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**Education**

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**PhD in Politics and International Relations. The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.** (December 2020). Dissertation title: “How political leaders shape international rivalries: A psychological study of resilience and variability in Chilean-Bolivian and Chilean-Peruvian relations. Passed with no corrections.

**MA in International Studies. Universidad de Chile.** Santiago, Chile (2013) Dissertation Title: “Latin American Political Leaders: A study of personality at-a-distance”.

**BA in Psychology. Universidad de Chile.** Santiago, Chile. (2006)

**Research interests and expertise**

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Enduring rivalries between states | Security studies | Foreign policy analysis | Political psychology | Assessment of political leaders | Emotions in IR | Foreign policies of Latin America.

**Employment**

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**Fellow in International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals – IBEI.** (October 2022-present). Tasks include:

- Conducting research
- Convening the MA course “*Advanced Qualitative Methods*”
- Co-convening, designing and delivering lectures on the MA courses “*Theories of International Security*” (Erasmus Joint Master in International Law of Global Security Peace and Development), “*Advanced Social Research*”, and “*Research Seminar in International Security*”
- Contributing to the outreach activities
- Supervising master’s dissertations and acting as a personal tutor of students

**Postdoctoral Researcher, Ghent University, Belgium** (Fixed term September 2021 – September 2022).

Tasks included:

- Conducting research on the role of emotions in international conflicts.
- Supervising BA research papers and master’s theses.
- Developing and delivering lectures and course material on foreign policy analysis and the psychology of conflicts (BA level). Marking assessments and providing feedback.

**Research Fellow, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Digital Influence and Intelligence Lab-DIIL),** (Fixed term January 2021 – July 2021). Tasks included:

- Analysing digital data resources to explore international perceptions of Scotland across a variety of issues related to international cultural relations (e.g., Brexit, Covid-19, festival and tourism)
- Developing reports to inform the results to associated partners (International Cultural Relations Ltd and M&C Saatchi world services).

**Senior Tutor, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland** (2019-2021). On the courses “*Comparative Politics in a Globalised World*” (2021) and “*Introduction to Politics and International Relations*” 2019-2021. Task included:

- Providing support and advice to course tutors, including inductions sessions. Developing and disseminating tutorial content and exercises, delivering guidance on marking assessment.
- Assisting the course convenor in preparing the course handbook, assignments and helping to design practical sessions.

- Contributing to discussions about pedagogy in the Subject Area and to School-level discussions and the dissemination of best practice.
- Liaising between course tutors, course secretary, course organiser, and the teaching group (400-600 students, 8-10 tutors, 2-5 teaching staff).

**Tutor, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland** (2017 – 2021). On the courses: “*Comparative Politics in a Globalised World*” (2021), “*Global Security*” (2017-2021) and “*Introduction to Politics and International Relations*” (2017-2021). Tasks included:

- Leading tutorial groups in discussing key points from lectures and/or course material.
- Designing teaching material and activities.
- Undertaking marking and providing feedback.
- Providing advice and support to students.

**Lecturer, Universidad de las Comunicaciones Uniacc, Chile.** Department of Psychology (Seasonal contract from 2012 – 2016). Tasks included:

- Convening and designing the undergraduate course “*Psychological Assessment*” (both face-to-face and hybrid modalities).
- Supervising undergraduate dissertation projects.

**Lecturer, Universidad Autónoma de Chile, Chile.** Department of Early Childhood Education Psychology (Seasonal contract from 2013 - 2016). Tasks included:

- Convening and designing the undergraduate courses “*Personal Development*” and “*Active Learning*.”

**Lecturer, Universidad SEK, Chile.** Department of Psychology (Seasonal contract from 2014 - 2015). Tasks included:

- Convening and designing the undergraduate courses “*Psychological Assessment I and II*.”

## Research outputs

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### Journal articles

- Thiers, C. and Wehner, L. (2023) “Britain’s COVID-19 battle: The role of political leaders in shaping the responses to the pandemic”. *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*. 13691481231159020. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481231159021>
- Thiers, C. and Wehner, L. (2022). “The personality traits of populist leaders and their foreign policies: Hugo Chavez and Donald Trump.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(1).
- Thiers, C. “Profiling Leaders in Spanish.” (2020) *International Studies Review*, 22(4), 1039–1067 in Brummer et al. Forum: Coding in Tongues: Developing Non-English Coding Schemes for Leadership Profiling. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaa001>
- Dubé, S. and Thiers, C. (2017). “Social Group Dynamics and Patterns of Latin American Integration Processes.” *Revista de Estudios Sociales* 60, 25–35.

### Book chapters

- Thiers, C. “One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: The Steering Effects of Operational Code Beliefs in the Chilean-Bolivian Rivalry.” (2021) in Mark Schafer and Stephen G. Walker (eds.) *Operational Code Analysis and Foreign Policy Roles: Crossing Simon’s Bridge*. **Routledge**.
- Thiers, C. and Wehner, L. (forthcoming) “Latin American Populist Leaders and the International Stage: Analysing Their Belief Systems” in Löffmann, Lacatus and Meibauer (eds.) *Populism, Political Communication and Performative Leadership in International Politics* **Palgrave Macmillan Series** in International Political Communication.

### Book reviews

- Thiers, C. (2017). “Book Review: Rut Diamint and Laura Tedesco, Latin America’s Leaders.” *Political Studies Review*, 15(4), 675–676. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929917712906>.

### **Tools developed:**

- 2017-2020. Developed the Spanish version of the Operational Code Analysis coding scheme. This software automates the assessment of political leaders' beliefs within the Operational Code Analysis framework. Available: [profilerplus.org](http://profilerplus.org)

### **Revise and resubmit invitations:**

- Thiers, C. "The role of political leaders' emotions in shaping international rivalries: The case of former Bolivian president Evo Morales". Journal: ***Foreign Policy Analysis***.

### **In preparation:**

- Journal manuscript: Chile's role during the Venezuelan Migrant Crisis: Sebastián Piñera and the Cúcuta debacle. With Saskia Smellie (University of Edinburgh) (first draft resented in ISA-2023)
- Journal manuscript: Exploring the Landscape of Emotions in International Relations Research: A Critical Review.

### **Knowledge exchange and impact activities**

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- Interview **France 24** (February 2, 2023). [Three years of Brexit and its impact on the British economy](#). El Debate.
- Blog piece (November 2022) with Kaarbo, J. and Beasley, R. [What an analysis of Sunak's personality could mean for UK policy](#). **LSE British Politics and Policy**.
- Interview **CNN Chile** (September 15, 2022) [The challenges of the new reign of Charles III](#) | Conexión Global Prime.
- Interview **CNN Chile** (September 8, 2022) [Prime Minister Liz Truss: Who is she, and what challenges will she face?](#) | Conexión Global Prime.
- Blog piece (March 2022) [The Psychology of war: analysing Putin's motivations](#). **ECPR's Political Science Blog** - The Loop.
- Blog piece (October 2020) with Kaarbo and Beasley. [Leader Personalities: Trump vs Biden](#). **Duck of Minerva**.
- Assisted in designing public engagement activities to encourage girls' interest in science, including developing and distributing **illustrated books** to children aged 7-11 in schools (2015-2016) ([Link 1](#)) ([Link 2](#)). This project was funded by the Chilean Ministry of Economy.

### **Scholarships, research funding, grants and awards**

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**Submitted application for the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship** with the project "How political leaders' emotions shape international conflicts" Host Institution: University St Andrews (outcome pending).

**Doctoral scholarship** (2016-2019) "Politics and International Relations Career Development". The University of Edinburgh. This scholarship covered university fees and a £ 14.000 stipend per year for three years.

**The Sue Grant Service Award** (2019): award granted to students who have made the most significant contribution to the community through their extracurricular work. This award was granted by the School of Social and Political Science (SSPS) at the University of Edinburgh to recognise the work carried out to establish the Foreign Policy Analysis research group in the SSPS.

**Santander Kick-start research funding** (2018) Granted by the Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies, University of Edinburgh. Joint work with Dr Carlos Soler (Lecturer, University of Edinburgh). Project: "Political past. Temporal and spatial dimensions of the grammar used in Latin American political discourse" (£2,500).

**Short Research Stay Grant** (2012) Universidad de Chile. Grant available MA students to conduct research abroad. This research stay took place at Social Science Automation in OH, USA, where I worked with Dr Michael Young on developing the Spanish version of the Leadership Trait Analysis coding scheme.

## Leadership experience

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**Co-founder and co-convenor of the Foreign Policy Analysis Research Group** ([link](#)), University of Edinburgh (2016-2019). Tasks included:

- Organising, chairing and appointing speakers for monthly meetings.
- Organising yearly international conferences and securing funding. Funding: Student-led school grant, SPS School University of Edinburgh 2017 and 2019.

## Other research and teaching appointments

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### Guest lecturer:

- **Universidad de Chile, Institute of International Studies.** (October 2022). Delivered a module on the “*Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced International Studies.*” Sessions: Introduction to foreign policy analysis, Political leaders and foreign policy and Political psychology and international conflicts.
- **Universidad Nacional de Colombia** (October 2020). Delivered a lecture on *Foreign Policy Analysis: The study of political leaders.*
- **Universidad de Chile, Institute of International Studies** (May 2020). Delivered a lecture on *Foreign Policy Analysis in Latin America.*

### Research assistant:

- Assisted Dr Andrew Hom (University of Edinburgh) in conducting a literature review for the project “Hollow victories and the politics of American wartime” (May-August 2021).
- Assisted Dr Sebastien Dube (Universidad de Santiago de Chile) in conducting research on the analysis of regional integration processes in Latin America using social psychology concepts. Co-authored a research article (2015-2016).

## Pedagogical training and qualifications

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**Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) 2020.**

**Edinburgh Teaching Award scheme:** (2019-2020) route to achieving the category of Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) ([Link](#)). FHEA was awarded in October 2020.

**Enhancing Tutorials** Workshop (2019) Institute for Academic Development, University of Edinburgh.

**Teaching Outside the Box: Using Creativity in your Teaching** Workshop (2019) Institute for Academic Development, University of Edinburgh.

**Online Teaching Training** (2015), Universidad de las Comunicaciones, Santiago, Chile

## Selected conferences and presentations

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### Conferences:

#### Panel organisation:

- “New Challenges in the Study of Leaders in Foreign Policy” (2021) *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Online.
- Panel organisation: “Re-visioning Foreign Policy Decision Making: Examining Leaders of the Global South” (2019) *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Toronto.

#### Presentations:

- Chile’s role during the Venezuelan Migrant Crisis: Sebastián Piñera and the Cúcuta debacle. With Saskia Smellie. 2023 *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Montreal.

- “The role of political leaders’ emotions in shaping interstate rivalries.” 2022. *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Nashville.
- “Britain’s COVID-19 battle: The role of political leaders in shaping the responses to the pandemic.” with Wehner, Leslie. 2021 *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Online.
- “Long-lasting conflicts in Latin America, the cases of Chile-Peru and Chile-Bolivia.” 2019. *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Toronto.
- “Profiling leaders in Spanish: Operational Code Analysis.” 2019. *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Toronto.
- “La rivalidad entre Chile y Perú: el rol de sus Líderes políticos.” 2019. *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Boston.
- “Profiler Plus: Spanish translation of the Leadership Trait Analysis Coding Scheme.” 2018. *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco.
- “Social Group Dynamics and Patterns of Latin American Integration Processes.” With Dubé, S. 2017. *International Society of Political Psychology Annual Scientific Meeting*, Edinburgh.
- “Latin American Political Leaders: A study of personality at-a-distance.” 2017. *International Studies Association. Annual Conference*, Baltimore.

### Additional relevant experience

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- **Psychological Expert Witness**, Court of Appeal, Santiago, Chile (2012 – 2015): Carried out psychological assessments for the Court of Appeal: conducted interviews and wrote expert reports.
- **Student Counsellor**, Universidad Chileno-Británica de Cultura (2013 – 2014): Provided psychological counselling and assessments to undergraduate students.
- **Consulting Psychologist**, Chilean Army (2008 – 2011): Conducted psychological assessment of military personnel applying for UN peacekeeping operations, provided counselling to conscript soldiers, and offered consultation services on a variety of psychological matters to military personnel.
- **Student Counsellor**, Preuniversitario Pedro de Valdivia (2005 – 2008): Counselling students and led workshops on study skills, stress management, and vocational analysis.

### Language skills

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**English** (Fluent), **Spanish** (Native)