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Education

Università Bocconi

PHD IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Milan, Italy

Sep. 2021 - Present

- Class of 2021 - 2026
- Recipient of a PhD scholarship by Bocconi University for 2023-2025
- Recipient of an external PhD scholarship by Fondazione Fratelli Confalonieri for 2023-2024 based on merit, motivation, and PhD research project

Universidad de Chile

M.A. IN ECONOMICS

Santiago, Chile

Mar. 2011 - Jun. 2013

- Graduated with high honors
- Highest scored thesis: presented in January 2014
- Recipient of the J. Grundwald scholarship based on merit and motivation

Universidad de Chile

B.A. IN ECONOMICS

Santiago, Chile

Mar. 2006 - Dec. 2010

- Graduated with honors
- Graduated first of my cohort (1/27)
- Admitted first of my year (1/250) based on the National University Selection Test (PSU)
- One-year exchange program at **Université Libre de Bruxelles**, Brussels, Belgium in 2008-2009
- Recipient of a merit-based scholarship

Research

Job Market Paper

Skills, Diversity, and the Politics of Immigration: Electoral Effects on the Far-Right in Chile

ROMÁN, A.



2026

Job Market Paper & Selected for EPSA and APSA 2024 Conferences

Journal Publications

The Political Roots of Ageism in Greying Democracies: Evidence from Italy, South Korea, and the United States

ROMÁN, A., WILLIAMSON, S.



2026

Research & Politics

Career choice motivation using behavioral strategies

AJZENMAN, N., ELACQUA, G., HINCAPIÉ, D., JAIMOVICH, A., BOO, F. L., PAREDES, D., & ROMÁN, A.



2021

Economics of Education Review

Residential income segregation in the great Santiago, 1992-2002: a robust estimation

AGOSTINI, C., HOJMAN, D., ROMÁN, A., & VALENZUELA, L.



2016

EURE

Working Papers & Under Review

Age Misrepresentation and Its Consequences for Attitudes toward Democracy

ROMÁN, A., BELLODI, L., WILLIAMSON, S.



2026

Under Review - R%R

Group Appeals and Political Mobilization

BELLODI, L., ROMÁN, A., DE VRIES, C.



2026

Under Review

Parenthood Decisions in Uncertain Times: Experimental Evidence from Four Countries

AASSVE, A., MENCARINI, L., PENG, C., PLACH, S., ROMÁN, A., TANTURRI, M.



2026

Under Review - R%R

Does Far-Right Success Increase Hate Crimes?

ROMÁN, A., DE KLEER, D.

Chapter 2 PhD Thesis & Selected for EPSA and APSA 2025 Conferences



The Effects of Accountability on the Allocation of School Resources: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Chile

ELACQUA, G., JAIMOVICH, A., & ROMÁN, A.

Working Paper No IDB-WP-1074. IDB Working Paper Series



2019

Work in Progress

Term Limits and Parliamentary Behaviour: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Chile

ROMÁN, A.

Selected for APSA 2025 Conference



Ideology and Fertility in Uncertain Times: How Political Orientations Shape Responses to Macro-Level Risks

ROMÁN, A., AASSVE, A., MENCARINI, L.

Fieldwork in progress



The trade-offs between income, leisure, and childbearing: Experimental Evidence from Multiple Countries

AASSVE, A., ADSERA, A., MENCARINI, L., PENG, C., ROMÁN, A., STRANGES, M.

Fieldwork in progress



Policy Publications

The political dimension of social cohesion in Europe

AASSVE, A., ROMÁN AMARALES, A., HULTBERG, L. & ZENATO, A.

Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg



2024

Financiamiento de la educación en Chile: Un análisis del funcionamiento de la subvención escolar.

JAIMOVICH, A., ELACQUA, G., SILVA, J. R., SCHWARTZ, M. O. G. L., & ROMÁN, A.

Technical Note. IDB Technical Notes Series



2022

Centralized Student Assignment Systems: Implementation Guide

ELACQUA, G., JACAS, I., KRUSSIG, T., MÉNDEZ, C., NEILSON, C., ROMÁN, A. & SOARES, S.

Technical Note. IDB Technical Notes Series



2021

Seleccionar y asignar docentes en América Latina y el Caribe: Un camino para la calidad y equidad en educación

BERTONI, E., ELACQUA, G., MÉNDEZ, C., MONTALVA, V., MUNEVAR, I., OLSEN, A., & ROMÁN, A.

Technical Note. IDB Technical Notes Series



2020

Is School Funding Unequal in Latin America?

BERTONI, E., ELACQUA, G., MAROTTA, L., MÉNDEZ, C., OLSEN, A., ROMÁN, A., & SOARES, S.

IDB Flagship Publication 2020



2020

Teaching Experience

Università Bocconi

TEACHING ASSISTANT - INVITED LECTURER

- Political Science - Topics in Comparative Politics - Invited Lecturer
- Politics and Policy Making
- Politics of Conflict
- Media, Political Elites and the Public
- Sociology

Milan, Italy

Sep. 2022 - Present

Equality Institute (*Instituto Igualdad*)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR "POLITICAL ECONOMY WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG LEADERS"

- Public Policy

Santiago, Chile

Mar. 2010 - Dec. 2010

School of Economics and Business, Universidad de Chile

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Introductory & Intermediate Microeconomics, Law, and International Trade

Santiago, Chile

Mar. 2007 - Jun. 2010

- History

Conferences & Seminars

2026	AlpPop Conference 2026 Paper: Does Far-Right Representation Increase Hostility Toward Minorities? Evidence from U.S.	<i>La Thuile, Italy</i>
2025	American Political Science Association Conference 2025 (APSA 2025) Papers: - Does Far-Right Representation Increase Hostility Toward Minorities? Evidence from U.S. - Term Limits and Parliamentary Behaviour: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Chile	<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>
2025	European Political Science Association Conference 2025 (EPSA 2025) Papers: - Does Far-Right Representation Increase Hostility Toward Minorities? Evidence from U.S. - The Political Roots of Ageism in Greying Democracies: Evidence from Italy, South Korea, and the U.S.	<i>Madrid, Spain</i>
2025	Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (ETH Zurich) Spring 2025 Paper: Does Far-Right Representation Increase Hostility Toward Minorities? Evidence from U.S.	<i>Zurich, Switzerland</i>
2025	CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions (PoBi) Conference 2025 Paper: Does Far-Right Representation Increase Hostility Toward Minorities? Evidence from U.S.	<i>Vienna, Austria</i>
2024	American Political Science Association Conference 2024 (APSA 2024) Papers: - Shifting Paradigms: Exploring Cultural Diversity's Role in Countering Far-Right Support in Chile - Age Gaps Between Political Leaders and the Public Can Undermine Support for Democracy - Group Appeals and Political Mobilization	<i>Philadelphia, USA</i>
2024	European Political Science Association Conference 2024 (EPSA 2024) Papers: - Shifting Paradigms: Exploring Cultural Diversity's Role in Countering Far-Right Support in Chile - Age Gaps Between Political Leaders and the Public Can Undermine Support for Democracy - Group Appeals and Political Mobilization	<i>Cologne, Germany</i>
2024	AlpPop Conference 2024 Poster: Alike but not the same: the political consequences of migration in Chile	<i>La Thuile, Italy</i>
2023	Barcelona School of Economics Workshop Economics of Migration	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
2022	CIVICA Data Science Days Poster: The electoral (ab)use of the #migrantcaravan	<i>Florence, Italy</i>
2012	SECHI National Conference of Chilean Economists Paper: Efectos del Impuesto al tabaco en el consumo	<i>Viña del Mar, Chile</i>

Professional Experience

Università Bocconi

Milan, Italy

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Aug. 2023 - present

- Research Assistant for Age-It (Ageing well in an ageing society) PNRR - Next Generation EU Project.
- This project aims to understand the political and social consequences of ageing in Italy and Europe more generally by using surveys and text analysis to study intergenerational political conflict; prejudice toward the elderly; and social understanding of life stages in ageing populations. The project analyze original survey data as well as data from Italian parliamentary debates
- Research Assistant providing support to Professors De Vries, Mencarini, and Williamson to study the political and social consequences of ageing.

Inter-American Development Bank

Washington, D.C., USA

CONSULTANT

Aug. 2017 - Aug 2021

- Research Analyst in the Education Division at the bank's Social Sector.
- Project manager in the design and implementation of three innovative new online student assignment systems in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil. Related activities: Team leader of a group of six economists, algorithm and platform development, communication strategy design, field work with government and local authorities, research work and RCT experimental designs.
- Designed and conducted an RCT investigation on career choice motivation using behavioral strategies.
- Co-authored research with PhD Gregory Elacqua and PhD Analía Jaimovich in school finance and accountability policies.
- Co-authored several policy briefs, book chapters, technical notes, articles and blogs about education policy, especially about COVID-19 and its impact in LAC.

Superintendence of Education, Government of Chile

Santiago, Chile

DATA ANALYST

Apr. 2015 - Jul. 2017

- Developed a new audit system from data.
- Developed several sampling models and strategies for schools' inspections.
- Provided researching technical assistance in investigations conducted by the department with some external agencies, such as the University of Chile and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies

Santiago, Chile

RESEARCHER

Jun. 2013 - Apr. 2015

- Researcher and coordinator in project: Segregation, spatial poverty and access inequality to urban goods.
- Developed theoretical models for data imputation, access measurements and income segregation.
- Collected and managed GIS Data.
- Collaborated on research within the Centre of Territorial Intelligence (CIT) at Universidad Adolfo Ibañez.

Skills

Data Analysis	Stata (advanced) · R-Studio (intermediate) · MATLAB (basic)
Data Visualization	ArcGIS (intermediate) · QGIS (intermediate) · SPSS Modeler (basic)
Others	LaTeX (advanced) · Microsoft Office (Advanced) · Qualtrics (Advanced)
Languages	Spanish (Native) · English (Fluent-Bilingual) · French (Fluent) · Italian (Fluent)

Honors & Awards

2014	Top of the class distinction award , M.A in Economics graduation, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2012	Most outstanding student award , B.A in Economics graduation, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2010	Academic performance distinction , B.A in Economics, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2009	Academic performance distinction , B.A in Economics, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2008	Academic performance distinction , B.A in Economics, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2007	Academic performance distinction , B.A in Economics, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
2006	Top Academic performance distinction , B.A in Economics, Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile