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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2022- present **Doctoral Researcher**, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*, Germany
- 2018 **MA in Sociology**, *Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.*, Santiago, Chile
- 2016 **BSc in Sociology**, *University of Chile*, Santiago, Chile

Publications

Working Papers

- **Plaza, A.** (2025). From Cohesion to Division: Macrostructural Factors Driving Class Homogeneity. Draft version.
- Muñoz, B., **Plaza, A.**, and Espinoza, V. (2025). Stability and Evolution of the Size of Acquaintance Networks: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Chilean Context. Working paper under review at *Journal of Social Networks*.
- Otero, G., and **Plaza, A.** (2026). Examining the Relevance of Social Capital and Class-Based Network Segregation in the Status Attainment Process. Working paper.
- Otero, G., Zavala, I., and **Plaza, A.** (2026). Social Mobility and Class Segregation in Personal Networks: Longitudinal Evidence from Chile. Working paper submitted to *Frontiers in Sociology*.
- **Plaza, A.** (2026). Timing and Conditions of Sexual Initiation in Chile: A Life-Course Analysis Using the National Sexuality and Affectivity Survey. Working paper.

Papers

- **Plaza, A.** Beck, G., Iturra-Sanhueza, J., and Otero, G. (2026). Networked inequality: The role of changes in network size in attitudes towards inequality. *Journal of Social Networks*; 84; 27-45; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2025.07.008>
- Friehs, M.-T., **Plaza, A.**, Schäfer, S. J., Christ, O., and González, R. (2025). Does intergroup contact affect political attitudes and behaviours? A longitudinal mediation analysis using the Estudio Longitudinal Social de Chile. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 35:e70105. <https://doi.org/10.1002/casp.70105>
- Rozas-Bugueño, J. **Plaza, A.**, Retamales, M., Cortinez, S., Carrasco, P. Venegas M. (2022). Where does social mobilization grow? An analysis of the new protesters of the Chilean social mobilization of October 2019. *Revista Chilena de Derecho y Ciencia Política*, 13 (2), 127-158.

- González, R., Chayinska, M., **Plaza, A.**, Bargsted, M., Miranda, D. (2022). A longitudinal examination of the factors that facilitate and hinder support for conservative and progressive social movements. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 52, 1031– 1046.
- **Plaza, A.**, Cantillan, R., Beck, G., Espinoza, V. (2022) Together, but not mixed: Homophily in mapuche and non-mapuche intergroup relations. *Revista De Sociología*, 37(1).
- Bargsted, M., Espinoza, V. **Plaza, A.** (2020) Patterns of Homophily in Chile. *Papers. Revista De Sociologia*, 105(4), 583-612.
- **Plaza, A.** (2015) “Conceptual elements for the analysis of the Technocracy: Towards a theoretical definition”, *Revista Némesis*, 11.
- Oyanedel, J.C. Villalobos, J. Mella, C. **Plaza, A.** (2014) “Validation in Spanish of the scale of attitudes towards eco-efficient driving and the use of energy”. *Securitas Vialis*.
- Oyanedel, J.C. Villalobos, J. Mella, C. **Plaza, A.** (2013) “Validation in Spanish of the scale of attitudes towards road safety” *Securitas vialis*. .

Book Chapters

- González, R., Chayinska, M., **Plaza, A.**, and Carozzi, P. (2025). Collective action in Chile prior and after the 2019’s social outbreak: The central role of socio-psychological factors in promoting social change. In H. Çakal, V. Smith Castro, D. Sirlopu, and P. Saavedra Morales (Eds.), *Social Unrest in Latin America: Social Psychological Perspectives*. ”
- **Plaza, A.** Cantillan, R., and Muñoz, B. (2024) “ Multilevel analysis for the study of egocentric networks: applications in the study of homophily in Chile.”. In Ortiz-Ruiz, F. and Espinosa-Rada, A.” *Social Networks: theory, methods and applications in Latin America* ”
- **Plaza, A.** (2018)“ Governing in the name of reason: towards a theoretical delimitation of the concept of technocracy from Latin America ”. In Ipar, E. and Tonkonoff, S.” *Theory, politics and society: Critical reflections from Latin America* ”
- Alvarado, X. **Plaza, A.** (2014)“ Subjective well-being, quality of life and aging in Chile ”. In Oyanedel, J. and Mella, C.“ *Debates on well-being and happiness* ”.

Policy and Research Documents

- “Radiography of Social Change: Analysis of Longitudinal Results ELSOC 2016-2021”. *Presentación de Resultados COES*. Enero 2022, Santiago de Chile.
- “Radiography of Social Change: Analysis of Longitudinal Results ELSOC 2016-2019”. *Presentación de Resultados COES*. Septiembre 2020, Santiago de Chile.
- “Radiography of Social Change: Analysis of Longitudinal Results ELSOC 2016-2018”. *Presentación de Resultados COES*. Septiembre 2019, Santiago de Chile.

- Bargsted, M. Etchegaray, N. **Plaza, A.**, Espinoza, V. Garretón, M..(2018)“Political disaffection and politicization of interpersonal social networks.”. Nota COES de Política Pública N°16,), ISSN:0719-8795. Santiago, Chile: COES.

Other Publications

- **Plaza, A.** (2016) Social stratification in Latin America and educational inequality. Interview with Florencia Torche. *Revista Némesis*, 13, 142-152. 11.
- **Plaza, A.** (2016) Review “Geoffrey Evans y Nan Dirk de Graaf (eds.), *Political Choice Matters: Explaining the Strength of Class and Religious Cleavages in Cross-National Perspective*”. *Revista Estudios en Políticas Públicas*, 2016, 3 pp.211-214.
- **Plaza, A.** Vargas-Salfate, S. (2015)“The political scene from the social sciences. Interview with Mariano Torcal”, *Revista Némesis*, 2015, 11.

Opinion Columns

- “A 5 años del 18-O: ¿Quiénes son y dónde están los nuevos manifestantes de las protestas del Estallido Social?” (Co-authored with Joaquín Rozas). En *Ciper Chile*..
- “Pensar la política científica más allá de Becas Chile” (Co-authored with Salvador Vargas). En *Ciper Chile*..
- “Rotonda Atenas y Cohesión Social”. En *la Segunda*..

Teaching Experience

Professor

Winter 2022 **Sociology of Public Opinion and Social Media**, *Sociology undergraduate*, School of Social Science, Andrés Bello University

Summer 2020 **Analysis of Networks and Social Media**, *Master in Information Processing and Management*, School of Engineering, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Winter 2019 **Multivariate Statistics**, *Sociology undergraduate*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Chile

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Winter 2024 **Statistics I**, *MPP and MIA*, Hertie School of Governance, Professor Maria Uttenthal

Summer 2017 **Multilevel Data Analysis**, *Master in Sociology*, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Professor Juan Carlos Castillo

Winter, 2015–2016 **Advanced Statistical Techniques (Structural Equation Modelling)**, *Master in Social Research Methods*, Diego Portales University, Professor Mónica Gerber

Winter, 2015 **Linear Regression Analysis**, *Diploma in Statistics for Social Research*, Diego Portales University, Professor Mauricio Morales

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Summer 2017 **Multivariate Statistics**, *Faculty of Social Sciences*, University of Chile, Professor Giorgio Boccardo

Winter and Summer, 2013–2014 **Introduction to Economic and Political Thought**, *Faculty of Economics and Business*, University of Chile, Professor Oscar Landerretche

Summer 2013 **Social Stratification in Latin America**, *Faculty of Social Sciences*, University of Chile, Professor Carlos Ruiz Encina and Giorgio Boccardo

Winter 2013 **Social History of Latin America**, *Faculty of Social Sciences*, University of Chile, Professor Carlos Ruiz Encina

Professional Experience

Sep, 2022–present **Research associate**, *RTG The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes, and Public Policy (DYNAMICS)*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Hertie School

My doctoral research focuses on how interpersonal networks influence redistributive conflict in the context of welfare states, either mediating, suppressing or exacerbating traditional political cleavages..

Mar–May 2025 **Visiting Researcher**, *Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI)*, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden

Supervisor: Arvid Lindh. Social Policy Unit. Focus on social policy, inequality and quantitative methods.

Oct–Dic, 2025 **Visiting Researcher**, *Observatorio de Desigualdad*, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

Supervisor: Gabriel Otero. Research on inequality and social stratification.

Mar, 2018–Jun, 2022 **Technical Coordinator of the Chilean Longitudinal Social Survey (ELSOC)**, *Centre for Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies, COES*, Santiago

Responsible for questionnaire design, database assembly and inconsistency analysis, writing technical documentation and research reports

Jan, 2018–present **Quantitative Advisor**, *Convergencia Integral Consultores*, Santiago

Technical review of reports and quantitative proposals for tender projects

Nov,2019– **Research Fellow**, *Project Fondart 434996 "New readers, new readings. Research on motivations and type of reading in schoolchildren"*, Santiago
Nov,2020
Responsible for the quantitative phase, referring to the aspects of (1) Sampling, (2) Evaluation of metric properties of instruments, and (3) Statistical Analysis.

Apr,2016– **Quantitative Analyst**, *Information Technology Innovation Center for Social Applications, University of Santiago*, Santiago
May,2017
In charge of (1) Analysis and reporting of databases, (2) Construction and validation of questionnaires, (3) Carrying out methodological consultancies, (5) Production of quantitative and qualitative data (4) Formulation and writing of research projects and papers

Jan,2014– **Independent Consultant**
Jan,2016
I worked in various consultancies and research consultancies in a freelance mode (see the section Professional Consulting and Advisory Services)

Sep– **Research Assistant**, *Centre of Comparative Educational Policy, Diego Portales University*, Santiago
Dec,2015
In charge of producing qualitative information in 5 schools throughout Chile on differences in achievement in mathematics by gender

Sep,2013– **Research Assistant**, *Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, University of Santiago, Chile*, Santiago
Sep,2014
In charge of (1) Analysis and reporting of databases, (2) Construction and validation of questionnaires, (3) Carrying out methodological consultancies, (5) Production of quantitative and qualitative data (4) Formulation and writing of research projects and papers

Research Project Assistant

Dic,2022– **Characterization of physical learning environments in school classrooms that promote academic self-esteem and school motivation.**,
May,2023
Under the direction of Beatriz Piderit. Fondecyt regular N°1210701, Bio-Bio University

May,2017– **The structure of sociability in Chile and its consequences for our coexistence. Longitudinal analysis of social networks**,
May,2019
Under the direction of Vicente Espinoza. Fondecyt regular N°1171426, University of Santiago

May–Dic, 2017 **The moral economy of meritocracy and redistributive preferences**,
Under the direction of Juan Carlos Castillo, Fondecyt regular N°1160921, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Apr,2016– **Usability evaluation of digital resources. An opportunity for improvement for the implementation of inclusive pedagogical practices**,
May,2017
Under the direction of Pablo Vera, Fonide FX11667, University of Santiago

- Apr,2016– **Evaluation of predictive variables of well-being: a contextual and**
 May, 2017 **longitudinal analysis for positive psychology**, *Under the direction of Pablo Vera, Fondecyt Regular N° 1140211, University of Santiago*
- Sep– Dic, **Gender and Maths: good practices in reducing gender gaps in SIMCE**
 2015 **II results**, *Under the direction of Alejandra Cortázar, Centre of Comparative Educational Policy, Diego Portales University*
- Jul–Sep2014 **Pilot study of questionnaires on citizen participation and training and healthy lifestyle habits, SIMCE**, *Under the direction of Javier Torres., Metalógica, 2014*
- Apr– **What affects the subjective well-being and quality of life of Chilean**
 Jun2014 **girls and boys?**, *Under the direction of Jaime Alfaro, University of Santiago and Universidad del Desarrollo, 2014*
- Jan– **Evaluation of the results of the intervention program “Travesías”**,
 Apr,2014 *Under the direction of Camila Mella, Universidad of Santiago-Fundación Caserta, 2014*
- Sep,2013– **2013-2014 Study: Drug Policies and Public Opinion**, *Under the direction*
 Jan,2014 *of Eduardo Vergara, Latin American Observatory on Drug Policies and Public Opinion*
- Sep,2013– **Evaluation of tobacco use warning results in Chile (qualitative phase)**,
 Mar2014 *Under the direction of María Teresa Valenzuela, Institute of Public Health, University of Chile- Institute of Public Health, Andrés Bello University*

Professional Consulting and Advisory Services

- Mar-Apr, **Scoping a Long-Term Study: Bulding a Longitudinal Dataset**, *Counter-*
 2023 *part: Michael Peak, Higher Education Systems Research Unit, British Council*
- Jun-Ago, **Methodological advice and longitudinal database management for the**
 2020 **ELRI study.**, *Counterpart: Miguel Fernandez, Center for Intercultural and Indigenous Research*
- Ago– **Statistical analysis in project ”Factors related to quality of life and**
 Oct,2018 **burden of family caregivers of cancer patients in palliative care**, *Counterpart: María Cecilia Toffoletto, Andres Bello University*

May- **Bases for the understanding of the new policy in citizen education,**
Jul,2017 *Counterpart: Vesna Puratic*, Teacher Professional Development Center, Diego
Portales University

Mar- **Training leaders for coexistence and school climate,** *Counterpart: Paulina*
May,2016 *Herrera*, Teacher Professional Development Center, Diego Portales University

Dic,2015- **Study of satisfaction of users of the work direction,** *Clidodynamica con-*
Feb,2016 *sulting*, Counterpart: Minister of Labour and Social security

Dic,2015- **Satisfaction study of beneficiaries of FOSIS programs,** *Clidodynamica*
Feb,2016 *consulting*, Counterpart: Minister of Labour and Social security

Dic,2015- **Study on job satisfaction, organizational commitment and leadership,**
Mar,2016 *Under the direction of Alejandro Plaza and Vicente Silva*, Counterpart: María
Fernanda Forttes. Venegas y Forttes company

Conference Presentations

- 2025 *From Cohesion to Division: Macrostructural Factors Driving Class Homogeneity*. Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Norms, Cohesion, and (De)Polarization, Utrecht University, Netherlands.
- 2025 *Gaining Social Capital? The Impact of Entering into Representative Politics on Social Trajectories*. CEISAL Congress 2025, Paris, France.
- 2025 *Gaining Social Capital? The Impact of Institutional Political Experience on Politicians' Social Trajectories*. XLV Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Paris, France.
- 2025 *Networked Inequality: The Role of Changes in Network Size on Attitudes Towards Inequality*. 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 *Assessing the Longitudinal Stability of Network Size Using Nsum: Evidence from Chile*. 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2024 *Educational Mobility, Homophily, and Social Closure*. XLIV Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
- 2024 *Cross-Class Embeddedness: Social Networks and Preferences for Redistribution*. 15th European Graduate Network Conference, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2023 *Social Circles and Redistributive Preferences: A Cross-Country Analysis Using ISSP 2017*. 15th Annual Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Princeton University, USA.
- 2023 *Educational Mobility and Homophily*. First Chilean Conference on Social Networks, Universidad Mayor, Santiago, Chile.
- 2021 *The Structural Bases of Cohesion and Civil Society: An Approach Based on Voluntary Associations and Multiple Memberships*. COES Annual Conference, Chile.
- 2021 *Someone to Talk to in the Neighborhood? Contextual and Individual Factors Explaining the Formation of Neighborhood Ties in Chile*. 5th International Seminar on Inequality and Social Mobility in Latin America.

- 2021 *Cohesion and Civil Society in Chile*. Cohesive Societies Congress, Session on Social Networks, Neighborhood and Civil Society.
- 2020 *The Analytical Potential of the Position Generator to Analyze the Structure of Occupations and Their Changes Over Time*. Seminar on Social Change in Chile: A Longitudinal Perspective, COES Center.
- 2019 *Multilevel Analysis for the Study of Egocentric Networks*. VI ARS Latin American Meeting, Mendoza, Argentina.
- 2019 *Statistical Reliability in the Egocentric Social Networks Report*. VI ARS Latin American Meeting, Mendoza, Argentina.
- 2018 *Fluid Interests: Social Mobility and Preferences for Redistribution in Comparative Perspective*. Sociology Congress, Iquique, Chile.
- 2017 *Social Mobility in Chile: What is the Effect of Educational Attainment and Social Origin?* (co-authored with Camila Mella). Latin American Congress of Sociology (ALAS), Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2017 *Social Mobility and Tolerance Towards Inequalities: Individual and Contextual Effects*. Latin American Congress of Sociology (ALAS), Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2017 *Patterns of Homophily in Chile* (co-authored with Matías Bargsted and Vicente Espinoza). COES Conference, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, Chile.

Scholarships

- 2017 Conicyt Scholarship for master studies.
- 2017 Volcán Calbuco Foundation Scholarship for master studies.

Extracurricular Activities

2013-2014 **Editor**, *Revista Némesis XII*, (Student Social Science Journal)

2017 **Member of Editorial Board**, *Revista Némesis*, (Student Social Science Journal))

Languages

Spanish Native
 English Fluent
 German Basic

Computational skills

- Advanced data analysis: R, Stata, SPSS, AMOS.
- Intermediate: Python, SQL, QGIS, Atlas.ti.
- Office tools: Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio, Project.
- Text and code editors: L^AT_EX, Markdown, Atom, Sublime.
- Reference managers: Mendeley, Zotero.

References

- **Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau**
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- **Roberto González Gutiérrez**
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