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EDUCATION

June 2021 - Ongoing	ETH Zürich PhD Spatial development and Urban Policy
Aug 2017 – Jun 2019	Lund University Master's in Human Geography
Mar 2011 – Dec 2015	PUC Chile Political Science & Minor in Urban Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sept 2023 – Dec 2023	<b>Fieldwork: migrant workers in the delivery sector in Berlin.</b> Ethnographic work focused on the urban experience of migrant workers in the delivery sector in Berlin. 25 interviews were completed, as well as actively participating in different labour organizing instances, as well as socializing event with migrant workers in the sector.
Jun 2021 – Ongoing	<b>PhD candidate ETH Zürich.</b> Researching on the role of digital platforms in the production on urban space, and the spatial tactics of resistance deployed by platform workers, through a mixed methods approach combining ethnography, digital methods, and volunteered geographic information (VGI).
Jun 2019 – June 2021	<b>Urban research and consultancy.</b> Building knowledge on the relevance of spatial relations for the future of our cities. Recently engaged in consultancy projects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• URBACT's GenderedLandscapes</li><li>• Analysis of paramilitary actions in Colombia. Geodata visualisation.</li><li>• SIPRI's project "Mali-Centre pour la sécurité et le développement".</li></ul>
Jan 2019 – Jun 2019	<b>Master thesis:</b> Public space and the banning of homelessness in Copenhagen. Everyday spatial practices against the commodification of life <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engagement with multiple stakeholders (NGOs, local government, and homeless people) to gather data and access gatekeepers.</li><li>• Mixed qualitative methods to study public spaces and demonstrations in different points of Copenhagen.</li><li>• In depth analysis of public documents and legislation.</li></ul>
Oct 2017 – Jan 2019	<b>Research Assistant</b> - Lund University Department of Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed a historical cross-country comparative analysis.</li><li>• Edition of manuscripts.</li><li>• Database management.</li></ul>
Jul 2016 – Jun -2017	<b>Research Assistant</b> - PUC / University of Illinois in Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geo-referencing of multiple territorial conflicts.</li></ul>
Apr - Nov 2015	<b>Undergrad thesis:</b> State territorial presence in peripheral neighbourhoods in intermediates cities.
Jan 2014 – Jun 2014	<b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> - Varieties of Democracy. Quantitative and Qualitative cross-country database management, with data from the early XIX century to late XX century, related to direct democracy.
Aug 2013 – Jan 2014	<b>Research Assistant</b> - Urban Studies Institute PUC Project: "Santiago: from business city to the business of cities. Real estate dynamics and transformation". <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualitative data analysis on the growing financialization of the housing and office market in Santiago.</li></ul>

Aug 2013 – Dec 2013

**Research Assistant** -Urban Studies Institute *PUC*

Project: “Middle classes localization patterns’ evolution in Santiago: 1992-2012”.

- Qualitative data analysis of political leaders’ discourses and the presence of housing and urban conflict trends.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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May 2020 – May 2021

**Project Manager and Community Engagement**– *Emergency Architecture & Human Rights*.

- Lead of community intervention plans & strategies.
- Lead of participatory processes with youth in vulnerable areas.
- Editor of content and “Pandemic Resilient Cities” publication (Published April 2021)

Dec 2016- Jul 2017

**Communications and Public Affairs Coordinator** - *AIEP*.

Developed and led within the department:

- Online seminar organization for municipal education stakeholders.
- Diversity and inclusion strategies.
- Stakeholder outreach and management

Jan 2016- Dec 2016

**Sustainability Analyst** at *Gestión Social*.

Designed and conducted:

- Geo-referencing of socio-territorial conflicts.
- Diversity and gender mainstreaming strategies
- Community outreach strategies for the National Railways Company

Jul 2015 – Dec 2015

**Research Intern** - Think Tank *Espacio Público*

- Developed proposal for urban housing densification policy.
- Developed a database for evaluation of transparency agenda.

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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Autumn 2023

Presenter INDL-6 conference session “digital labour in time and space”

Spring 2023

Article presenter at session “digital capitalism: labour” AAG 2023.

Spring 2023

Guest Lecturer Architecture Institute of Prague.

Summer 2022

Presenter Platform Labour workshop Amsterdam University

Summer 2022

Participant International Urban Ethnography school Trento.

Summer 2022

Presenter workshop “Platform Governance” Duisburg-Essen University.

Summer 2022

Presenter Cycling and Society Symposium. Labour on wheels panel. Dublin.

Summer 2022

Presenter conference Beyond Smart Cities Malmö University.

Summer 2022

Presenter conference KRITIS at TU Darmstadt.

Spring 2022

Course coordinator and co-lecturer Urban Planning and Policy at ETHZ

Summer 2021-Fall 2022

Guest Speaker for the Human Geography Program at Lund University

Autumn 2020

Guest Lecturer Uppsala University – CEMUS - Course on Development, Environment and Globalisation.

Winter 2019

Participant - JPI Europe Agora Workshop – Dilemmas of Public Spaces.

Autumn 2019

Presenter 14<sup>th</sup> European Research Conference on Homelessness

Winter 2019

Firenze 6th Winter Research Methodology School on Urban Studies.

Summer 2018

Oslo PhD Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies.

Summer 2015

Mixed Research Methods Summer School in social sciences at PUC

Aug 2015 – Dec 2015

Teaching Assistant Qualitative methods in social sciences

Jan 2014 - Jul 2015

Teaching assistant – Direct Democracy Theory and Practice

## LANGUAGE

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Spanish – Native

English – Fluent

Danish – C1 – Upper intermediate

Swedish – B1 – Intermediate.

German – A1 - Beginner