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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor of Politics and International Relations, FGV (since 2022)  
Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations, FGV (2012-22)  
Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations, FGV (2007-12)

### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Founder and Associate Dean of the School of International Relations, FGV (since 2019)  
Director of the Center for International Relations, FGV (2009-13, 2015-18)

### VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

Georgetown University (2023)  
Princeton University (2022 – 2023)  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (since 2022)  
Economic and Political Science (2014)  
King's College London (2013 – 2014)  
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2012)  
Council on Foreign Affairs (2010)

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Field</b>
University of Oxford	PhD	2007	International Relations
University of Oxford	MSc	2003	Politics
University of Brasília	MA	2002	International Relations
University of Brasília	BA	1999	International Relations

### CURRENT BOOK PROJECT: **Hypocrisy in International Politics**

This book provides the first comprehensive analysis of hypocrisy in international relations, blending new theoretical insights with empirical research. Drawing from survey experiments and historical case studies, it investigates the backlash states face for perceived hypocritical behavior and its impact on international cooperation. The study examines U.S. policies on human rights and democracy promotion, China's stance on the Law of the Sea, and Global South countries' posture on climate governance. Offering practical strategies for policymakers, the book explores alternative pathways to manage hypocrisy in global politics.

## WORKING PAPERS

“The Psychology of Nuclear Restraint: Reactance in Latent States”.

“Costless Defection: How Leader Counter-Rhetoric Undermines the Paris Agreement”

“When do People Defy Foreign Climate Critics?”.

“What Drives Negative Public Perceptions of Chinese Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America?”

“How the United States Bargains Nuclear Latency Deals in the Global South”.

## UNDER REVIEW

“Correlates of Climate Change Risk Perception: Evidence from Latin America”. (*Nature Communications*)  
With Guilherme Fasolin, Renan C. Marques and Juliana Camargo. *Forthcoming*

“Public Aversion to Irresponsible Foreign Investment: Experimental Evidence from Brazil”. (*International Studies Quarterly*) With Carolina Moehlecke and Guilherme Fasolin. *Conditionally Accepted*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Spektor, M. (2025). The Coalition Against Democratic Backsliding in Bolsonaro’s Brazil. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 712 (1), 169-181.

“Introducing the Latin American Transnational Surveillance database (LATS)”. *Journal of Peace Research*, v. 00, p. 1-17, 2024. With Marcos R. Fernandes, Lucas O. Paes, João Dalla Pola and Vitor Sion.

"Climate change beliefs and their correlates in Latin America". *Nature Communications*, 14, n° 7241 (2023): 1-11. With Guilherme Fasolin and Juliana Camargo.

“Nationalist Backlash Against Foreign Climate Shaming”. *Global Environmental Politics* 22, n° 1 (2022): 139–58. With Umberto Mignozzetti and Guilherme Fasolin.

“Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation: Experimental Evidence from Brazil”. *Journal of Global Security Studies*; 7, n°4 (2022): 01-11. With Guilherme N. Fasolin and Juliana Camargo.

"Strategies of Rising Brazil: Postmortem Review, Looking Forward." *Contemporary Politics*; 28, n° 1 (2021): 20- 37.

“We Are Not a Non-Proliferation Agency: Henry Kissinger’s Attempt to Accommodate Nuclear Brazil 1974- 1977”. *Journal of Cold War Studies*; 22 (2020): 58-93. With Carlo Patti.

“Brazil: The Costs of Multiparty Presidentialism”. *Journal of Democracy*; 29, n° 2 (2018): 113-127. With Eduardo Mello.

“The Evolution of Brazil's Nuclear Intentions”. *The Nonproliferation Review*; 23, n° 5/6 (2016): 635-652.

“Ideias de ativismo regional: a transformação das leituras brasileiras da região”. *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional*; 53, n° 1 (2010): 25-44.

“Origens e direção da Política Externa Brasileira (1974-1979)”. *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional*; 47, n°2 (2004): 191-222.

“O Brasil e a Argentina entre a cordialidade oficial e o projeto de integração (1967-1979)”. *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional*; 45, n 1 (2002): 117-145.

### Book Chapters

“The Global South in the Nuclear Age”, forthcoming in *The Cambridge History of the Nuclear Age*, edited by Leopoldo Nuti and Christian Ostermann.

"Regionalism and Political Violence: Hegemony through Transnational Social Compacts in Cold War South America." In *Latin America in Global International Relations*, edited by Amitav Acharya, Melisa Deciancio, and Diana Tussie. Routledge, 2021.

"Nuclear Revolution and Hegemonic Hierarchies: how global Hiroshima played out in South America." In *The Age of Hiroshima*, edited by Michael D. Gordin & G. John Ikenberry, 164-178. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2020.

"Without Reversal: Brazil as a Latent Nuclear State." In *Nuclear Latency and Hedging*, edited by Joseph F. Pilat, 175-199. Washington D.C.: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2019.

“Brazil: When Political Oligarchies Limit Polarization but Fuel Populism.” In *Democracies Divided: The Global Challenge of Political Polarization*, edited by Thomas Carothers & Andrew O'Donohue, 228-254. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2019. With Umberto Mignozzetti.

"Diplomacia da Ruptura." In *Democracia em risco? 22 ensaios sobre o Brasil hoje*, 228-254. São Paulo: Companhia das Letras, 2019.

“The United States and the 1964 Brazilian Military Coup,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, 2018.

“Análise estratégica para as relações internacionais do Brasil” and “Por uma nova doutrina de política externa brasileira,” In *10 Desafios da Política Externa Brasileira*, edited by Matias Spektor. Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais, 2016.

"Brazil: Shadows of the Past and Contested Ambitions." In *Shaping Nations: Strategies for a Changing World*, edited by William I. Hitchcock, Melvyn P. Leffler, Jeffrey W. Legro, 17-35. Harvard University Press, 2016.

"O projeto autonomista na política externa brasileira". In *Política Externa, Espaço e Desenvolvimento*, edited by Aristides Monteiro Neto, 19-60. 1ed. Brasília: Ipea, v. 3, 2014.

“O regionalismo do Brasil” In *Brasil e América do Sul: Olhares Cruzados*, edited by Bernardo Sorj and Sergio Fausto, 141-172. Rio de Janeiro: Centro Edelstein de Pesquisas Sociais, 2011.

“Obama and Brazil Brasil,” In *Shifting the Balance: Obama and the Americas*, edited by Abraham Lowenthal, Ted Piccone, and Lawrence Whitehead. Brookings Institution, 2011. With João Augusto de Castro Neves.

"Brazilian Assessment of the End of the Cold War." In *The end of the Cold War in the Third World: new perspectives on regional conflict*, edited by Artemy M. Kalinovsky and Sergey Radchenko, 229-244. New York:Routledge, 2011.

“Globalização e Estado nas revoluções globais de 1968: Irã, Brasil e Indonésia,” *Estudos Históricos*, 23, n.46 (2010): 363-376.

“Brazil: The Underlying Ideas of Regional Policies”. In *Regional Leadership in the Global System - Ideas,Interests and Strategies of Regional Powers*, edited by Daniel Flemes, 191-204. Farnham: Ashgate, 2010.

French version: “Les différentes logiques de la politique régionale du Brésil”. In *Les relations interaméricaines en perspective: entre crises et alliances*, edited by Isabelle Vagnoux and Daniel van Eeuwen, 193-203. Paris: Éditions de l'Institut des Amériques & Éditions de l'Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique Latine, 2009.

## Books

*18 Dias: quando Lula e FHC se uniram para conquistar o apoio de Bush*. Objetiva, 2014.

*10 Desafios da Política Externa Brasileira*. Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais, 2016.

*Origins of Nuclear Cooperation: a Critical Oral History between Argentina and Brazil*. With Nicholas Wheelerand Rodrigo Mallea. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2015.

*Azaredo da Silveira: um depoimento*. FGV Press, 2010.

*Kissinger e o Brasil*. Zahar, 2009.

## Policy and Opinion

“The Rise of the Nonaligned: Who win in a Multipolar World?” *Foreign Affairs*. (January 2025).

“The US, The West and International Law in an Age of Strategic Competition” (*Justice Breyer Lecture* at Brookings Institution, April 2024). See commentary on the lecture by Ishaan Tharoor “The fallacy of the West-versus-the-rest worldview” *The Washington Post*, April 9, 2024.

“What Happened to Lula?” *Foreign Affairs*. (February 2024).

“The Upside of Western Hypocrisy: How the Global South Can Push America to Do Better” (July, 2023). *Foreign Affairs*.

“In Defense of the Fence Sitters: What the West Gets Wrong about Hedging” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol 10, Number 3: 8-16. (2023). Special issue on *The Nonaligned World: The West, the Rest, and the New Global Disorder*.

Brazil Case Study. In *Opening Up Democratic Spaces*, edited by Rachel Riedl, Paul Friesen, Jennifer McCoy,

Kennedy Roberts, and Murat Somer. USAID (2023).

UN Security Council Reform: What the World Thinks - Brazil. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. With Stewart Patrick et al. (2023).

Confronting Climate Skepticism in Brazil: Recommendations for Communicators. São Paulo, Brazil: School of International Relations at FGV. With Guilherme N. Fasolin and Vitória Totti Salgado (eds.) (2023). Portuguese version

“What Lula’s Return Means for the Amazon: The Fate of the Brazilian Rainforest Has Global Implications” *Foreign Affairs*. With Guilherme Fasolin. (2022).

“Prospects for Nuclear Governance in Brazil” (Independent Report), co-authored with Togzhan Kassenova, LucasPerez Florentino, (2020). Report.

“Bolsonaro will regret baiting China the Chinese Tiger”, *The Financial Times* (2018).

“Brazil’s Nuclear Naval Fuel: Choices and a Road Map for Productive Engagement”. In *Reducing Risks from Naval Nuclear Fuel*, edited by Sharon Squassoni, 21-26. Washington: The George Washington University, (2018).

“Si no logra los cambios prometidos, la ola también se lo tragará”, *La Nación* (2018).

“It's Not Just the Right That's Voting for Bolsonaro. It's Everyone”, *Foreign Policy* (2018).

“How Brazil's Operation Car Wash Is Threatened by Politicians”, *Foreign Affairs* (2018).

“Prospects for Safeguarding Brazil’s Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.” *Federation of American Scientists*, IssueBrief, 2017.

“How to Fix Brazil: Breaking an Addiction to Bad Government”. *Foreign Affairs*: 102-110. With Eduardo Mello (2016).

“AQ Top 5 Corruption Busters: Sérgio Moro”, *Americas Quarterly* (2016).

“Five Goals for Brazil's New Foreign Policy”, *Americas Quarterly* (2016).

“Brazil's Nuclear Policy: the Case for Incrementalism”. In *Perspectives on the Evolving Nuclear Order*, edited by Toby Dalton, Togzhan Kassenova, and Lauryn Williams, 47-53. Washington: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2016.

In the period 2012-19, I signed a weekly foreign-policy op-ed column for Folha de S. Paulo, Brazil's leading dailynewspaper. The full text for each column is [available here](#).

“A política externa de tucanos e petistas”, *Folha de São Paulo*, Ilustríssima (2015).

“The State of Brazil's South American Project”. *Inter-American Dialogue*: 1-11 (2014).

“U.S. Nuclear Accommodation of Brazil a Model for Iran Policy?”, *World Politics Review* (2013).

“Humanitarian Interventionism Brazilian Style?”, *Americas Quarterly* (2012).

“One Foot in the Region: Eyes on the Global Prize”, *Americas Quarterly*: 56-61 (2011).

“Brazil-China: What's Next After Rousseff's Visit?”, *Americas Quarterly* (2011).

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

The British Academy Principal Investigator: “Integrating Global South Perspectives into Foreign Policy Planning”	2025 – 2026
Department of State of the United States Principal Investigator: “Brazil's Agricultural Heartland in a Changing World”	2024 – 2026
Stanton Foundation Principal Investigator: “Pathways to Nuclear Safety, Security, and Nonproliferation	2022 – 2025
Department of State of the United States Principal Investigator: “Communicating Climate Change to the Public in Brazil”	2022 – 2023
Stanton Foundation Principal Investigator: “Building Capacity in Global Nuclear Security and Governance”	2015 – 2022
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation Principal Investigator: “The Politics of Climate Change in Latin America”	2021
FGV Research Network Principal Investigator (Phase II): “Geopolitics of Renewable Energies in Latin America”	2020 – 2021
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation Principal Investigator: “Managing Climate Change in Latin America”	2020
MacArthur Foundation Principal Investigator: “Reducing Nuclear Risks in Brazil through Democratic Governance”	2017 – 2019
São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) Principal Investigator: “Brazilian Grand Strategy”	2018 – 2020
FGV Research Network Team Member: “Global Lava Jato: Lessons for the fight against corruption”	2018 – 2020
Institute Pandiá Calógeras and Brazil’s National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) Principal Investigator: “International Relations of Nuclear Brazil”	2015 – 2017
Brazil’s National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) Principal Investigator: “Social Change and International Emergence: International Relations of Lula’s Government”	2014 – 2017

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Principal Investigator: “Brazil in the Nuclear Order”	2013 – 2016
FGV Research Network Team Member: “Emerging Powers and Global Transformations”	2015
Rio de Janeiro Research Foundation (FAPERJ) Principal Investigator: “International Relations of Nuclear Brazil”	2013 – 2015
Funding Authority for Studies and Projects (FINEP) Team Member: “Memory of Nuclear Energy in Brazil”	2009 – 2013
Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA) Principal Investigator: “Brazil’s Strategic Dilemmas: Interests and values in a changing order”	2012

## **JOURNAL PEER REVIEWS**

Nature Climate Change, British Journal of Political Science, International Affairs, World Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Global Security Studies, Third World Quarterly, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Journal of Latin American Studies, Diplomatic History, Cold War History, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Journal of Politics and Governance