasser, C., **Salas-Lewin, R.**, & Zanotti, L. (2024). Supporting and rejecting the populist radical right: Evidence from contemporary Chile. *Nations and Nationalism*, 30(3), 458-475. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.13015>

**Salas-Lewin, R.**, Clerc, C., & Dinamarca, F. (2019). Explorando la relación entre evaluación y confianza gubernamental, posición política y participación electoral. *Revista Temas Sociológicos*, 25, 259-290. <https://doi.org/10.29344/07196458.25.2170>

### Book chapters

Rovira Kaltwasser, C., & **Salas-Lewin, R.** (Forthcoming). The Far Right in Latin America: between Movements and Parties. In M. Caiani & J. Rydgren (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Social Movements of the Far Right*. Oxford University Press.

Anria, S., **Salas-Lewin, R.**, & Roberts, K. M. (2025). Dinámicas políticas y electorales luego del “giro a la izquierda”. In G. Kessler & G. Vommaro (Eds.), *La Era del Hartazgo. Líderes Disruptivos, Polarización y Antipolítica en América Latina*. Siglo XXI Editores.

### Other publications

González, R., Bargsted, M., Figueiredo, A., Miranda, D., Cerda, E., **Salas-Lewin, R.**, & Delgado, C. (2023). *Radiografía del Cambio Social: Análisis de Resultados Longitudinales ELSOC 2016-2022*. COES. <https://radiografia-cambio-social-2016-2022.netlify.app/>

Rovira Kaltwasser, C., Meléndez, C., **Salas-Lewin, R.**, Tanscheit, T., Zanotti, L., Ayala, C., Rojas, V., Beyer, D., & Segura, N. (2023). *Apoyo y Rechazo a la Ultraderecha en Chile*. FES. <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/chile/19951.pdf>

González, R., Bargsted, M., Figueiredo, A., Miranda, D., Cerda, E., Plaza, A., & **Salas-Lewin, R.** (2022). *Radiografía del Cambio Social: Análisis de Resultados Longitudinales ELSOC 2016-2021*. COES. <https://radiografia-cambio-social-2016-2021.netlify.app/>

### **Selected ongoing work**

When Representation Fails: Exit, Voice, and Loyalty in Chile and Spain (Dissertation Project).

Who Supports the Far Right in Chile? Electoral Realignment and Intra-Right Fragmentation. With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser *Under Review*.

The Role of Attitudes Towards Democracy and Participation in Collective Actions in Right-Wing Authoritarianism. With Roberto González.

Where did the center go? With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser and Matías Bargsted.

### **Teaching Experience**

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**Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, Cornell University** 2024-2025

Undergraduate level.

- *Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics* (Spring 2025).
- *Comparative Politics of Latin America* (Fall 2024).

**Instructor, Department of Politics and Government, Universidad Alberto Hurtado** 2022

Undergraduate level.

- *Research Methods* (Fall 2022).

**Teaching Assistant, School of Government and Public Management, Universidad de Chile** 2019

Undergraduate level.

- *Quantitative Methods for Public Administration* (Fall 2019).

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Universidad de Chile** 2017–2019

Undergraduate level.

- *Descriptive Statistics* (Fall 2018, 2019).
- *Applied Statistical Analysis* (Spring 2018).
- *Quantitative Techniques II* (Spring 2017).
- *Statistics II* (Fall 2017).
- *Quantitative Techniques I* (Fall 2017).

### **Conferences and Academic Presentations**

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#### **Conferences**

- *The Far-Right Electorate in Contemporary Chile: A Process of Electoral Realignment (Scheduled)*. Latin American Association of Political Science ALACIP 2026, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina. With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.
- *Behavioral Responses to the Crisis of Representation: Voice and Exit in Chile and Spain*. Latin American Studies Association LASA 2026, Paris, France.

- *When Representation Fails: Exit, Voice, and Loyalty in Chile and Spain*. Chilean Political Science Association ACCP 2025, Universidad de Talca, Talca, Chile.
- *Behavioral Responses to the Crisis of Representation: Voice and Exit in Chile and Spain*. COES International Conference 2025, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.
- *Anti-Feminism and Backlash Politics*. American Political Science Association APSA 2024, Philadelphia, PA. With Catherine Reyes-Housholder and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.
- *Political Participation and Disaffection in Contemporary Chile: Social Movements, Electoral Abstention, and Populism*. Latin American Studies Association LASA 2024, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Constitutional referenda in Chile: voluntary vs. compulsory voting*. Latin American and the Caribbean (LACS) Research Symposium 2024, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- *Loving and hating the populist radical right: evidence from Chile*. COES International Conference 2022, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile. With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser and Lisa Zanotti.
- *Social movements and representation: The impact of 2019 Chilean protests on turnout and political realignment*. COES International Conference 2021 (virtual).
- *Determinants of institutional and extra-institutional political participation in Chile*. Latin American Congress of Sociology ALAS 2019, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Perú.
- *Social representations of the Chilean feminist movement in written media editorials during 2018*. Latin American Congress of Sociology ALAS 2019, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Perú. With Chantal Clerc, Consuelo Andrade, and Felipe Cruz.
- *Voluntary vote and electoral prediction: In search of a new methodology*. Chilean Congress of Sociology Pre-ALAS 2018, Universidad Arturo Prat, Iquique, Chile. With Chantal Clerc.

### Workshops

- *When Representation Fails: Exit, Voice, and Loyalty in Chile and Spain*. Center on Global Democracy Doctoral Fellows Standing Meeting, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- *The Far-Right Electorate in Contemporary Chile: A Process of Electoral Realignment*. Workshop on The Electoral Support Bases of the Far Right in Latin America 2026, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile. With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.
- *Behavioral Responses to the Crisis of Representation: Voice and Exit in Chile and Spain*. REPAL Graduate Student Workshop 2025, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo, Brazil.
- *Analyzing Chile's 2022 constitutional referendum outcomes: the importance of compulsory voting*. Workshop on Polarization 2022, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile. With Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser and Carlos Meléndez.

### Invited Talks

- *Behavioral Responses to the Crisis of Representation: Voice and Exit in Chile and Spain*. Institute of Political Science Seminar 2025, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile.
- *Behavioral Responses to the Crisis of Representation: Voice and Exit in Chile and Spain*. Department of Sociology II Seminar 2025, UNED, Madrid, Spain.

### Roundtables and Outreach

- *Who are the far-right voters in Latin America?* (2025). Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile.

## Awards, Grants, and Honors

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Luigi Einaudi Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for European Studies (IES) Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. \$20,588.	2027
Timothy Murray Graduate Travel Grant, Society for the Humanities Cornell University. \$2,000.	2026
Summer Research Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program (LACS) Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. \$1,000.	2026
Spring Centennial Center Research Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA) \$2,000.	2025
Small Research Grant, Qualitative and Interpretive Research Institute (QuIRI) Cornell Center for Social Sciences (CCSS), Cornell University. \$2,000.	2025
Lourdes Benería Award, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program (LACS) Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. \$1,500.	2025
Graduate Research Grant, Institute for European Studies (IES) Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. \$4,000.	2025
REPAL Dissertation Workshop Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) Harvard University. \$500.	2025
Research Travel Grant, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies Cornell University. \$900.	2025
Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University \$1,600.	2025
EVMM Scholarship, Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile ~\$280.	2025
Graduate Fellowship, Center on Global Democracy Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University. \$1,000.	2024-2025
Graduate Fellowship, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program (LACS) Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University. \$500.	2024-2025
Travel Fund, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES) ~\$400.	2024
Conference Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University (Multiple) \$300-\$700 each.	2024-2026
Kohut Research Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research Cornell University. \$5,000.	2024
Sponsored Ph.D. Student, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES) COES Advisor: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.	2023-2025
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University Full tuition and stipend ~\$64,000.	2023-2024
Fulbright Foreign PhD Scholarship (Chile-USA) ( <i>Declined</i> )	2023
LSE Master's Award, The London School of Economics and Political Science Full tuition and stipend £31,000.	2020-2021
Best Overall Performance, Department of Sociology, Universidad de Chile Ranked first in the B.Sc. in Sociology (Título Profesional de Socióloga) cohort 2015-2019.	2020

## Professional Experience

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**Research Assistant, Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** 2025–Current  
Project: *The Far Right in Latin America and Beyond* (Open Society Foundations N°OR2024-94313). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.

**Research Assistant, Department of Government and ILR, Cornell University** 2023–2025  
Project *Polarization and Democracy*. PI: Dr. Kenneth M. Roberts and Dr. Santiago Anria.

**Kohut Research Fellow, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research** 2024  
Cornell University.

**Research Assistant, Laboratory for the Study of the Far-Right (Ultra-Lab)** 2022–2023  
Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, School of Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, and Open Society Foundations (N°OR2022-86553). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. Co-I: Dr. Carlos Meléndez, Dr. Lisa Zanotti, and Dr. Talita Tanscheit.

**Research Assistant, Social Psychology Laboratory (LAB)** 2023  
School of Psychology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. PI: Dr. Roberto González.

**Research Assistant, School of Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales** 2021–2023

- Project *Activation of negative Identities by levels of institutionalization of party systems* (Regular Fondecyt N°1220193). PI: Dr. Carlos Meléndez.
- Project *Radical right populism in Chile from a comparative perspective* (Regular Fondecyt N°1220053). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.
- Project *Responding to populism: from normative debates to the empirical analysis of demand-side and supply-side responses* (Regular Fondecyt N°1180020). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.
- *Chilean political, economic and cultural elite study*. Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.

**Research Assistant, Chilean Longitudinal Social Survey (ELSOC)** 2021–2023  
Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), Universidad de Chile and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. PI: Dr. Roberto González. Co-I: Dr. Matías Bargsted, Dr. Daniel Miranda, and Dr. Ana Figueiredo.

**Research Assistant, Institute of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** 2021–2022  
Project *Rational voters, socioeconomic resources and behavioral inertia: A multi-causal approach to electoral participation in Chile* (Regular Fondecyt N°1200534). PI: Dr. Matías Bargsted.

**Research Assistant, MOVID-19, School of Public Health, Universidad de Chile** 2020  
Project *Impact of COVID-19 in Chile: a transdisciplinary evaluation of the response to the pandemic and its consequences* (ANID N°COVID0960). PI: Dr. Cristóbal Cuadrado and Dr. Mónica Gerber.

**Research Assistant, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad de Chile** 2019–2020  
Project *Social networks, emotions, and repression in normative and non-normative social participation. An investigation in Chilean students* (Regular Fondecyt N°1191295) PI: Dr. Claudia Zúñiga. Co-I: Dr. Karina Navarro and Dr. Rodrigo Asún.

**Research Intern, Conflicts Observatory** 2019  
Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), Universidad de Chile and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. PI: Dr. Alfredo Joignant. Co-I: Dr. Nicolás Somma and Dr. Matías Garretón.

**Research Intern, Humanas Corporation Chile** 2018  
Regional Center for Human Rights and Gender Justice. Area of Democracy and Political Participation.

## Additional Training and Volunteer Activities

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**IQMR Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (Scheduled)** 2026  
Syracuse, United States.

PhD School on Visual Analysis and Contentious Politics, Scuola Normale Superiore Faculty of Political and Social Sciences. Tuscany, Italy.	2025
Mixed Methods Summer School (EVMM), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Institute of Political Science. Santiago de Chile.	2025
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan Course: Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis.	2024
62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Representative of the NGO Humanas Corporation. New York, United States.	2018
Global Training on Women and Development Effectiveness Civil Society Organizations Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE). New York, United States.	2018

## Skills

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### Analysis software

- R. Advanced.
- Stata. Advanced.
- SPSS. Advanced.
- ATLAS.ti. Intermediate.

### Document processing

- $\LaTeX$ . Advanced.
- RMarkdown. Intermediate.

### Languages

- Spanish. Native.
- English. Fluent.

## Service and Others

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**Referee:** *Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Politics and Governance.*

**Organizing Committee:** LACS Seminar Series, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University (2024-25); LACS Symposium 2025, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University; ELSOC Pre-Registration Workshop, COES (2022); ELSOC Quantitative Methods Winter School, COES (2022); ELSOC Seminar on Longitudinal Studies, COES (2022).

**Current Affiliations:** American Political Science Association (APSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Network of Women Political Scientists (Red de Politólogas); Cornell Center for Social Sciences (CCSS); Chilean Political Science Association (ACCP); Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP).

**Fieldwork:** Spain (June 2025); Chile (August 2025–Current).

## References

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- **Dr. Kenneth M. Roberts.**  
Richard J. Schwartz Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University (kr99@cornell.edu).
- **Dr. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser.**  
Full Professor, Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (cristobal.rovira@uc.cl).
- **Dr. Santiago Anria.**  
Associate Professor, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University (sja89@cornell.edu).
- **Dr. Roberto González.**  
Full Professor, School of Psychology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (rgonzale@uc.cl).

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