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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) — *PhD in Political Science*
2023–2027

- Thesis: **Contested Paradigms: Indigenous Resurgence and Political Alternatives in Ecuador**
- Supervisor: Prof. **Leigh K. Jenco**; Advisor: Dr. **Harry Walker**
- Fieldwork: **Ecuador** (Apr. - Jun. 2025)

University of Michigan — *Academic Visiting Scholar*
2025–2026

- Host: Dr. **David M. Temin**

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) — *MRes in Political Science*
2022–2023

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) & University College London (UCL) — *MA in Intellectual History & History of Political Thought*
2020–2021

King's College London (KCL) — *BSc (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)*
2017–2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indigenous politics; comparative political theory; decolonial and postcolonial studies; Latin America; statecraft.

WORKING PAPERS

- **The Double Bind of Difference: Indigenous Resurgence Between Alterity and Co-optation** — under review.

- **The Conservative Disposition of Collective Rights: Reclaiming Cultural Control** - working paper.
- **Pluralising the People: Thinking Political Unity and Plurinationality from Ecuador** – working paper.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- **APSA Advancing Research Grant for Indigenous Politics**, 2024–2025.
- **Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for Workshop Organization**, 2025 - 2026
- **Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for Fieldwork**, 2024–2025.
- **Best Teacher Award (LSE)**, 2023–2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

London School of Economics and Political Science

- **IR130: War, Power, and Morality**, 2024–2025.
Convenors: Dr. Omar McDoom; Dr. Carl Muller-Crepon.
- **GV100: Introduction to Political Theory (Canon)**, 2024–2025.
Convenor: Prof. Paul Kelly.
- **Global Political Thought**, 2023–2024.
Convenor: Prof. Leigh K. Jenco.

King's College London

- **4SSPP115: Introduction to Political Theory (Contemporary)**, 2024–2025.
Convenor: Dr. Mollie Gerver.

Teaching evaluations available upon request.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

- **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting** – San Diego, April 2026
- **Journal of International Political Theory x Global Theory Forum – Special Issue on Method and Theory workshop** – Queen Mary University of London, Feb. 2026

- **Stanford Graduate Workshop in Political Theory** – Stanford University, Feb. 2026
- **Workshop in Political Theory** – University of Michigan, Feb. 2026
- **Latin American and Caribbean Studies Workshop** – University of Chicago, Jan. 2026
- **Workshop in Political Theory** – University of Michigan, Dec. 2025
- **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting** – Vancouver, Sept. 2025
- **SOAS Centre for Political Thought workshop: 'On Being Political: Theory & Activism'** – June 2025
- **Political Theory Seminar Series** – LSE, Dec. 2024
- **"Political Theory beyond Eurocentrism: Resources of Non-Western Thinking for Contemporary Political Challenges"** (DVPW Theory Section x BIAPT) – University of Rostock, March 2024
- **Midlands Conference in Critical Thought** – Nottingham University, April 2024
- **Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory** – Feb. 2024
- **Political Theory Seminar Series** – LSE, Feb. 2024

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- **Organizer**, Challenges and Possibilities for Self-Determination in Latin America LSE Workshop, 2026
- **Organizer**, LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference, 2024–2026.
- **Organizer**, LSE Government Research Café Series, 2023–2024.
- **Organizer**, Ideas Incubator for Graduate Students, 2023–2024.

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish:** Fluent
- **English:** Fluent
- **French:** DELF B2