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EDUCATION

2025	Ph.D. in International History and Politics Geneva Graduate Institute (<i>summa cum laude with special commendations from the jury</i>)
2019	M.A. in International Relations University of São Paulo
2015	B.A. in International Relations University of São Paulo

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025 - present	Université de Lausanne Senior FNS Researcher
Spring 2026	Geneva Graduate Institute Visiting Lecturer for <i>HPI182 Latin America in the World</i>
	International Monetary Fund
2024-2025	Consultant
2023	Summer Intern
2023-2024	Princeton University Visiting PhD Research Student, History Department
2017-2028	Virginia Tech Visiting Student, School for Public and International Affairs

PUBLICATIONS

de Oliveira, F. C. (2022). The IMF as a 'mantle of multilateral anonymity': US-IMF-Brazil relations, 1956-9. *Cold War History*, 23(1), 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2022.2078312>

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de Oliveira, Fernanda Conforto. Book review of Amy C. Offner, "Sorting out the Mixed Economy: The Rise and Fall of Welfare and Developmental States in the Americas" (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009), in *Journal of Latin American Studies* 53(3), August 2021.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025	Pierre du Bois Dissertation Prize, Foundation Pierre du Bois
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GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships

	Swiss National Science Foundation
2024-2025	Additional grant
2021-2024	Doc.CH
2023-2024	Mobility Grant
	Economic History Association
2024	Dissertation Fellowship
	Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships
2020 - 2021	Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
	The Geneva Graduate Institute
2019 - 2020	Full PhD scholarship
	São Paulo Research Foundation
2016 - 2019	Master Scholarship
2017	Research Internship Abroad Scholarship
	University of São Paulo
2014	Academic Merit Scholarship
	<i>Research Grants</i>
	Fondation Pierre du Bois
2022	Doctoral Workshop Grant - with Amal Shahid, Michele Zampa, and Oluwaseun Williams
2021	Research grant
	John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
2020	Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Fellowship
	Harry S. Truman Library Institute
2020	Research grant
	Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and Moody Foundation
2020	Moody Research Grant
	Dwight Eisenhower Foundation
2020	Research grant
	<i>Travel Grants</i>
	Business History Conference
2024	Travel grant
	Latin American Studies Association
2022	LASA 2022 Polarización socioambiental y rivalidad entre grandes potencias
2021	LASA 2021 Crisis Global: Desigualdades y Centralidad de la Vida
	Transatlantic Studies Association
2022	Travel
	World Economic History Conference
2021	WEHC Paris 2022

INVITED TALKS

	Geneva Graduate Institute
2025	Seminar Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism
	International Monetary Fund
2025	Joint Seminar Western Hemisphere and Strategy, Policy, and Review Departments

	Princeton University
2023	Program in Latin America Studies Graduate Workshop
2024	Economic History Workshop
	Transatlantic Studies Association Conference
2022	DC Watt Panel

CONFERENCES

Events organized

2026	Voices from the Margins: Rethinking Neoliberalism from Latin America
2022	Pierre du Bois Doctoral Workshop

Selected Presentations

2025	8th Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference (DebtCon 8)
2025	Cap-Hist Lab Doctoral Summer School (IHEPB)
2025	World Economic History Conference
2024	Business History Conference
2024	Financial History Network Webinar Series
2023	International Studies Association
2022	The Politics of Finance: Creditworthiness, Credibility and Reputation on Global Markets
2019, 2021	Latin American Studies Association
2021	Pierre du Bois Doctoral Workshop "Histories of Capitalism in Europe and the World"

Discussant

2026	Book Launch - Making Global Norms: Politics versus Science in International Organizations by Alexandros Kentikelenis and Leonard Seabrooke (Oxford University Press, 2025). Geneva Graduate Institute
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Geneva Graduate Institute

Spring 2026	HPI182 Latin America in the World
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Université de Lausanne

Fall 2025	Guest Lecturer - Histoire, économie et société en Amérique latine de l'indépendance à nos jours
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International Institute in Geneva

2022-2023	Guest Lecturer - International Politics
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WORK IN PROGRESS

Book projects

de Oliveira, Fernanda Conforto. "Opening the Black Box of Financial Negotiations: the IMF, Argentina, and Brazil in the postwar era (1945-64)."

"IMF program engagement with Brazil (1990-2005)". IMF history project 2000-2019 published by the IMF with Rex Ghosh

Articles

de Oliveira, Fernanda Conforto. "Who gets a program? IMF Sentiment towards Argentina and Brazil, 1956-64" [target: *American Journal of Political Science*].

de Oliveira, Fernanda Conforto. "Building Sentiment Indices from Confidential Policy Sources: a Mixed-Method Approach with Large Language Models" [target: *Journal of Digital Humanities*].

Álvarez, Sebastian; **de Oliveira, Fernanda Conforto.** "Stability and Growth Tug-of War: The Macroeconomic Roles of Banco do Brasil, 1964-1985" [under review: *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*].

"Experimenting Through Crisis: The IMF, the World Bank, and Mexico's Debt Crisis, 1979-83." with *Edoardo Altamura*

"Between Numbers and Narratives: The IMF, World Bank, and UNCTAD on Sovereign Debt during Latin America's Lost Decade, 1972-85." with *Paula Vedoveli*

"Leveraging Large Language Models for Metadata Extraction and OCR in Heterogeneous PDF Corpora." with *Anastasia Giachanou*

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

The Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland

2025-present Affiliated Researcher, Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism
2021-25 Affiliated Researcher, Centre for Finance and Development
2020-22 Organizer, History Branches' presentation series

Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil

2025-present Affiliated Researcher, History of Quantification and Economic Knowledge
University of São Paulo, Brazil
2024-present Affiliated Researcher, Laboratory of Cold War Studies
2022 Founder, Study Group of Gender and International Relations

Economic History Society, United Kingdoms

2022-24 Facilitate communication between the Society and students interested in history and economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute

EXTRA TRAINING

2025	Large Language Models for Social Science Research - Università della Svizzera italiana
2024	Introduction to Machine Learning; Introduction to Large Language Models with Google AI - Princeton University, Research Computing Department
2023	Data Science: Applied Text Mining - Utrecht University
2022	Python for Data Analysis; Python for Natural Language Processing - University of São Paulo, Mathematics and Statistics Institute
2022	Natural Language Processing for Law and Social Sciences - ETH Zurich
2022	Programming in Python; From text to data: using automated text analysis in research - Geneva Graduate Institute

LANGUAGES

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

English	Digital: Python; Stata; NVivo; nodegoat.
Portuguese	Methods: Semi-Structured Interviews; Archival Research; and Econometrics.
Spanish	Multilingual Natural Language Processing:
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data acquisition and pre-processing: data cleaning, text normalization, metadata parsing;• AI/NLP pipeline construction: Large Language Models (GPT-4, LLaMa, Mistral, Gemma), embedding models (e.g., BGE, Sentence-BERT), fine-tuning, and prompting;• Topic modelling and text classification: K-Means, LDA, BERTopic, Top2Vec, supervised learning;• Sentiment analysis: dictionary-based (e.g., Harvard IV, LM), pretrained Transformers (FinBERT, ModernBERT), generative AI (LLMs).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association (ISA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Swiss School of Latin American Studies (SSLAS)
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL)
Business History Conference (BHC)
Economic History Association (EHA)
Economic History Society (EHS)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHARF)
Digital History Network Switzerland

REFERENCES

Rui Esteves (Supervisor)
Professor of International History and Economics, Geneva Graduate Institute
Nathan Sussman (Second reader)
Professor of International Economics, Geneva Graduate Institute
Michael Bordo (Dissertation committee member)
Board of Governors Professor of Economics, Rutgers University
Rex Ghosh (IMF Supervisor)
IMF Historian and Deputy Director, Strategic, Policy, and Review Department International Monetary Fund