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EMPLOYMENT

Tulane University's Center for Inter-American Policy and Research

Postdoctoral fellow

2025-2026

EDUCATION

The University of Notre Dame, USA

Ph.D. in Political Science and Peace Studies

August 2025

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology, Peace Studies

M.A. in Political Science

May 2022

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia

M.A. in Law

September 2014

Thesis: *Correcting or distributing to transform? A conception of justice for the Colombian Land Restitution Program*

Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia, Colombia

B.A. in Law

March 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Redistribution, Conflict and Peace Studies, Social Mobilization, Latin American Politics.

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Books

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel, Bautista, Ana Jimena, Malagon, Ana Maria & Uprimny, Rodrigo (2020). *La Constitución del Campesinado. Luchas por Reconocimiento y Redistribución en el Campo Jurídico* [The Constitution of the Peasantry. Struggles for Recognition and Redistribution in the Legal Field] Bogotá: Center for the Study of Justice, Law, and Society Digital ISBN 978-958-5597-52-5. Printed ISBN 978-958-5597-51-8.

Awarded an Honorable Mention by the Alejandro Angel Escobar Prize (2022)

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel, Blanco, David & Santamaria, Camila (2017). *¿Corregir o distribuir para transformar?: Una concepción de justicia para la política pública de restitución de tierras en Colombia* [Correcting or distributing to transform? A conception of justice for the Colombian Land Restitution Program] Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia Digital ISBN 978-958-5597-52-5. Printed ISBN 978-958-5597-51-8.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

García-Montoya, Laura, **Güiza-Gómez, Isabel** & Saffon, Maria Paula (2025). “Entering the Political Arena in Exclusionary Settings: A Grassroots-Led Turn to the Left in Colombia.” *Comparative Politics*, 57, 3, pp. 391-416

<http://dx.doi.org/10.5129/001041525X17359343205910>

Awarded a 2022 REPAL Best Paper Honorable Mention

García-Montoya, Laura, **Güiza-Gómez, Isabel** & Chang, Arturo (2025). “Factionalized Mobilization: Development Paradigm Shifts and Marginalization in Colombia”. *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 1-33 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12116-024-09456-w>

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel (first author) & Hernández-Carrasco, Santiago (2024). “¿Reforma Agraria por Vía Judicial? Jueces Locales y Reforma Agraria en Colombia [“Land Reform in Court Proceedings? Local Judges and Land Reform in Colombia”] *Revista Estudios Socio-Jurídicos*, <https://doi.org/10.12804/revistas.urosario.edu.co/sociojuridicos/a.14154>

Uprimny, Rodrigo & **Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel** (2019). “Pacigerancia: Legal status of peace agreements under international law *Latin American Law Review* <https://doi.org/10.29263/lar03.2019.03>

Saffon, Maria Paula & **Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel** (2019). “Colombia en 2018: entre el fracaso de la paz y el inicio de la política programática” *Revista de Ciencia Política*, <https://doi.org/10.4067/S0718-090X2019000200217>

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel & Santamaria, Camila (2016). “Test y metodologías de los tribunales constitucionales frente a los derechos de los indígenas sobre la tierra: el caso de Colombia y Estados Unidos” *Pensamiento Jurídico*

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & Sánchez-Ramírez, Ana (2024). “¡Solo la lucha conquistará la Constituyente! La Asamblea Nacional Constituyente como escenario de negociación de paz” [“Political Struggle in Crafting the Constitution! The National Constituent Assembly as Peace Negotiation Arena”] in A. Rodríguez & L. Castro. *La Constitución de 1991: el ideal en medio de la tormenta* [The 1991 Constitution: Ideal Amidst the Storm]. Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia. In press.

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel & Uprimny, Rodrigo (2023). “Justicia transicional sin transición: del caso colombiano al mexicano” [“Transitional Justice without Transition: From the Colombian Case to the Mexican Case”] in J. Espindola & M. Serrano. *Verdad, justicia y memoria: derechos humanos y justicia transicional en México* [Truth, Justice, and Memory: Human Rights and Transitional Justice in Mexico]. Ciudad de México: El Colegio de México. ISBN 978-607-564-474-5

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel, Quinn, Jason & Echavarría, Josefina (2023). “Generando cumplimiento: La implementación del derecho internacional humanitario en el acuerdo de paz Colombia” [“Building Compliance: Implementing International Humanitarian Law in the Colombia Peace Agreement”] in E. Solano. *Conflicto armado no internacional y Derecho Internacional Humanitario: reflexiones sobre el caso colombiano* [Non-International Armed Conflict and International Humanitarian Law: Reflections on the Colombian Case]. Bogotá: Universidad Externado de Colombia.

Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel & Uprimny, Rodrigo (2021). “Legitimizing and Enshrining Peace Commitments: Inclusivity and Constitution-building in the Colombian Peace Process” in J. Fabra, A. Molina & N. Doubleday. *The Colombian Peace Agreement. A Multidisciplinary Assessment*. New York City: Routledge. ISBN 9780367528867

Santamaria, Camila, **Güiza-Gómez, Diana Isabel** & Uprimny, Rodrigo (2020). “Colombia’s Fuerza Pública (Security Forces) in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace: Special Treatment or Preferential Treatment?” in P. Mileham. *Jus Post Bellum. Restraint, Stabilisation and Peace*. Leiden: Brill — Nijhoff. ISBN 978-90-04-41104-3

Articles Invited to Revise and Resubmit

García-Montoya, Laura, **Güiza-Gómez, Isabel**, & Montoya, Ana. “When Reformers Become Spoilers: Hidden Policy Conflicts Between Reparations and Extractivism in Colombia.” [Under review after R&R *Perspectives on Politics*].

Work in Preparation for Submission (Available upon request)

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel. “Crafting Redistribution: Rural Movements and Land Dispositions in Peace Accords.”

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel (first author) & García-Montoya, Laura. “Land Dispossession on Trial: Social Movements and Judges in the Colombian Land Restitution Program.” **Awarded the REPAL 2024 Best Paper Award**

Córdova, Abby & **Güiza-Gómez, Isabel**. “Violence Justification Attitudes After War: Subversive Stigma Against Grassroots Activists for Land Redistribution in Post-Accord Colombia.”

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel (first author) & Urteaga-Quispe, Madai. “Judging Property: Judicial Independence, Elite Influence, and Public Land Allocation in Colombia.” **Awarded a 2025 REPAL Best Paper Honorable Mention**

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & García-Holgado, Benjamín. “Judicial Resistance and Democratic Resilience: How Colombia’s Courts Resisted Executive Overreach, 2002-2010.”

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & Rothkopf, Ilana. “Perpetual Transitions: Constitutions, Transitional Justice Mechanisms, and Peace Agreements.”

In Preparation

“Redistributing for Peace Amid War: Ethno-Racial Mobilization and Collective Land Ownership in Colombia”

“Mending the Fragments: Networked Social Mobilization in Colombia’s Peace Negotiation (2012-2016)”

“Stigmatizing Defiance: Citizen Attitudes Toward Violence Against Women and Indigenous Activists in Post-Accord Colombia” (with Abby Córdova)

Peer-Reviewed Policy Briefs

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & Córdova, Abby (2025). “Un contexto adverso para la movilización por la paz. Estigmatización y justificación de la violencia contra promotores del Derecho a la tierra en Colombia,” *Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad - Dejusticia* <https://doi.org/10.51438/DJguiza2025>

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel, Quinn, Jason & Echavarria, Josefina (2022). “International Humanitarian Law: The Guiding Light for Designing and Implementing Peace Agreements,” *Peace Agreements Matrix Policy Brief Series* <https://doi.org/10.7274/nk322b9257h>

Public Writing

García-Montoya, Laura & **Güiza-Gómez, Isabel**. “Colombians are occupying land to protest inequality. Here’s the history.” *The Monkey Cage*, *Washington Post*, October 2022. Link to op-ed

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & García-Montoya, Laura. “Reformismo agrario, paz y democracia en Colombia” *Periodico Universidad Nacional*, October 2022. Link to op-ed

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel & García-Montoya, Laura. “El fantasma de las invasiones de tierras: implicaciones para la Reforma Agraria” *La Silla Vacía*, October 2022. Link to op-ed

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel, Bautista, Ana Jimena & Uprimny, Rodrigo. “La discusión constitucional sobre los baldíos de la reforma agraria” *La Silla Vacía*, August 2022. Link to op-ed

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel. “¿Reforma agraria por vía judicial?” *La Silla Vacía*, February 2021. Link to op-ed

Güiza-Gómez, Isabel. “¿Vuelve a pasar frente a nuestros ojos?” *La Silla Vacía*, February 2021. Link to op-ed

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

2025 Kellogg Institute Award for Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation

2025 Kellogg Institute Award for Outstanding Doctoral Student Contributions

2024 2024-2025, United States Institute for Peace - Peace Scholar Fellowship, “Landing Peace: Rural-Poor Mobilization and Land Redistribution in Civil War Political Transitions.”

Conference Travel Grant - Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Annual Repal Conference; Washington D.C.

Doctoral Research Award - Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, “Landing Peace: Rural-Poor Mobilization and Land Redistribution in Civil War Political Transitions.”

2023 2023-2024, Graduate Women in Science National Fellowship Program, “Landing Peace: Rural-Poor Mobilization and Land Redistribution in Civil War Political Transitions.”

Conference Travel Grant - Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 27th International Political Science Association (IPSA); Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Graduate Student Research Award - The University of Notre Dame, “Landing Peace: Rural-Poor Mobilization and Land Redistribution in Civil War Political Transitions.”
- 2022 Doctoral Research Award - Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, “Landing Peace: Rural-Poor Mobilization and Land Redistribution in Civil War Political Transitions.”
- Conference Travel Grant - Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 7th Global Meeting on Law and Society; Lisbon, Portugal.
- Graduate School Professional Development Award - The University of Notre Dame, Annual REPAL Conference; in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2019 2019-2020 Darby Fellowship - The Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
- 2019-2024 University Presidential Fellowship - The University of Notre Dame
- 2018 Graduate Studies in the USA - Grantee - Fulbright and the Colombian Ministry of Science

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Land (Re)Distribution in Colombian Peace Processes.” The Prevention Project: Development, Inequality & Corruption Workstream - Land & Housing Rights. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University. February 19.
- 2023 “Making Peace and Justice in Political and Criminal Violence Contexts: The Colombian Case.” The Turmoils of Compromise: Navigating Mass Crimes and Transitional Justice. Haverford College & Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. February 17.
- 2019 “Transitional Justice and Sustainable Development Goals: Reparations and Rural Development in Colombia.” 2019 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. May 14 - 16.
- 2018 “Justicia transicional sin transición: del caso colombiano al mexicano.” Verdad, Memoria y Justicia en contextos de violencia criminal. El Colegio de México, Ciudad de México. November.
- “Desapariciones en democracia. Desafíos conceptuales.” Desapariciones en las Posttransiciones a la Democracia. FLACSO México, University of Oxford, Human Rights Program – University of Minnesota, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas - UNAM. March.
- 2016 “Victim Participation in Informal Processes” at Victim Participation: Defining Goals.” UN Special Rapporteur on Truth, Justice, and Reparation & Impunity Watch. November.

CONFERENCES

- 2025 “Judging Property: Judicial Independence, Elite Influence, and Public Land Allocation in Colombia.” REPAL. June 26-27.
- “Land Dispossession on Trial: Social Movements and Judges in the Colombian Land Restitution Program.” LASA. May 23-26.
- “Land Dispossession on Trial: Social Movements and Judges in the Colombian Land Restitution Program.” MPSA. April 23-26.
- 2024 “Drafting Redistribution: Rural Movements and Land Dispositions in Peace Accords.” APSA. September 4-8.
- “Land Dispossession on Trial: Social Movements and Judges in the Colombian Land Restitution Program.” REPAL. July 12-13.
- “Land Dispossession on Trial: Social Movements and Judges in the Colombian Land Restitution Program.” LASA. June 12-15.
- 2023 Steering Committee Member for the Critical Agrarian Studies in the 21st Century Conference. October 10-12.
- “National Development and Claims-Making: Explaining Patterns of Indigenous, Black, and Campesino Mobilization in 1975-1991 Colombia.” Critical Agrarian Studies in the 21st Century. October 10-12.
- “Explaining Attitudes toward Violence against Grassroots Peacebuilders during the Post-War Period: The Case of Colombia.” Latin American and Caribbean International Student Association Conference. September 15.
- 2023 “Policy Conflict: Ethnic Land Restitution and Natural Resource Extraction in Colombia.” APSA. September 2.
- “System Justification and Attitudes towards Post-War Violence: The Case of Colombia.” 27th IPSA Conference. July 15.
- “Entering the Political Arena: Institutional Claim-making for Redistribution and the Left Turn in Post-Accord Colombia”. GTAL. February 24.
- 2022 “Entering the Political Arena: Institutional Claim-making for Redistribution and the Left Turn in Post-Accord Colombia”. Southwest Mixed Methods Research. University of Notre Dame. October 27.
- “System Justification and Attitudes towards Post-War Violence: The Case of Colombia.” Southwest Mixed Methods Research. University of Notre Dame. October 27.
- “Perpetual Transitions: Constitutions, Transitional Justice Mechanisms, and Peace Agreements.” 7th Global Meeting on Law and Society, July 14
- “Entering the Political Arena: Institutional Claim-making for Redistribution and the Left Turn in Post-Accord Colombia”. REPAL, June 30.

- 2021 “Which Oppression?’ Narratives of National Progress and Popular Organizing in 1970s Colombia.” Southwest Mixed Methods Research. Northwestern University. Nov 4 - 5
- “Campesinos (peasants) count! Campesino movements and the politics of recognition and redistribution in Colombia.” Journal of Peasant Studies Writeshop. September 6 - 9
- “Perpetual Transitions: Constitutions, Transitional Justice Mechanisms, and Peace Agreements.” International Student Association, April 2.
- 2020 “Ulysses and the Constitutional Mast: Why Majority Parties are Willing to Constitutionalize Their Peace Agreement.” Four Years of Peace Accord Implementation: International Comparative Experiences and the Colombian Case. November 9 - 1.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Notre Dame

Teaching Assistant to Undergraduate-level courses:

- Peace and the Global Economy (Spring 2022)
- Introduction to Peace Studies (Spring 2020)

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Instructor of Record:

- Transitional Justice and Peace Processes from a Comparative Perspective (Spring 2023)
- Qualitative Methods in Legal Research (Spring 2019)
- Transitional Justice and Peace Processes from a Comparative Perspective (Spring 2019)
- Introduction to Legal Empirical Research (Fall 2018)
- Transitional Justice and Peace Processes from a Comparative Perspective (Spring 2018)
- Introduction to Legal Empirical Research (Spring 2018)
- Qualitative Methods in Legal Research (Fall 2017)
- Qualitative Methods in Legal Research (Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Legal Empirical Research (Spring 2016)
- Constitutional History in Latin America (Spring 2016)
- Constitutional History in Latin America (Fall 2015)
- Introduction to Legal Empirical Research (Spring 2015)

Teaching Assistant to Undergraduate level courses:

- Constitutional Theory (Spring 2013, Spring & Fall 2014)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Research associate and project coordinator, Eliminating Violence Against Women (E-VAW) Lab led by Professor Abby Córdova, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies
- 2022 - Research Associate, Dejusticia, Colombia.
- 2019 - Doctoral researcher, Violence and Transitional Justice (V-TJ) Lab led by Professor Guillermo Trejo, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies
- 2025
- 2019- Cluster on Constitutions, Courts, and Transitional Justice led by Professor Laurie Nathan, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies
- 2021

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Reviewer: Political Behavior, Latin American Research Review, International Journal of Transitional Justice, Revista de Ciencia Política, Revista Desafíos.
- Professional Associations: APSA, IPSA, LASA.

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- Software: R, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, MAXQDA, L^AT_EX.
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (full professional), Portuguese (working professional).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Bayesian Reasoning for Qualitative Case Studies & Comparative Research at APSA, September 3, 2024.
- Short course on Qualitative Comparative Methods (QCA) at the 27th IPSA World Congress, Buenos Aires (Argentina), July 15, 2023
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research - Syracuse University, June 2022
 - Multi-Method Research
 - Designing and Conducting Field Research
 - Computer Assisted Text Analysis
 - Comparative Historical Analysis

REFERENCES

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