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EDUCATION

University of Virginia , United States. MA/PhD in Politics. Subfield: Comparative Politics.	2025-present
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales , Ecuador. Research Master's Degree in Political Sociology. First of the class. Thesis with distinction	2019/22
University of British Columbia , Canada. University study abroad year.	2017/18
Sciences Po Paris , France. Bachelor of Arts, Latin American Campus.	2015/18

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Consultant of socioeconomic conditions in the Ecuadorian Central Andes. United Nations Development Program – Catholic University of Ecuador. Responsible for a comparative analysis of disaggregated census data, 2010-2022.	Nov 2024 / Feb 2025
Executive director of the Research Institute of the City (Quito). Responsible for producing policy proposals and designing local surveys to support evidence-based governance in the Metropolitan Municipality of Quito, Ecuador. Managed a research investment budget of approximately USD 500,000 over two years.	May 2023 / Nov 2024
National Coordinator of Public Opinion Surveys. Clima Social polling company, Ecuador. - Methodology and logistics coordinator for a national Randomized Controlled Trial, in the “Strengthening Political Parties: Experiences of Political Participation and Efficacy” project led by professors Mathias Poertner and Christopher L. Carter. - National coordinator of the methodology of approximately 50 local surveys between 2022 and 2023, previous to local elections.	July 2022 / May 2023
Junior project consultant of statistics about indigenous peoples and nationalities in Ecuador. United Nations Population Fund, Ecuador. Responsible for the quantitative analysis of official datasets about the situation of indigenous populations.	Nov 2021 / Jan 2022

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Fellowship, [2 500 USD]. University of Virginia.	2026
Academic excellence research grant [1 000 USD]. FLACSO-Ecuador.	2020
Academic excellence scholarship: full tuition fee and stipend [~ 30 000 USD]. FLACSO-Ecuador.	2020
Academic excellence international scholarship : full tuition fee and stipend [~ 100 000 USD]. National Secretary of Higher Education (SENESCYT), Ecuador.	2015
National recognition for reaching the first perfect score (1000/1000) on the national university entrance exam. Best score among 250,994 candidates. SENESCYT Ecuador.	2014

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Barrera, A., Cabrera-Barona, P., Velasco-Oña, P. (2022). “Derechos, calidad de vida urbana y división del espacio en el Distrito Metropolitano de Quito”, *EURE - Revista de Estudios Urbano Regionales*, n. 144. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7764/eure.48.144.05>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Velasco-Oña, P. Book Review. *Creating Partisans. The Organizational Roots of New Parties in Latin America*. By Mathias Poertner, Cambridge University Press, 2024. European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. <https://erlacs.org/articles/11403/files/68c80541bea92.pdf>.

Velasco-Oña, P. (2022). *La capital en disputa. Un estudio de la contienda electoral por la alcaldía de Quito, 2009-2019*. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, pp. 208 [Master’s thesis]. <https://repositorio.flacsoandes.edu.ec/handle/10469/19157>

Velasco-Oña, P. (2022). “Poder en la ciudad. Crisis, élites y trayectorias electorales en Quito”, en *Quito, realidades, desafíos y alternativas*. FES-ILDIS/PUCE. [Book chapter]. URL: <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/quito/19683.pdf>

PREPRINTS AND WORKING PAPERS

Velasco-Oña, P. & Moncagatta, P. “Leader cue or partisanship? Categorizing lasting electoral support for a charismatic movement.” [Under review]. Preprint version available in: <https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/68d195953c708a7649af898d>

Velasco-Oña, P. & Barrera, A. “Brechas de bienestar en las nuevas periferias de las ciudades ecuatorianas (2010-2022)” [Under review].

Velasco-Oña, P. “Choosing his shadow. Presidents’ legacies as partisan linkages in subnational elections.” [In progress].

TEACHING

“Survey Design and Analysis”. University of San Francisco de Quito.
Class in Spanish, two semesters. Student evaluation: 94.46/100

2023/24

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent, IELTS 8), French (Fluent), Portuguese (Advanced).

Statistical and spatial analysis: R, Stata, SPSS, Python, Redatam, VS Code, QGIS, Flourish.

Data collection: KoboToolBox, Qualtrics, Epicollect5.