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Sociologist, MA in Urban Development and Sociology PhD Student. My research interests aim at the intersection of housing policy, its application, and the underlying conceptual reflection in Chile and Latin America. I have transdisciplinary experience with scholarly work, the United Nations System, and Civil Society Organizations.

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2023 – to the present **Sociology PhD Student.** Sociology Department, The New School for Social Research, New York.
- 2021 **MA in Urban Development,** graduated with two distinction votes. Institute of Urban and Territorial Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.
- 2018 **BA in Sociology,** graduated with maximum distinction and Ranking N°1. Sociology School, Diego Portales University, Chile.
- 2016 **Minor in Contemporary Thought,** Institute of Humanities, Diego Portales University, Chile.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – 2023 **Head of Studies and Research Area, *Enlace-Urbano* NGO.**  
Sociologist in charge of developing, executing and monitoring the methodological intervention strategy in informal settlements throughout Chile.
- 2019-2023 **Research Coordinator, Social Transformation LAB.**  
Sociologist in charge of coordinate the research activities of the LAB members. Lecturer of extension courses, connecting students with applied social research. Diego Portales University, Chile.
- 2023 **Fieldwork Consultant**  
For the project "Local Clean Technologies Catalog for the Climate Action", with Dr. Tomás Ariztía. Diego Portales University, Chile.
- 2022-2023 **United Nations Research Consultant.**  
Researcher for the project "Inclusive, sustainable and Smart Cities within the framework of the 2030 Agenda". Social Development Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), United Nations.
- 2021 **Research Consultant**  
For the Fondecyt Project N°1200208 "The Autonomy and Secularization of Modernity. A study on Philosophical Sociology". Dr. Daniel Chernilo and Dr. Rodrigo Cordero, chief researchers. Adolfo Ibáñez University, Chile.

- 2020 **MA Research Assistant**  
For the Fondecyt Project N°1201488 "The politics of Urban Marginality: Poverty Institutionalization and gender roles in the re-configuration of "emblematic poblaciones". Dr. Javier Ruiz-Tagle, Chief Researcher.
- 2019 **Research Assistant**  
For the formulation of the project "The autonomy of modernity: The secularization debate(s) revisited", with Dr. Daniel Chernilo, Adolfo Ibáñez University, Chile.
- 2019-2021 **Fieldwork Consultant**  
For the Fondecyt Project N° 11180099, "Peasant and indigenous agricultures in movement: Alternative alimentary systems and the logistic turn in Santiago. Dr. Martín Arboleda, Chief Researcher.
- 2019 **Management Assistant**  
For the project "Fondecyt N° 1181585: "Political constitution and the re-programming of social order: A study on the production of society's concept in the discussion and writing of the Chilean Constitution of 1980". Dr. Rodrigo Cordero, Chief Researcher.
- 2019 **Translation Assistant**  
For the book "Political Investigations", of Robert Fine, with the main translators Daniel Chernilo and Rodrigo Cordero. Metales Pesados Editions
- 2018-2019 **Executive Coordinator**  
Social Theory Research Cluster. Social Sciences and History Faculty, Diego Portales University.
- 2018 **Fieldwork Consultant**  
For the postdoctoral Fondecyt Project N° 3160542, "Struggles for the right to housing in the Great Santiago: critical meanings towards social and political inequality in contexts of residential proximity". Dr. Nicolás Angelcos, Main Researcher.
- 2018 **Internship in United Nations**  
As research consultant in the Social Development Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Supervised by Ernesto Espíndola and Claudia Robles.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **Instructor Professor**  
For the Courses "Introduction to Sociology" and "Housing Crisis: the problem of Housing in Chile. Social Sciences and History Faculty, Diego Portales University.
- 2022 **Thesis Reader Professor**  
"Building a *Nuevo Amancer*". Production of social habitat in the migrant shanty town "Nuevo Amacer, Santiago de Chile". Thesis for the grade of Professional Sociologist,

Students Tamara Sanhueza and Paula Jerez. Sociology Department, Diego Portales University.

- 2021-2022 **Instructor Professor**  
"Sociological Theory II: The problem of action. Sociology School, Major University of Chile.
- 2020-2021 **Instructor of Summer Schools**  
For the courses "Understanding the Social Transformation from the Classical Sociological Approach", "Theoretical competences" and "Applied Urban Ethnography".
- 2020-2023 **Instructor of Internships**  
"Digital Ethnography and Popular Politics", "Making Power Visible: Theoretical and methodological queries on process of urban resistance in Chile". Sociology Department, Diego Portales University
- 2018-2020 **Teaching Professor**  
For the courses "Sociological Theory III: The problem of action" and "Classical Sociology I: The classics". Sociology Department, Diego Portales University.
- 2015-2018 **Teaching Assistant**  
For the courses: "Urban Sociology"; Logic of Social Inquiry"; "Sociological Theory III"; "Introduction to Sociology"; "Advanced Data Analysis"; "Statistics II"; "Statistics I". Sociology Department, Diego Portales University.

## PUBLICATIONS

- (Forthcoming) **López, A. y Ruiz-Tagle, J.** Violent demonstrations in marginal territories and their place in politics: A case study in Lo Hermida, Santiago de Chile. *Anthropological Theory Review*.
- 2022 **(CEPAL).** R. Martínez, C. Maldonado y J. Schönsteiner (eds.), "Inclusión y movilidad urbana con un enfoque de derechos humanos e igualdad de género: marco de análisis e identificación de instrumentos de política para el desarrollo de sistemas sostenibles de movilidad urbana en América Latina", *Documentos de Proyectos (LC/TS.2022/74)*, Santiago, Caribe (CEPAL). [Available here.](#)
- 2021 **López, A.** "‘Que se den cuenta que el pueblo tiene fervor’. Manifestaciones violentas en territorios marginales y su lugar en lo político. Estudio de caso en Lo Hermida, Santiago de Chile". MA Thesis, graded with Maximum Distinction. Institute of Urban and Territorial Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile  
[Available here.](#)
- 2016 **López, A. y Ruiz-Tagle, J.** "Violencia Estructural en la Población Lo Hermida". Artículos de Incidencia 1, COES. [Available here.](#)

- 2020 **López, A. y Orlando, L.** "Lucha por la vivienda y procesos de subjetivación moral: "El caso de Parque Habitacional Las Perdices, La Reina.". *Contenido 10(2)*. [Available here.](#)
- 2019 **López, A.** "Artesanía intelectual en tiempos difíciles". *Cuadernos De Teoría Social*, 5(10), 5-10. [Available here.](#)
- 2019 **Isola, E. y López, A.** "La resistencia como forma de vida: elementos para la apropiación sociológica de un concepto". *Persona y sociedad 23 (1)*, p. 33-62. [Available here.](#)
- 2018 **(CEPAL)** "Hacia una agenda regional de desarrollo social inclusivo: Bases y propuesta inicial". (LC/MDS.2/2), Santiago, 2018. [Available here.](#)

## ACADEMIC EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- 2023 **Organizer** of the International Colloquium "Memory and future of *Dependentism*. Balance 50 years after the military coup in Chile". Social Transformations Lab, Diego Portales University.
- 2023 **Presentation at** the Chilean Congress of Anthropology: "'Que se den cuenta que el pueblo tiene fervor': manifestaciones violentas en territorios marginales y su lugar en lo político. Estudio de caso en Lo Hermida, Santiago de Chile".
- 2022 **Presentation at** the XI Chilean Congress of Sociology and Pre-ALAS, Concepción 2022: "'Que se den cuenta que el pueblo tiene fervor': manifestaciones violentas en territorios marginales y su lugar en lo político. Estudio de caso en Lo Hermida, Santiago de Chile".
- 2021 **Presentation at** the National Colloquium of Secularization: Values, Time, Politics and Technology: "La marginalidad urbana como tensión secular: la lucha por la vivienda en Chile en disputa con la gubernamentalidad del territorio".
- 2020 **Presentation at** the IV Doctoral Symposium of the PhD program on Political Processes and Institutions, Adolfo Ibáñez University: "La dimensión de lo político de las manifestaciones violentas. Hacia un nuevo paradigma conceptual de las revueltas en los márgenes urbanos".
- 2019 **Guest Editor** for the review "*Cuadernos de Teoría Social*". Special Issue: "Artesanía intelectual en tiempos difíciles".
- 2019 **Organizer** of the workshop: "Representing the absolute: Visual Culture and Capitalism". Diego Portales University.
- 2019 **Organizer** of the International Colloquium "Between Sociology and Philosophy." Social Theory Research Cluster, Diego Portales University.

- 2016-2018 **Coordinator** of Study Groups: "Other Politics: *Pobladores* and Forms of Life"; "Hannah Arendt and the freedom problem" and "Michel Foucault's History of Sexuality I, II y III." Social Theory Research Cluster, Diego Portales University.
- 2016 **Presentation** at the 9th Sociology National Congress: "Symbolic Boundaries in the Housing Struggle" Catholic University of Maule.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 **"Chile Fellowship" for Abroad Doctorate**, Granted by Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo (ANID), Science and Technology Ministry of Chile. Full tuition cover and stipends for doctoral studies.
- 2023 **The prize fellowship**, granted by The New School for Social Research, New York. Full tuition cover and stipend for doctoral studies.
- 2020 **Academic Excellence Fellowship**, granted to the grade point average of the MA programs on Urban Development and Environmental and Human Settlements. Institute of Urban and Territorial Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.
- 2019 **National MA Fellowship**, Granted by Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo, Science and Technology Ministry of Chile. Full tuition cover and stipends for doctoral studies.
- 2019 **Admission Fellowship**, Granted to Admission Profile, Covering the 50% of tuition for MA Studies. Institute of Urban and Territorial Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.
- 2018 **Academic Excellence Prize**, granted to the best grade point average (Ranking N°1) for the 2018 cohort from Sociology School. Diego Portales University.
- 2017 **Best TA Prize**, granted to the best Teaching Assistant in the Sociology School, Diego Portales University.
- 2016 **Honor Scholarship**, granted to the best grade point average from the 2018 cohort of the Sociology School, Diego Portales University.
- 2014 **Honor Diploma Scholarship**, granted to top 10% students, covering the tuition for Contemporary Thought Diploma. Humanities Institute, Diego Portales University.

## LANGUAGES

- English** Full academic competence.
- French** Intermediate, DELF B2, Instituto Francés de Chile.
- Spanish** Mother Tongue.

## REFERENCES

- Carlos Forment** Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Studies, The New School for Social Research, New York.  
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- Javier Ruiz-Tagle** Assistant Professor & Director of the interdisciplinary Diploma on Housing Policies. Institute of Urban and Territorial Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.  
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