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## EDUCATION

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

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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**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>

\*Reviewed by Rafael Ioris: *H-Diplo Article Review* 1179 (May 10, 2023), <https://hdiplo.org/to/AR1179>.

**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

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

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### *Fellowships*

	<b>Swiss National Science Foundation</b>
2024-2025	Additional grant
2021-2024	Doc.CH
2023-2024	Mobility Grant
	<b>Economic History Association</b>
2024	Dissertation Fellowship
	<b>Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships</b>
2020 - 2021	Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
	<b>The Geneva Graduate Institute</b>
2019 - 2020	Full PhD scholarship
	<b>São Paulo Research Foundation</b>
2016 - 2019	Master Scholarship
2017	Research Internship Abroad Scholarship
	<b>University of São Paulo</b>
2014	Academic Merit Scholarship

### *Research Grants*

	<b>Fondation Pierre du Bois</b>
2022	Doctoral Workshop Grant - with Amal Shahid, Michele Zampa, and Oluwaseun Williams
2021	Research grant
	<b>John F. Kennedy Library Foundation</b>
2020	Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Fellowship
	<b>Harry S. Truman Library Institute</b>
2020	Research grant
	<b>Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and Moody Foundation</b>
2020	Moody Research Grant
	<b>Dwight Eisenhower Foundation</b>
2020	Research grant

### *Travel Grants*

	<b>Business History Conference</b>
2024	Travel grant
	<b>Latin American Studies Association</b>
2022	LASA 2022 Polarización socioambiental y rivalidad entre grandes potencias
2021	LASA 2021 Crisis Global: Desigualdades y Centralidad de la Vida
	<b>Transatlantic Studies Association</b>
2022	Travel
	<b>World Economic History Conference</b>
2021	WEHC Paris 2022

## INVITED TALKS

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

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

## CONFERENCES

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### *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

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	<b>Geneva Graduate Institute</b>
Spring 2026	HPI182 Latin America in the World
	<b>Université de Lausanne</b>
Fall 2025	Guest Lecturer - Histoire, économie et société en Amérique latine de l'indépendance à nos jours
	<b>International Institute in Geneva</b>
2022-2023	Guest Lecturer - International Politics

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### *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

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	<b>The Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland</b>
2025-present	Affiliated Researcher, Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism
2021-25	Affiliated Researcher, Centre for Finance and Development
2020-22	Organizer, History Brunches' presentation series
	<b>Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil</b>
2025-present	Affiliated Researcher, History of Quantification and Economic Knowledge
	<b>University of São Paulo, Brazil</b>
2024-present	Affiliated Researcher, Laboratory of Cold War Studies
2022	Founder, Study Group of Gender and International Relations
	<b>Economic History Society, United Kingdoms</b>
2022-24	Facilitate communication between the Society and students interested in history and economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute

## EXTRA TRAINING

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

## LANGUAGES

English  
Portuguese  
Spanish  
French

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Digital: Python; Stata; NVivo; nodegoat.  
Methods: Semi-Structured Interviews; Archival Research; and Econometrics.  
Multilingual Natural Language Processing:

- 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