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Education

University of California, Berkeley • 2023 – present

Ph.D., Student, Political Science

Sub-field Specializations: International Relations; Comparative Politics; Methods

Oxford University • 2022 – 2023

M.Sc., Global Governance & Diplomacy (*Distinction*)

Dissertation: Living Up to Its Commitments? The Waning Influence of Democratic Legitimacy in Recognition of Governments (2023 Best Dissertation Prize)

University of Texas at Austin • 2018 – 2021

B.A., International Relations & Global Studies (*Highest Honors*)

B.A., Latin American Studies (*Highest Honors*)

Thesis: The Collective Promotion of Democracy in the Americas: The Organization of American States and Authoritarian Backsliding in Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Honduras (George H. Mitchell Award – Best Social Science Thesis 2021)

Academic Publications

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The demise of sovereign wealth funds.](#)" (2023). *Review of International Political Economy*. 1-27.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[Democratización por conveniencia: Explicaciones materialistas-utilitarias de promoción democrática.](#)" (2023). *Revista de Ciencia Política* 43(1): 115-141.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The Collective Promotion of Democracy and Authoritarian Backsliding: The Organization of American States in Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Honduras.](#)" (2021). *The Latin Americanist* 65(2): 233-263.

Other Publications

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The vincible Bukele: Can the Millennial autocrat be stopped?](#)" (July 23, 2023). *The Hill*.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[Don't Fall for Maduro's Phony Anti-Corruption Campaigns.](#)" (March 31, 2023). *Global Americans*.
Spanish Version: "[No se deje engañar por las falsas campañas anticorrupción de Maduro](#)"

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The Caribbean Community's Inconsistent Record with Democratisation.](#)" (2022). *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*. 111(6): 732-734.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[El Salvador and the Challenge of Promoting Democracy.](#)" (November 19, 2022). *The National Interest*.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The Caribbean's Rapprochement with Venezuela Tests U.S. Hegemony.](#)" (July 23, 2022). *The National Interest*.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[Coming to Terms with Reality: How Could the European Union Most Effectively Support Venezuela's Democratization?](#)" (February 11, 2022). *SAIS Review of International Affairs*.

Berg, Ryan C., & **Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo.** "[Perfecting the Authoritarian Playbook: How the Maduro Regime Is Using Internal Party Primaries to Further Consolidate Power.](#)" (July 15, 2021). *Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)*.

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "[The Organization of American States & Democratic Erosion: The Cases of Venezuela and Nicaragua.](#)" (2019). *Yale Review of International Studies*. 10(2): 71-91.

In Progress

Di Bonaventura Altuve, Leonardo. "*Has the Right to Democracy Lived Up to Its Commitments? Empirical Explanations of Democratic Legitimacy in Recognition of Governments*"

Teaching

Teaching Assistant:

International Business (Upper-Level Undergraduate Course) – Professors
Deirdre Mendez and Linda Gerber (2019 –2021)
McCombs School of Business – University of Texas at Austin

Awards

Oxford University

Best Dissertation Prize – *Oxford Department of International Development* (2023)

Queen Elizabeth House/Porter Centre for Diplomacy Scholarship – *Oxford Department of International Development (ODID)/Hertford College* (2022-2023)

University of Texas at Austin

George H. Mitchell Award for Academic Excellence – *College of Liberal Arts* (2021)

Dean’s Distinguished Graduate – *College of Liberal Arts* (2021)

Honors Scholar – *Facultad de Artes Liberales* (2020)

Joel and Dina Sherzer Latin American Studies Scholarship – *Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies* (2020)

Teresa Lozano Long Scholarship – *Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies* (2020)

Bernard and Audre Rapoport Scholarship – *College of Liberal Arts* (2019)

Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)

Pierce Achievement Award (2021)

Other Experiences

Columnist:

[*El Nacional*](#)

Global Americans

[*The National Interest*](#)

Professional Experience:

Sendero Consulting – *Business & Policy Consultant* (2022)

Electoral Campaign of María Beatriz Martínez for the Governorship of Portuguesa – *Government Plan Coordinator* (2021)

Global Americans – *Editorial & Research Intern* (2021)

Center for Strategic & International Studies – *Intern for the Program of the Americas* (2021)

Organization of American States (OAS) – *Intern for the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy* (2019)

Republican Party of Texas – *Organization Intern* (2018)

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