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## Education

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- **2026 (Expected):** Ph.D. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland. Major: Comparative Politics; Minor: Political Communication.
- **2024:** Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS), University of Maryland.
- **2024:** M.A. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland.
- **2020:** M.A. in Political Science, University of Brasília (UnB).
- **2017:** B.A. in Political Science, University of Brasília (UnB).

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

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- Abelin, Pedro, & Pearson, Margaret M. (2026). Economic benefactor or risky dependence? Ambivalence in China-Brazil agribusiness ties. (equal contribution). *Journal of Politics in Latin America*. (in press)
- Abelin, Pedro, & Pearson, Margaret M. (2025). The ties that bind?: Affinity and challenges in contemporary Brazil-China relations (equal contribution). *Global Society*, pp. 1–27.
- Abelin, Pedro. (2022). Protegendo a democracia do povo: hegemonia liberal e antipopulismo na Ciência Política. *Revista Sul-Americana de Ciência Política*, 8(2), 1–22.
- Abelin, Pedro. (2021). Populismo e novas tecnologias digitais: Um casamento perigoso?. *Conexão Política*, 10(1), 210–233.
- Von Bülow, Marisa, Vilaça, Luiz, & Abelin, Pedro. (2019). Varieties of digital activist practices: Students and mobilization in Chile. *Information, Communication & Society*, 22(12), 1770–1788.

## Book Chapters

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- Baccarin, Matheus, Abelin, Pedro, Vilarins, Lorena, & Mota, Amanda. (2026). “The media is hiding information about the vaccines”: Information sources among anti-vaccine activists during the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Brazil. In S. Iordanidou, N. Jebril, & E. Takas (Eds.), *Navigating Contemporary Political Communication: Strategies, Challenges, and Regulatory Barriers*. Springer Nature Switzerland. (in press)
- Abelin, Pedro. (2023). Em nome do povo: A ascensão da direita (radical) na comunicação populista a partir de dois casos brasileiros. In André Borges & Robert Vidigal (Eds.), *Para Entender a Nova Direita Brasileira*. Porto Alegre: Editora Zouk.
- Abelin, Pedro. (2021). A crise da democracia liberal e as novas tecnologias: Um estudo de caso do Movimento Brasil Livre. In Leonardo Avritzer & Priscila Delgado de Carvalho (Eds.), *Crises na democracia: Legitimidade, participação e inclusão*. Belo Horizonte: Arraes Editores.
- Abelin, Pedro. (2020). The crisis of liberal democracy and new technologies: A case study of the Free Brazil Movement. In A. Ramos, P. Delgado de Carvalho, L. Avritzer, & G. Allegretti

(Eds.), *The Crisis and the Challenges of Democracy* (CES Contexto Debates No. 27, pp. 53–84).  
Coimbra: CES – Centre for Social Studies.

### Under Review Papers

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- Abelin, Pedro. Media consumption and perceptions of China: Evidence from Brazil (R&R).
- Abelin, Pedro, & Pearson, Margaret M. (n.d.). Shunning the golden goose: How polarization and populism incentivize Brazil's rightists to reject China. Manuscript submitted for publication (equal contribution).
- Abelin, Pedro, Cunningham, Kathleen G., Gentil-Fernandes, Leonardo, & Lima, André. (n.d.). Conflict and deforestation: Analyzing global patterns of forest loss from conflict events. Manuscript submitted for publication (equal contribution).

### Grants and Scholarships

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- **2025:** 2024–25 Virginia Lee Lussier Research Travel Grant winner.
- **2022:** Recipient, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS) and iLCSS Survey Instrument Opportunity in Brazil and Colombia.
- **2018–2020:** Research Fellow, Institute of Democracy and the Democratization of Communication (INCT), CAPES Scholarship.
- **2020:** Conference Travel Grant – Workshop on the Crisis and Challenges of Democracy, University of Coimbra, Portugal.
- **2019:** Conference Travel Grant – Socialism after Populism Conference, University of California, Riverside.
- **2018:** Conference Travel Grant – Institute of Political Science, University of Brasília.
- **2015:** Scholarship – PIBIDI, CNPq.
- **2014:** Scholarship – PIBEX, University of Brasília.

### Awards

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- **2022:** Honorable Mention, University of Brasília (UnB) Dissertation and Thesis Award.
- **2021:** Finalist, ANPOCS Thesis and Dissertation Competition, Brazil.

### Summer School

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- **2024:** The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR).

### Teaching Experience

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- **2025:** Instructor, *The People in Power? Understanding the Rise of Populism* – University of Maryland, USA.
- **2022:** Teaching Assistant, *The Study of Political Philosophy: Ancient and Modern* – University of Maryland, USA.
- **2018:** Teaching Assistant, *Research Methods in Political Science* – University of Brasília, Brazil.

## Research Experience

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- **2024–Present:** Research Assistant to Professor Margaret Pearson.
- **2023–2025:** Research Assistant to Professors Daniel W. Gingerich and Christopher Carter (Project: The legacy and historical dynamics of the Chilean occupation of southern Peru).
- **2023–2024:** Research Assistant to Professor Kathleen Cunningham (Project: Alternative Governance & Climate Change, supported by Minerva Grant).
- **2022–2023:** Research Assistant to Professor Margaret Pearson.
- **2021–2022:** Research Assistant to Professor Ernesto Calvo.

## Conference Presentations

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- **2025:** APSA Annual Meeting.
- **2025:** Network for the Study of Latin American Political Economy (REPAL) Annual Meeting.
- **2025:** MPSA Annual Meeting.
- **2024:** APSA Annual Meeting.
- **2024:** ISA Northeast Annual Conference.
- **2023:** Association of Chinese Political Studies, Duisburg-Essen University.
- **2020:** Brazilian Association of Political Science (ABCP) Annual Meeting.
- **2019:** Socialism after Populism Conference, University of California, Riverside.
- **2019:** Brazilian Association of Researchers in Communication and Politics (Compolítica) Annual Meeting.
- **2018:** iCS Symposium on Challenges to Studying Disinformation, IT University of Copenhagen.
- **2018:** Politicians and Social Media in the Global South, University of Michigan.
- **2017:** Brazilian Research Network on Internet, State, and Society, University of Brasília.
- **2015:** Brazilian National Association of Graduate Studies and Research in Social Sciences (ANPOCS) Annual Meeting.

## Professional Service

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### Journal Reviewer:

- Revista Internet & Sociedade
- Bulletin for Latin American Research
- Revista Teoria & Pesquisa – Ciência Política
- DADOS – Revista de Ciências Sociais
- Communication and the Public

## Selected Public Commentary

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- Gesser, Lucas, Abelin, Pedro, & Januzzi, Vinicius. (2023). Os cineastas e as imagens da cidade. *Jacobin Brasil*, 6 (Inverno), 37–41.

## Other Professional Activities

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- **2015–2016:** Trainee, Technical Advisory Center, General Secretariat, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil.
- **2015:** Trainee, Government Relations Executive, Umbelino Lôbo Assessoria e Consultoria.

## Lectures

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- **2022:** “An Introduction to Environmental Movements in Brazil.” Guest lecture. Fall 2022. University of Maryland, College Park, United States.
- **2019:** “Democracia no século XXI: Um projeto em crise?” Lecture at the XVI Academic Week of International Relations, IESB University Center, Brasília.
- **2019:** “Estado, Democracia e Vida Política” Lecture for Policies and Foundations of Basic Education, University Center of Brasília (UniCEUB).

## Languages

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**Portuguese:** Native speaker

**English:** Highly proficient

**Spanish:** Very good command

**Chinese:** Beginner

## Research Skills

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- Mixed-methods research design.
- Qualitative methods: semi-structured interviews, qualitative content analysis, and archival research.
- Quantitative methods: survey analysis, experimental data analysis, meta-analysis, and text analysis.

## Software & Programming

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- R
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