

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD in Sociology | admitted, starting September 2026

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), University of Bremen

Master in Sociology | 2024-2026

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology | 2020-2024

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Degree exam passed with honors in “Data Analysis”

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Karle, C.; Sánchez Barria, F. & **Canales-Sellés, R.** (2026) “When Protest Becomes Institutionalized: Evidence from the Chilean Student Movement Under Military Rule, 1982–1989”. *The Sociological Quarterly*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2026.2643335>

Castillo JC, **Canales-Sellés R.**, Laffert A and Urzúa T (2026) Justification trajectories for pension inequality in Chile (2016–2023): the role of social class and beliefs in meritocracy. *Frontiers in Sociology*. 11:1771856. doi: [10.3389/fsoc.2026.1771856](https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2026.1771856)

Working papers

Laffert, A., J. C. Castillo, R. Canales, T. Urzúa, and K. Carrasco. 2026. “Stability and Comparability of Meritocratic Beliefs in School-age Students: A Measurement Invariance Approach Across Time

and Cohorts”. Retrieved osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/gvbqw_v1.

Canales Sellés, R. & Miranda, D. (2026). Attitudes towards political violence in the Chilean contentious cycle (2016-2023): A longitudinal analysis from education.

Canales Sellés, R., León, R. & Miranda, D. (2025). Youth, Authoritarian Heritage and Democracy: A Multilevel Analysis of the Disposition to Institutional Participation in Europe.

Other publications

Canales, R. & Mahaluf, F. (2024) “Esconder las plumas: percepciones de seguridad de las personas gay del sector oriente de Santiago a la hora de salir de fiesta” in *Compendio 2023 Alumnos Destacados: Compendio de Trabajos Breves de Investigación, Ensayos y Propuestas de Intervención de alumnos destacados*. Centro de Estudios Justicia & Sociedad UC, p. 39-46. [Link](#).

Canales, R.; Jara, R.; Tapia, F. (2023) “No hay reja que encadene mi sentimiento: Un análisis sobre la violencia barrista y su incidencia en el espacio público”, in *Compendio 2022 Alumnos Destacados: Compendio de Trabajos Breves de Investigación, Ensayos y Propuestas de Intervención de alumnos destacados*. Centro de Estudios Justicia & Sociedad UC, p. 37-45. [Link](#).

Research Reports and Data Visualizations

Castillo, J.C., Laffert, A., **Canales, R.** & Urzúa, T. (2025). Dinámicas de la cohesión social en Chile: Cambios en los vínculos sociales e institucionales entre 2016 y 2023 (Nota de Resultados). Observatorio de Cohesión Social (OCS), Centro de Estudios de Conflicto y Cohesión Social (COES). <https://coes.cl/ocs>

Castillo, J. C., Laffert, A., **Canales, R.** & Urzúa, T. (2025). Cohesión social horizontal y migración en Chile (Nota de resultados) Centro de Estudios de Conflicto y Cohesión Social (COES). <https://coes.cl/ocs>

Urzúa, T., Iturra, J., **Canales, R.**, Laffert, A. & Castillo, J. (2025). Visualizador Longitudinal de Cohesión Social de Chile 2016-2023. Observatorio de Cohesión Social OCS. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17408345>.

Press Articles

Canales, R. & Castillo, J. C. (2025). *La seguridad nace del vínculo social*.. Tercera Dosis. <https://terceradosis.cl/2025/10/10/la-seguridad-nace-del-vinculo-social/>

Scholarships and Awards

Scholarship | DAAD-GSSP | 2026-2029

Recipient of the DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme scholarship for doctoral studies.

Experience in Research Activities

Research Assistant | DataSOC | March 2026 –

Research Assistant for a study aimed at characterizing public funding allocation in social science projects at the Center for Social Data, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Chile.

Research Activities: Data Analysis, literature review and article writing.

Research Assistant | Fondecyt 1250518 | December 2025 –

Research assistant of Fondecyt 1250518 “Justicia de Mercado y Merecimiento del Bienestar Social” directed by Dr. Juan Carlos Castillo.

Research Activities: Data Analysis, literature review and article writing.

Thesis Researcher | Fondecyt 1240922 | March 2025 – December 2025

Thesist of Fondecyt 1230922 “Youth Political Attitudes and Behavior: inequality, school socialization styles and intergenerational influences” directed by Dr. Daniel Miranda.

Research Activities: Development of academic thesis to obtain a master’s degree in Sociology from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Research Assistant | Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies Center (COES) | August 2025 – November 2025

Research assistant at the [Open Social Research Laboratory \(LISA\)](#), an initiative of the Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES).

Research activities: Data analysis, literature review, and article writing.

Research Assistant | Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies Center (COES) | August 2025 – November 2025

Research assistant at the [Social Cohesion Observatory \(OCS\)](#) of the Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES).

Research activities: Data analysis, literature review, and article writing.

Research Assistant | Fondecyt 1210847 | May 2025 – July 2025

Research Assistant at Fondecyt 1210847 “Meritocracy in the School (EDUMER): Moral Foundations of the Educational Market and its Implications for Citizenship Training in Chile” directed by Dr. Juan Carlos Castillo.

Research activities: Data analysis, literature review, and article writing.

Research Assistant | Fondecyt 1240922 | September 2024 – January 2025

Research assistant for activities at Fondecyt 1230922 “Youth Political Attitudes and Behavior: inequality, school socialization styles and intergenerational influences” directed by Daniel Miranda.

Research Activities: Data analysis, literature review, and academic article writing.

Research Assistant | Justice and Society Study Center UC | April 2024 – October 2024

Research assistant for activities at the Centro de Justicia y Sociedad of the Pontificia Universidad Católica.

Research Activities: Data analysis, interview coding, literature review and academic article writing.

Research Assistant | Research Direction UC | December 2023 - February 2024

Research assistant selected in the Summer 2024 Undergraduate Research Competition sponsored by the UC Vice Rector's Office for Research, for the project "Protests during COVID: Analysis of the dynamics of collective protest in Chile during the pandemic in 2020-2021 using data from protest events of the Conflict Observatory of COES", by Professor Nicolás Somma, academic of the UC Institute of Sociology (ISUC) and researcher of the Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES).

Research Activities: Data analysis and literature review.

Research Assistant | Research Direction UC | July 2023 - August 2023

Research assistant selected in the Undergraduate Research Contest Winter 2023 sponsored by the UC Vice Rector's Office for Research, for the project "The impact of protest cycles on political attitudes in Chile today", under the direction of Professor Felipe Sánchez Barría, academic of the UC Institute of Sociology (ISUC).

Research Activities: Database generation and revision.

Research Assistant | Research Direction UC | January 2023 - February 2023

Research assistant selected in the Undergraduate Research Contest Winter 2023 sponsored by the UC Vice Rector's Office for Research, for the project "The impact of protest cycles on political attitudes in Chile today", under the direction of Professor Felipe Sánchez Barría, academic of the UC Institute of Sociology (ISUC).

Research Activities: Literature review.

Research Assistant | Research Direction UC | January 2022 - March 2022

Research assistant selected in the Undergraduate Research Contest Summer 2022 sponsored by the UC Vice Rector's Office for Research, for the project "Deprived of dignity? The moral reimagining of Carabineros in times of crisis". In charge of Professor Matías Fernández Hernández, academic of the Institute of Sociology (ISUC).

Research Activities: Transcription and Coding of interviews.

Other Work Experiences

Internship | AUI/NRAO | December 2024 - March 2025

Intern in Associated Universities Inc./National Radio Astronomy Observatory

Activities: Preparation of measurement instrument for PROVOCA initiative, and data analysis.

Internship | Sin Límites Program | October 2023 - January 2024

Intern in Sin Límites program of the Anacleto Angelini Innovation Center of the Pontificia Universidad Católica.

Project: Practical training in innovation for the operational layer of the member companies of the Anacleto Angelini Innovation Center.

Activities: Curricular educational experience design, data analysis and educational program planning.

Conferences and Presentations

Speaker | Conference | October 2025

Canales, R. & Leon, R. (2025) “Juventud, herencia autoritaria y democracia. Un análisis multinivel de la disposición a la participación institucional en Europa”, in *XII Conferencia Internacional COES*, Universidad Diego Portales.

Speaker | Conference | October 2025

Laffert, A., **Canales, R.**, Castillo, J.C., Carrasco, K. y Urzúa, T. (2025) “Mertocratic Beliefs and Perceptions in School: Concepts, measure and invariance”, in *XII Conferencia Internacional COES*, Universidad Diego Portales.

Speaker | Conference | October 2025

Laffert, A., **Canales, R.**, Castillo, J.C., Carrasco, K. y Urzúa, T. (2025) “Creencias en la meritocracia en la etapa escolar: Conceptos, medición e invarianza”, in *VI Jornada de Investigadoras/es Jóvenes sobre Desigualdad y Cohesión Social COES-OBDE*, Universidad Diego Portales.

Speaker | Conference | November 2024

Canales, R.; Arancibia, M., y Jara, R. (2024) “¿Todas las formas de lucha?: El efecto del flanco radical durante las movilizaciones contra la dictadura en la Región Metropolitana (1983-1986)”, in *XI COES International Conference*, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez Viña del Mar.

Karle, C., Sánchez, F., y **Canales, R.** (2024) “Cuando la protesta se institucionaliza. El caso del movimiento estudiantil chileno durante la dictadura militar, 1983-1987.”, in *XI COES International Conference*, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez Viña del Mar.

Speaker | Conference | May 2024

Sánchez, F., **Canales, R.**, & Mayne-Nicholls, P. (2024) “Movilización rural en la reforma agraria en la Unidad Popular: Otra mirada a partir de una nueva base de datos”. In *XXIV Chilean History Conferences* at Universidad de Concepción.

Canales, R.; León, R. (2024) “El teatro del aguante: Una aproximación fenomenológica a la figura del hincha de fútbol”, in *XII Chilean Congress of Sociology*, Universidad Alberto Hurtado – Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.

Speaker | Conference | November 2023

Canales, R.; León, R. (2023) “El teatro del aguante: Una aproximación fenomenológica a la figura del hincha de fútbol”, in *XV Jornadas de Sociología*, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Speaker | Conference | October 2023

Canales, R. (2023) “¿El Estado? A la banca de suplentes: La relación entre el Estado y la administración del fútbol en la postdictadura (1990-2000)”, in *Seminar of Investigation “Pensar el deporte históricamente: enfoques, métodos y perspectivas de desarrollo”*, organized by Rodrigo Millán (ANID Fondecyt Postdoctorate) and History School at Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.

Speaker | Conference | August 2022

Canales, R.; Jara, R.; Tapia, F. (2022) “El retorno de los hinchas: un análisis preliminar del regreso de las barras al estadio luego de un año de confinamiento”, in *XXXIII Latinamerican Congress of Sociology (ALAS)*, Universidad Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México.

Experience in Teaching

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | August 2025 – December 2025

Teaching Assistant of the course Relational Sociology during the second semester of the year 2025, in charge of professor Beltrán Undurraga at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | March 2025 – July 2025

Teaching Assistant of the course Political Sociology during the first semester of the year 2025, dictated by professor Nicolás Somma at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | August 2024 – December 2024

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociology of Stratification during the second semester of the year 2024, dictated by professor Andrea Canales at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of Sociology.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | March 2024 – July 2024

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociological Paradigms during the first semester of the year 2024, dictated by Professor Felipe Sánchez at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of College in Social Sciences.

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociology of Crime and Deviance during the first semester of the year 2023, dictated by Professors Eduardo Valenzuela and Rolando Carmona at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | August 2023 - December 2023

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociology of Rationalization during the second semester of the year 2023, taught by Professor Beltrán Undurraga at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant of the course Formation and Development of Latin American Culture during the second semester of the year 2023, taught by Professor Felipe Sánchez Barría at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | March 2023 - July 2023

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociological Paradigms during the first semester of the year 2023, taught by Professor Eleonora Lopez at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of College in Social Sciences.

Teaching Assistant of the Qualitative Research Techniques course during the first semester of the year 2023, taught by Professor Claudia Giacomani at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the Sociology career.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | August 2022 – December 2022

Teaching Assistant of the course Formation and Development of Latin American Culture during the second semester of the year 2022, dictated by Professor Patricio Velasco at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of Sociology.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | March 2022 – July 2022

Teaching Assistant of the course Anthropological Theory during the first semester of the year 2022, taught by Professor Florencia Muñoz at the Institute of Anthropology UC, for the career of Sociology.

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociological Paradigms during the first semester of the year 2022, taught by Professor Felipe Sánchez at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of College in Social Sciences.

Teaching Assistant | Institute of Sociology UC | August 2021 - December 2021

Teaching Assistant of the course Sociological Paradigms during the second semester of the year 2021, taught by Professor Matías Fernández at the Institute of Sociology UC, for the career of Sociology.

Technical Skills

Tool	Proficiency
Stata	Advanced
Git/GitHub	Advanced
R/R Studio	Advanced
Quarto	Advanced
VSCode	Advanced
LateX	Advanced

Tool	Proficiency
Excel	Advanced
NVivo	Intermediate
Python	Beginner

Languages

- **Spanish:** Native
- **English:** C1 level