

Andreas Laffert

Research Profile

Sociologist from the University of Chile with an M.A. in Sociology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. I currently serve as a research assistant on Fondecyt Project No. 1250518 “Market Justice and the Deservingness of Social Welfare,” and on the Chilean partner team of Wealth and Social Cohesion from a Relational Perspective (WESOREL). In addition, I serve as research coordinator at the Inequality Observatory of the Diego Portales University. My research focuses on social stratification, social mobility, wealth, and public attitudes toward the marketization of social services, using quantitative methods that combine observational data, causal inference, and survey experiments.

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Education

- 2024-2026 **M.A. Sociology**, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
Supervisor: Mauricio Bucca
- 2017-2022 **Sociologist**, University of Chile
Supervisor: Juan Carlos Castillo

Peer-reviewed Articles

- 2026 Castillo, J. C., Canales Sellés, R., Laffert, A., & Urzúa, T.
Justification trajectories for pension inequality in Chile (2016–2023): the role of social class and beliefs in meritocracy
Frontiers in Sociology, 11, 1771856.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2026.1771856>
- Sainz, M., Jiménez-Moya, G., Lobato, R. M., Laffert, A., Vázquez, A., & González, R.
Intergroup Contact with People Experiencing Poverty Reduces Hostile but not Benevolent Classism
Political Psychology. Accepted for publication.
- 2025 Castillo, J. C., Laffert, A., Carrasco, K., & Iturra-Sanhueza, J.
Perceptions of inequality and meritocracy: Their interplay in shaping preferences for market justice in Chile (2016–2023)
Frontiers in Sociology, 10, 1634219.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2025.1634219>

- 2024 Castillo, J. C., Salgado, M., Carrasco, K., & Laffert, A.
The Socialization of Meritocracy and Market Justice Preferences at School Societies 2024, 14(11), 214. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc14110214>

In Preparation

- 2026 **Stability and comparability of meritocratic beliefs in school-age students: A measurement invariance approach across time and cohorts**
Andreas Laffert, Juan Carlos Castillo, René Canales, Tomás Urzúa & Kevin Carrasco.
Submitted
- Preferences for the commodification of pensions in Chile: the role of intergenerational social mobility**
Andreas Laffert.
In progress
- The role of wealth on social cohesion in Chile**
Rafael Carranza, Gabriel Otero & Andreas Laffert.
In progress
- Sexualised stereotypes of lower-class**
Mario Sainz, Gloria Jiménez-Moya, Andreas Laffert & Heather E. Bullock.
Under Review

Research Reports and Data Visualizations

- 2025 Urzúa, T., Canales, R., Laffert, A. & Castillo, J. C.
Documento Metodológico VisELSOC (Release). ocs-coes.
Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17418461>
- Urzúa, T., Iturra, J., Canales, R., Laffert, A. & Castillo, J.C.
Visualizador Longitudinal de Cohesión Social en Chile (Release).
Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17408346>
- Iturra-Sanhueza, J., Cortés, G., Urzúa, T., Laffert, A. & Castillo, J. C.
OCSVIS-LA: Visualizador de Cohesión Social para América Latina (release).
Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17405945>

Research Experience

- 2026-present **Research coordinator, Inequality Observatory - University Diego Portales**
Supported survey design, fieldwork coordination, data analysis, and report writing for the ICSO-UDP survey, and coordinated research activities.
Gabriel Otero. Contact: gabriel.otero@mail.udp.cl
- 2025-present **Research assistant, Fondecyt No. 1250518 "Market Justice and the Deservingness of Social Welfare"**
Conducted data collection, data processing, and statistical analysis; prepared reports and analytical materials for academic articles; supported the drafting of academic papers and conference presentations; and coordinated teams and tasks.
Juan Carlos Castillo. Contact: juancastillov@uchile.cl

- 2025-present **Research assistant, Wealth and Social Cohesion from a Relational Perspective (WESOREL)**
Conducted data processing and statistical analysis, prepared reports and analytical materials for academic articles, supported the drafting of academic papers and conference presentations, and coordinated teams and tasks.
Rafael Carranza. Contact: rafael.carranza@uc.cl

- 2025-2026 **Coordinator, Social Cohesion Observatory of the Center for Studies on Conflict and Social Cohesion**
Coordinated research activities, conducted data processing and statistical analysis, prepared reports and analytical inputs for academic articles and conference presentations, and coordinated teams, tasks, and website management.
Juan Carlos Castillo. Contact: juancastillov@uchile.cl

- 2024-2026 **Research assistant, Socioeconomic and Gender Disparities: A Multi Country Study (SOGEDI) project**
Conducted data collection, data processing, and statistical analysis; prepared reports and analytical materials for academic articles; supported the drafting of academic papers and conference presentations; and coordinated teams and tasks.
Mario Sainz. Contact: mariosainz@go.ugr.es / Gloria Jiménez Moya. Contact: gjimenezm@uc.cl

- 2024-2025 **Research assistant, Fondecyt No. 1210847 "Meritocracy in schools: moral foundations of the education market and its implications for citizenship education in Chile"**
Conducted data collection, data processing, and statistical analysis; prepared reports and analytical materials for academic articles; supported the drafting of academic papers and conference presentations; and coordinated teams and tasks.
Juan Carlos Castillo. Contact: juancastillov@uchile.cl

- 2022-2024 **Quantitative analyst, Labor Studies of the Unit Subsecretariat of Labour - Ministry of Labour and Social Security**
 Provided research and technical support on structural and cyclical labor market issues in Chile, including flexible work arrangements, work-family balance, labor policy, and legislative evaluation. Coordinated teams and interministerial tasks, processed and analyzed datasets, prepared automated dynamic reports, and supported the development of Chile's Labor Market Information System (SIMEL).
 Félix Arredondo. Contact: farredondo@mintrab.gob.cl
- 2021-2022 **Research assistant, Conflict Observatory of the Center for Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies**
 Conducted data collection and database construction, managed and analyzed data on collective action events, and produced automated dynamic documents.
 Felipe Olivares. Contact: folivaresrebolledo@gmail.com
- 2022-2022 **Researcher, International Public Services - Nodo XXI**
 Served as Principal Investigator in a comparative study of national telework regulations in public employment across Latin America and the Caribbean.
 Felipe Ruiz. Contact: felipe.ruiz@nodoxxi.cl
- 2020-2022 **Researcher, Center for Political and Social Research on Labor**
 Co-led quantitative research on trade unionism and labor relations at the Trade Union Observatory.
 Sebastian Osorio. Contact: seba.osl@gmail.com

Teaching

- 2023-2025 **Co-Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Chile
 Undergraduate course: Correlational Statistics
- 2023-2023 **Co-Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Chile
 Undergraduate course: Descriptive statistics

Grants & Awards

- 2024 **Academic Excellence Scholarship for Master's Studies**
 (ANID, Government of Chile)

Referee Work

The European Journal of Social Science Research

Skills

Software **Advanced**

R, Git/Github, Quarto, (R) Markdown, Xaringan, VS Code

Intermediate

STATA, SPSS, Latex

Basic

Python

Language

Spanish (native); English (fluent reading, writing, and listening; intermediate speaking) B2

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