

# Leonardo Feitosa Dantas

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EDUCATION	<b>Princeton University</b>   Princeton, NJ • PhD in Politics Field: Comparative Politics <b>Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) - EBAPE</b>   Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • MSc in Administration Field: Institutions, Politics, and Government Dissertation: <i>“Electoral Discourse of Right-Wing Candidates in Redistributionist Districts: A Study of Changing Moral Foundations”</i> Supervisor: Cesar Zucco Jr. <b>University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)</b>   Los Angeles, CA ( <i>summa cum laude, College of Letters and Sciences honors</i> ) • B.A. in Political Science ( <i>departmental highest honors</i> ) Thesis: <i>“The Effect of Pre-Electoral Coalitions on Legislative Fragmentation in Brazil”</i> Supervisor: Michael Thies • B.A. in International Development Studies	2024 - Present  2022-2023  2017-2020
CONTINUED EDUCATION	<b>Data Science Specialization</b> Johns Hopkins University on Coursera • Courses: The Data Scientist’s Toolbox; R Programming; Getting and Cleaning Data; Exploratory Data Analysis; Reproducible Research; Statistical Inference; Regression Models; Practical Machine Learning; Developing Data Products; and Data Science Capstone.	Apr - Oct 2021
WORKING PAPERS	[1] Shaver, A., <b>Dantas, L.</b> , Kaur, A., Kraemer, R., & Thomson, G. Media Reporting on International Affairs. 2021. <i>Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Working Papers</i> . <a href="https://esoc.princeton.edu/WP27">https://esoc.princeton.edu/WP27</a> . [2] Shaver, A., <b>Dantas, L.</b> , Kaur, A., Kraemer, R., Jahn, T., Thomson, G., ... Santos-Perez, J. Partisan Media Bias Beyond the Water’s Edge. <i>in progress</i> [3] Shaver, A., Karagul, N., Robbins, S., He, J., <b>Dantas, L.</b> , Trivedi A., ... Cheng, H. Major International Issues Undercovered By the News Media: Does Limited Supply Reflect Low Reader Demand? <i>in progress</i>	
DATASETS	Dantas, Leonardo, and David Samuels. 2023. “Transcriptions of Brazilian Presidential Candidates’ TV Ads (1989-2022).” <a href="https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FB24FJ">https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FB24FJ</a> .	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Research Assistant</b> Prof. David Samuels • Collected and organized transcripts of two thousand electoral advertisements from all Brazilian presidential candidates to analyze patterns of partisan moral divergence. • Coordinated three research assistants and measured intercoder reliability to train a machine learning algorithm to detect whether candidates used morality positively or negatively.  <b>Research Intern</b> Political Violence Lab, supervised by Prof. Andrew Shaver • Envisioned and led the data collection, statistical analyses, and writing of two separate projects on American media bias, writing complex R functions and LaTeX code.	Jun 2022 - Present      Apr 2020 - Present

- Automated the extraction of millions of news articles with boolean query searches through MediaCloud's API.
- Helped develop a Qualtrics survey with adaptive and randomized questions.
- Instructed dozens of starting lab members on R coding and the basics of linear models, text-as-data, and academic writing.

### Research Assistant

Prof. Daniela Campello | FGV

Nov 2021 - Jun 2022

- Extracted millions of tweets mentioning China from political figures and the general public in Brazil and Chile and analyzed their sentiment.
- Web-scraped voting details of ongoing bills in Brazil's Chamber of Deputies to estimate a split in the agribusiness caucus.

### Research Assistant

Prof. William Summerhill | UCLA

Apr 2018 - Mar 2021

- Transcribed over four thousand pictures of governmental archives on Rio de Janeiro's stock exchange between 1853 and 1902.
- Calculated the market value of companies' stocks in R by combining their entry prices in Rio's Jornal do Commercio and the premium and discount costs in bookkeeping records.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Teaching Assistant

FGV EBAPE

Statistics 1B - Introduction to Causal Analysis (*graduate*)

2023, 2024

*Instructor: Cesar Zucco*

### PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, AND TALKS

1. Brownbag Seminar | FGV EBAPE  
Quantitative Text Analysis  
Nov 2023
2. Open Day | FGV EBAPE  
The Digital Tools of the Modern Researcher  
Aug 2023
3. Encontro de Economia Política | PUC-Rio  
Electoral Discourse of Right-Wing Candidates in Redistributionist Districts  
Jul 2023
4. Brownbag Seminar | FGV EBAPE  
R, LaTeX, Zotero: The Triple Entente  
Jun 2023
5. Brownbag Seminar | FGV EBAPE  
How to Build a Strong PhD Application  
Mar 2023
6. APSA Annual Meeting  
Presenter - Virtual Paper Panel | Division 20: Foreign Policy, Media Reporting on International Affairs  
Oct 2021
7. Guest Speaker | UC Merced  
POLI-190-06: Sub-State Conflict  
Sep 2021
8. Political Violence Workshop | Harvard University  
Media Reporting on International Affairs  
Jan 2021
9. Undergraduate Research Week | UCLA  
The Effect of Pre-Electoral Coalitions on Legislative Fragmentation in Brazil  
May 2020

### REVIEWER

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*

### GRANTS

Master's Scholarship, Brazilian Council for Scientific Development

Jan 2022 - Dec 2023

### COMPETENCES

**Languages:** Portuguese (*native*), English (*fluent*), Spanish (*intermediate*), French (*beginner*), German (*beginner*).

**Software:** R, R Markdown, Quarto, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Beamer, Qualtrics.

OTHER  
EXPERIENCES

**State Secretariat of International Relations** | São Paulo, Brazil

Aug 2019

Intern

- Collaborated with a team of nine advisers to organize datasets, review legislation, propose negotiation arguments, and attend meetings representing the state government of São Paulo.

**Brazilian Federal Chamber of Deputies** | Brasília, Brazil

Jul 2019

Intern

- Shadowed five federal deputy's advisers as well as the Justice and Citizenship Committee of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies.