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AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Contemporary social and political theory (esp. Critical theory, Arendt, Habermas, Foucault, Koselleck, and Adorno); Relations between sociology and philosophy; Social crises and criticism; Constituent moments and political foundings; Sociology of concepts

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Classical sociology; Conceptual history; Political sociology; Political philosophy

EDUCATION

- 2007-2011 **PhD in Sociology**, University of Warwick, United Kingdom. Supervisor: Prof. Robert Fine. Examiners: Prof. William Outhwaite (Sociology, Newcastle University) and Prof. Christopher Thornhill (Politics, Glasgow University).
- 2002-2003 **Master in Sociology**. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Institute of Sociology. Supervisor: Prof. Eduardo Valenzuela. Examiners: Prof. Guillermo Wormald (Sociology, PUC) and Prof. Carlos Huneeus (Politics, UChile).
- 1997- 2001 **BA and Professional qualification in Sociology**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Institute of Sociology.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014 – **Associate professor**, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.
- 2013 – **Director**, Social Theory Research Cluster, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.
- 2013 – **Adjunct professor**, Institute of Humanities, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.

- 2008 – 2014 **Assistant professor**, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.
- 2004 – **Research fellow**, Institute of Social Sciences (ICSO), Universidad Diego Portales Santiago, Chile.
- 2003-2006 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2018-2020 **Fondecyt research grant**. National Council of Science and Technology, project n° 1181585, Santiago de Chile. Co-researchers: Daniel Chernilo and Aldo Mascareño.
- 2018-2019 **Member** of the School of Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), Princeton.
- 2017 **Visiting scholar**, Department of Politics, The New School for Social Research, New York (January-July).
- 2015 – **Associate researcher**, Millennium Nucleus “Models of Crisis”, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile.
- 2013 **Visiting scholar**, Department of Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck, University of London (April-May).
- 2011-2015 **Fondecyt Initiation research grant**. National Council of Science and Technology, project n° 11121346, Santiago de Chile.
- 2007-2011 **Postgraduate fellow**, Social Theory Centre, Warwick University.
- 2007-2011 **PhD Scholarship**, Presidente de la República Scholarship for Graduate Studies, Government of Chile.
- 2007-2011 **PhD Scholarship**, UDP Scholarship for young faculty members, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile.
- 2005-2006 **UDP Seed Grant Fund**. Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile. Project’s title: *“A historical sociology of public opinion polls in Chile: 1957-2006”*.
- 2002-2003 **DIPUC Scholarship** (MA full scholarship), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- 2017 *Crisis and Critique: On the Fragile Foundations of Social Life*, Abingdon & New York: Routledge. [Routledge Series in Social and Political Thought]
*Reviewed in *Sociology*, *Distinktion*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Utopía y Praxis Latinoamericana*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2018 'La persistencia de la crisis y la política de la verdad: Marx, Foucault y la modestia de la crítica', under review in *Theorein*.
- 2018 'The critical convergence of nature and society', under review in *Ecology & Society* (with A. Mascareño, G. Azocar, M. Billi, P. Henríquez & G. Ruz)
- 2018 'Giving society a form: Notes for a sociology of constituent moments', under review in *Constellations*.
- 2017 'In Defense of Speculative Sociology', *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* 18(1): 125-132, DOI: 10.1080/1600910X.2017.1310664
- 2017 'Hacia una sociología de la abstracción: Observaciones acerca de la mediación entre lo conceptual y lo empírico', *Cinta de Moebio* 58: 26-38, DOI: 10.4067/S0717-554X2017000100003. (con Francisco Salinas)
- 2017 'On the Reflexivity of Crises: Lessons from Critical Theory and Systems Theory', *European Journal of Social Theory* 20(4): 511-530. DOI: 10.1177/1368431016668869. (with Aldo Mascareño and Daniel Chernilo)
- 2016 'The temporalization of critique and the open riddle of history: On Reinhart Koselleck's contributions to Critical Theory', *Thesis Eleven* 137(1): 55-71. DOI: 10.1177/0725513616674400
- 2014 'It happens "in-between": On the spatial birth of politics in Arendt's On Revolution', *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 1 (3): 249-265. DOI: 10.1080/23254823.2014.992115
- 2014 'Introduction to the special issue on the 50th anniversary of Hannah Arendt's On Revolution', *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 1 (3): 213-215. DOI: 10.1080/23254823.2014.990304 (Co-edited with Robert Fine and Wolfhart Totschnig).

- 2014 'Crisis and Critique in Jürgen Habermas's Social Theory', *European Journal of Social Theory* 17(4): 497-515. DOI: 10.1177/1368431013520387
- 2011 'La política como profesión: Cambio partidario y la transformación social de la élite política chilena, 1961-2006', *Política y Gobierno* 13(1): 39-71 (with Robert Funk).
- 2010 'Social ties, youth, and normative transgression: conceptual and methodological problems in the study of social cohesion in Latin America', *Latin America Research Review* 45(2) (with Margarita Palacios).
- 2009 'On the Elective Affinity Between "Critique" and "Crisis"', *Studies in Social and Political Thought* 16: 64-81.
- 2006 'Legislatures in Presidential Systems: The Latin American Experience', *Journal of Legislative Studies* 12(3-4). (with Carlos Huneeus and Fabiola Berríos)
- 2005 'Los medios masivos y las transformaciones de la esfera pública en Chile', *Persona y Sociedad* 19(3): 233-258 (with Cristóbal Marín).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2017 'El concepto de crisis: Entre universalidad y experiencia'. In *Estéticas de la crisis: Modelos de mundos posibles*. Co-edited with Aldo Mascareño. Santiago: Recrea.
- 2014 'El cosmopolitismo crítico de Seyla Benhabib'. In T. Tomás Ariztía (Ed.). *Cátedra Norbert Lechner, 2012-2013*. Santiago: Ediciones Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2012 'Por una ética del desvío: ciencias sociales y comprensión del tiempo presente'. In R. Cordero (Ed.) *Formas de Comprender el Presente: Conferencias Reunidas de la Cátedra Norbert Lechner*, Santiago: Ediciones Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2009 'Dígalo con números: La industria de la opinión pública en Chile'. In R. Cordero (Ed.) *La sociedad de la opinión: reflexiones sobre encuestas y cambio político en democracia*. Santiago: Ediciones Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2009 'Sumando Opiniones. La evolución de la industria de la Opinión Pública en Chile' (with Gonzalo Tapia). In M. Braun (Ed.) *Opinión Pública: una mirada desde América Latina*. Buenos Aires: Emecé.

- 2007 'La composición social de la nueva cámara de diputados en Chile: cambios y continuidades en perspectiva histórica (1961-2005)'. In Huneus, C., F. Berríos y R. Gamboa. *Las Elecciones Presidenciales y Parlamentarias 2005*. Santiago: Catalonia.

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2017 *Estéticas de la crisis: Modelos de mundos posibles*. Santiago: Re crea (Co-editado con Aldo Mascareño).
- 2016 El problema de lo humano, *Cuadernos de Teoría Social*, 2(1). (co-edited with Francisco Salinas).
- 2015 ¿Cómo escribir lo social?, *Cuadernos de Teoría Social*, 1(2). (co-edited with Francisco Salinas).
- 2015 ¿Existe teoría social en América Latina?, *Cuadernos de Teoría Social*, 1(1). (co-edited with Francisco Salinas).
- 2014 Special issue on the 50th anniversary of Hannah Arendt's On Revolution, *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, Vol 1, Nr 3 (Co-edited with Robert Fine and Wolfhart Totschnig).
- 2012 *Formas de Comprender el Presente*, Santiago: Ediciones Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2009 *La sociedad de la opinión: reflexiones sobre encuestas y cambio político en democracia*. Santiago: Ediciones Universidad Diego Portales.

REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2015 'Radical Sociality: On Disobedience, Violence and Belonging', Margarita Palacios, *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas*, nr 149.
- 2012 'Cosmopolitismo y Nacionalismo: Ensayos Sociológicos', Daniel Chernilo, *Revista Internacional de Sociología*, vol 70, nr 1, pp. 242-245.
- 2010 'High-Speed Society: Social Acceleration, Power, and Modernity', edited by H. Rosa and W. Scheuerman, *Political Studies Review*, vol 8, nr 3.
- 2008 Performing Cultural Sociology. A Conversation with Jeffrey Alexander', *European Journal of Social Theory* vol 11, nr 4 (with Francisco Caballo and José Ossandón) [*Spanish translation: 'Como se hace la Sociología Cultural. Una Conversación con Jeffrey Alexander', *Estudios Sociológicos* 27(3): 933-959].

WORK IN PREPARATION

Monograph *The Force of Concepts: Critical Theory Between Social Abstractions and Political Imagination.*

Articles 'A sociology of abstractions: On the eternal return to society' [Paper to be submitted to the *British Journal of Sociology*]

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 'Giving society a form: Notes for a sociology of constituent moments', International Workshop: Rethinking democratization in Africa and Latin America, IDEAS (Instituto de Altos Estudios), Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires, 19-23 March.
- 2018 'On the power to give society a form: Constituent moments and the force of concepts', The 2018 Telos Conference: Constitutional Theory as a Cultural Problem, Telos-Paul Piccone Institute & Deutsches Hause at New York University, 16-18 February.
- 2017 'Conceptos de humanidad en debate': Discussion of Daniel Chernilo's book *Debating Humanity, Colloquium of the Doctorado en Teoría Crítica y Sociedad Actual*, Universidad Andrés Bello, 29 November.
- 2017 'The material force of concepts: Notes for a sociology of constituent moments', *Constitution: The power of shaping forms of life, 4th International Colloquium in Social and Political Thought*, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 2-3 November.
- 2017 'The material force of concepts: Notes for a sociology of constituent moments', *Workshop on Political Community: Concepts, Limits and Problems*, Universidad Austral, Valdivia, Chile, 19-20 October.
- 2017 'Towards a sociology of abstractions: Thinking the social between the theoretical/empirical divide' (with Francisco Salinas), 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Athens, Greece, 28 August-1 September.
- 2017 'Giving society a form: Constituent power and practices of conceptual change in the drafting of Chile's 1980 Constitution', Janey Annual Conference in Latin American Studies: "Rethinking Latin American Studies: Between or Beyond Local and Global Knowledge", The New School for Social Research, 21 April.

- 2016 'Crisis y cambio conceptual en la redacción de la Constitución chilena de 1980', *Segunda Escuela de Primavera Núcleo Milenio Modelos de Crisis*, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, 5-7 December.
- 2016 'Reprogramando lo social: Elementos para una etnografía de los conceptos de sociedad en la Constitución chilena de 1980". Coloquios ISUC, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 30 November.
- 2016 'Author meets critics session'. Discussants: Robert Fine (Warwick) y Simon Susen (City). Social Theory Conference (RN29), European Sociological Association, Barcelona, 29-30 August.
- 2016 'The non-closure of human history: On Reinhart Koselleck's contributions to critical theory'. International Conference *Philosophy and Social Sciences*, Czech Academy of Science, Prague, 18-22 May.
- 2015 'Reinhart Koselleck: Contribuciones para una sociología de los conceptos', *La clase del semestre*, Universidad Nacional Andrés Bello, 14 October.
- 2015 'Modelos de crisis/Formas de la crítica', *Escuela de Primavera "Modelos de Crisis"*, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, 28-30 October.
- 2015 Decoding social hieroglyphics: On Theodor Adorno's sociology of mediations'. International Conference *A World Without Foundations: Society, Politics and History in Post-Foundationalist Thought*, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, 23-24 September.
- 2015 'The philosophical actuality of sociology: Remarks on Theodor Adorno', 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Science, Prague, 25-28 August.
- 2015 'La abstracción sociológica: una defensa' (with Francisco Salinas), First Latin American Congress in Social Theory, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 18-21 August.
- 2014 'Critique, Power, and History: On Reinhart Koselleck's Contributions to Critical Social Theory'. European Sociological Association RN29 Social Theory Midterm Conference, University of Münster, Germany, 26-28 Nov.
- 2014 'The persistence of crisis: Critical theory and the politics of truth in Marx and Foucault'. International Conference *Moments of Rupture: Event and Negativity in Contemporary Thought*, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, 28-29 October.

- 2014 'Comprender lo incomprensible: Adorno y la actualidad filosófica de la sociología'. Research Colloquium *Entre filosofía y sociología*, Núcleo de Teoría Social UDP, Universidad Diego Portales, 16-17 de Abril.
- 2013 'Teorizar la socialidad radical', book presentation: Margarita Palacios, *Radical Sociality: On Disobedience, Belonging and Violence* (Palgrave, 2013), Institute of Humanities, Universidad Diego Portales, 6 November.
- 2013 'La fragilidad de lo social: Apuntes en torno a la metáfora del "cristal" en Karl Marx, XXIX Congreso Latinoamericano de Sociología, Santiago de Chile, 29 September - 4 October.
- 2013 'El espacio de la fisura: *Sobre la revolución* y el "entre"', International Colloquium Hannah Arendt's On Revolution after 50 years, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 25-26 September.
- 2013 'The idea of crisis and the experience of negativity: Remarks on fragility, diremption and critique', Research seminar in Critical Theory, Birkbeck University of London, 29 April.
- 2011 'Pensar la ruptura de lo social: Una revisión del concepto de crisis en la teoría social', Research Seminar in Cultural Practices, ICSO, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile, 23 November.
- 2010 "'When the chips are down': Hannah Arendt and the modesty of critical thinking', 9th Annual Conference of the International Consortium of Social Theory, *Beyond Capitalism and Democracy*, Universidad de Sussex, 3-4 June.
- 2009 'Late Capitalism and Crisis: Reconsidering Habermas's Critique of Marx', BSA Theory Study Group Annual Conference, *Have we ever been post? Critiques of Sociological Knowledge*, Universidad de Warwick, 17-18 September.
- 2009 'Semánticas negativas: reflexiones acerca del concepto de crisis en la sociología contemporánea', Doctoral Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago de Chile, 4 May.
- 2009 'On the elective affinity between crisis and critique in social theory', Graduate Forum in Social and Political Theory, Senate House, University of London, 28 March.

- 2008 'Is there still a sociology of crisis? Reflections on the split between crisis and critique in contemporary social theory', Annual Social Theory Conference (RN29), European Sociological Association, Innsbruck University, Tyrol, Austria, 11-13 September.
- 2008 'Give me a break! Crisis theory and contemporary narratives of world-building in sociology', Connected Histories Colloquium, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick, 1 July.
- 2008 'Between Past and Future: The idea of crisis and the problem of the new in social theory', "Connections" Graduate Conference, Department of Sociology, University of Bristol, 6-7 March.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

POSTGRADUATE

- 2018 "Theory of Society: Sociology & Philosophy" (co-taught with Daniel Chernilo), MA in Contemporary Thought, Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, March.
- 2017 "Dialectics and genealogy: Elements for a sociology of concepts", Intensive seminar, PhD in Political Institutions and Processes, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, August.
- 2016 "Concepts and problems in critical theory: Power", MA in Contemporary Thought, Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, March-April.
- 2015 "Concepts and problems in critical theory: Hannah Arendt" (co-taught with María Isabel Peña), MA in Contemporary Thought, Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, March-April.
- 2014 "Concepts and problems in critical theory: crisis and critique" (co-taught with Margarita Palacios), MA in Contemporary Thought, Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, March-April.
- 2013 "Concepts and problems in critical theory: Foucault", MA in Contemporary Thought, Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, March-April.

UNDERGRADUATE

- 2011-2017 “Sociological Theory III: Social Action”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, August-December.
- 2015-2018 “Introduction to Sociology”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-July.
- 2016 “Advanced Seminar in Sociological Theory: The concept of power in Arendt and Foucault”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-July.
- 2014 “Advanced Seminar in Sociological Theory: The concept of communication in Jürgen Habermas and Niklas Luhmann” (with Darío Rodríguez), BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-July.
- 2013 “Advanced Seminar in Sociological Theory: *Capital & Marx’s Social Theory*”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-July.
- 2012 “Advanced Seminar in Sociological Theory: Capitalism & Critique”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, August-December.
- 2012 “Historical sociology” (with Alfredo Joignant), BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, August-December.
- 2009-2010 “Sociology of Human Rights” (with Robert Fine), BA program in sociology, University of Warwick, Autumn term-Spring term.
- 2008 “Theoretical Ideas in Sociology” (with Robert Fine), BA program in sociology, University of Warwick, Autumn term.
- 2005-2006 “Research seminar I & II”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-December.
- 2004-2006 “Introduction to Sociology”, BA program in sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, March-July.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2017 **Constitution: The power of shaping forms of life**, 4th International Colloquium in Social and Political Thought, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 2-3 November.
- 2015 **A World Without Foundations: Society, Politics and History in Post-Foundationalist Thought**, 3rd International Colloquium in Social and Political

Thought, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 23-24 September.

- 2014 **Moments of Rupture: Event and Negativity in Contemporary Thought**, 2nd International Colloquium in Social and Political Thought, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 28-29 October.
- 2014 **Entre filosofía y sociología**, Research colloquium, Núcleo de Teoría Social, Universidad Diego Portales, 16-17 April.
- 2013 **Hannah Arendt's On Revolution after 50 years**, 1st International Colloquium in Social and Political Thought, Núcleo de Teoría Social & Instituto de Humanidades, Universidad Diego Portales, 25-26 September.
- 2009 **Have We Ever Been "Post"? Critiques of Sociological Knowledge**. A BSA Theory Study Group conference held in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, 17-18 September.
- 2009 **Early Career Summer School in Social and Political Thought: Theory for a Global Age. Postcolonial and Cosmopolitan Perspectives**. Institute of Advanced Study, Millburn House, University of Warwick, 6-10 July.
- 2009 **Crisis and Critique**, Social and Political Theory Graduate Forum, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, Senate House, 28 March 2009.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Founding Editor of the journal *Cuadernos de Teoría Social*.
- Reviewer for *Thesis Eleven*, *Classical Sociology*, *Sociology*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Pléyade*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Comparative Studies in Society & History*, *International Journal of Politics, Culture & Society*.
- International Sociological Association.
- Social Theory Research Network (RN29), European Sociological Association.
- Theory Study Group, British Sociological Association.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- 2017 Chair of sub-committee “Purposes and Institutionalility”, accreditation process of the undergraduate program, Department of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2015 Chair of committee for the design of doctoral program in sociology, Department of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2015 Academic staff representative in the Faculty Committee, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales e Historia, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2012-2014 Coordinator of sociological theory undergraduate courses, Department of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2011-2013 Member of the Ethics Committee, Department of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2003-2006 Coordinator of undergraduate studies, Department of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales.

LANGUAGES

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