

Nicole Herscovici

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- Profile** Interested in political economy, democratic stability, regime change and comparative politics.
- Education** Master's in Political Science, University of São Paulo (USP), 2021-2023
Master's Thesis: "Untying the Knots: Textile Businessmen under Dilma Rousseff's Administrations"
Passed with Distinction and *nominated* for Best Master's Thesis in the program
- BA in Social Science, University of São Paulo (USP), 2020. (9/10, Class rank 2 out of 103)
- Publications**
1. "Interpretations of Gramsci in Fernando Henrique Cardoso's Political Thought", with Daniela Mussi (UFRJ)
[Revista DADOS](#), 2025
 2. "Port's War: A Case of Business' Political Success"
[Revista Agenda Política](#), 2022
 3. "Industrial Entrepreneurs in Dilma Rousseff's First Term (2011-2014): An Analysis from the Newspaper Valor Econômico", with Gabriel Nunes de Oliveira (USP)
[Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política](#), 2022
 4. "Aspects of the New Right-Wing Extremism: The Relationship Between Capitalism and Fascism" (Book Review),
[Revista Dissonância](#), 2022
- Working Papers** "When do Redistributive Threats Trigger the Elite's Antidemocratic Reaction? The Case of Brazil"
- Conference Presentations**
1. "Ports' War: A Case of Business' Political Success"
VII Fórum Brasileiro de Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política (2022)
Awarded best paper in the studies of Political, Social and Bureaucratic Elites
 2. "The Giant Woke Up: June 2013 Mass Demonstrations and Business Opposition to Rouseff's government"
XII Seminário Discente da Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política da USP (2022)
Awarded best paper in Political Theory and Political Thought
 3. "Textile Businessmen Perceptions on Dilma's Impeachment: What are the Causes and Solutions to the Brazilian Crisis?"
46^o Encontro anual da ANPOCS (2022)
 4. "The Political Behavior of the Textile-Clothing Business Sector in the Dilma Rousseff governments (2011-2016)"
XI Seminário Discente da Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política da USP (2021)
 5. "Dilma Rousseff's Administration and Business' Opposition"

Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, Ohio State University (canceled due to Covid-19)

6. “Dilma Rousseff’s Administration and Business’ Opposition”
27° Simpósio Internacional de Iniciação Científica e Tecnológica da USP (2019)
Awarded top 10 papers in the International Round

Research Experience

Research Assisant to Prof. Maria Hermínia Tavares de Almeida (CEBRAP), 2022-2023
Responsible for data collection and analysis about the Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB), its pre-electoral coordination and electoral campaign (20hrs/wk).

Research Assistant to Ph.D. Candidate Ritika Goel (UC Berkeley), 2022 and 2024
Responsible for collecting and coding Jair Bolsonaro’s and Lula da Silva’s online campaign during the 2022 Brazilian election (10hrs/wk).

Undergraduate Research: “Dilma Rousseff’s Government and Business Political Reactions”, 2017-2019, funded by CNPq (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development)

Awards and Fellowships

Awarded best paper in Political, Social and Bureaucratic Elites in VII FBCP, 2022
Awarded best paper in Political Theory in XII Seminário Discente DCP, 2022
Awarded top 10 papers in SIICUSP 2019
2020-2022: CAPES-PROEX graduate fellowship
2018-2019: CNPq undergraduate fellowship

Teaching Experience

University of São Paulo (USP), 2021
Short course: “Brazil in Crisis? Capitalism and Democracy”
with Gabriel N. de Oliveira, Alessandra Freixo, Rafael Costa and Fellipe Bernardino
Supervisor: Prof. André Singer

University of São Paulo (USP), 2022
Teaching Assistant to undergraduate course: “Modern and Contemporary Political Theory”
Supervisor: Prof. Rúrion Melo

Academic Translations

1. “The Twilight of Formal Democracy: Contradictions of Accumulation and the Political Crisis of Neoliberalism”, by Alyson J. Ayers and Alfredo Saad-Filho (2022)
2. “The Age of Crisis: Neoliberalism, the Collapse of Democracy, and the Pandemic”, by Alfredo Saad-Filho (in press)
3. “American Interregnum: Nancy Fraser’s interview to Alessandra Spano” (2021)

Methods and Tools

Process tracing; media analysis; discourse analysis
Semi structured interviews (elites and bureaucrats)
Creation of database in Excel and RStudio
Analysis of national surveys such as IBGE and RAIS

Extracurricular and Community Activities

Coordinator of University of São Paulo’s Student Union (DCE-Livre da USP) - 2018-2019
Member of Undergraduate in Social Science’s Student Union (CeUPES) - 2017-2018
Student’s representative in University of São Paulo’s Undergraduate Council- 2017-2019
Political organizer in Partido dos Trabalhadores’ Youth (JPT) - 2017-2020

Skills

RStudio
Atlas.ti
Office

Languages

Portuguese (native)
English (Cambridge English Advanced; 108 TOEFL - 30R, 26L, 25S, 27 W)
Spanish (reading and listening)