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PROFILE

Political scientist specializing in political institutions, public decision-making and public policy. My work focuses on how institutions and strategic interaction among political actors shape the production of public decisions and the use of evidence in policy processes. I combine institutional analysis, strategic interaction and empirical research to understand how political systems generate public outcomes. Alongside my academic work, I have professional experience in institutional design, legislative processes and public policy implementation, particularly in governance, security and state reform.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Political institutions and institutional design
- Public decision-making and policy processes
- Executive–legislative relations
- Legislative behavior and political coalitions
- Governance and security policy
- Evidence-based policy analysis
- Computational analysis of political texts and electoral manifestos

ACADEMIC POSITION

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) — Professor of Political Science and Program Coordinator (2022–Present)

- Teaching political institutions, Ecuadorian politics and public policy.
- Coordinating the Political Science program (curriculum planning, academic strategy and mentoring).
- Developing initiatives to strengthen the program's academic reputation.
- Conducting research on political institutions, elections and legislative behavior.

GOVERNMENT AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

- **National Assembly of Ecuador** — Advisor, Security and International Relations Committee (2022)
Coordinated the technical design and drafting of the Organic Code of Integral Security.
- **Ministry of Defense of Ecuador** — Advisor for International Affairs (2017)
Coordinated international cooperation and strategic relations of the Ministry of Defense.
- **National Assembly of Ecuador** — Chief of Staff, Office of Assembly Member Fernando Bustamante (2016–2017)
Directed legislative analysis and coordinated technical reports on legislative initiatives.
- **National Assembly of Ecuador** — Policy Advisor, Security and International Relations Committee (2013–2016)
Produced technical analysis of legislative proposals.
- **National Secretariat of Planning (SENPLADES)** — Advisor, Public Policy and Planning (2012–2013)
Participated in preparation of Ecuador's National Development Plan.
- **Ministry of Interior of Ecuador** — Manager, Migration Control Modernization Program (2012)
Directed national modernization project managing more than 130 staff.

- **International IDEA – NIMD** — Project Officer (2007–2009)

Worked on democracy support programs and coordinated the Ágora Constituyente initiative.

EDUCATION

- PhD in Political Science — FLACSO Ecuador (2018–2025)
- Master of Public Administration — Université Catholique de Louvain (2009–2011)
- MA in International Relations — Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (2005–2007)
- BA in International Business and Trade — Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (2000–2006)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Basabe-Serrano, Santiago and Pablo Medina. 2022. “¿Quién susurra al oído de los presidentes?” Revista SAAP.
- Bustamante, Fernando and Pablo Medina. 2021. “Ecuador: ¿Qué significa el triunfo de Guillermo Lasso?” Política. Revista de Ciencia Política.
- Pinta, Mike; Pablo Medina-Pérez et al. 2021. “Automatic Manifesto Comparison Using NLP Techniques and the Manifesto Project Domains – Case Study: 2021 Ecuadorian Presidential Elections.” IEEE ETCM.
- Olivares, Alejandro and Pablo Medina. 2020. “La persistente debilidad institucional de Ecuador: protestas, elecciones y divisiones políticas durante el 2019.” Revista de Ciencia Política.

METHODS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Institutional and policy analysis
- Public policy design and evaluation
- Python, R, GIS
- Natural language processing for political text analysis

LANGUAGES

Spanish — Native | English — Professional proficiency | French — Professional proficiency