

Livio Silva-Muller

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2023-2024 **London School of Economics, United Kingdom**
Visiting Research Student, Department of Methodology
- 2019-2024 **The Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland**
Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology (in English & French)
- 2017- 2019 **The Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland**
M.Phil. in Development Studies, specializing in Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (in English & French)
- 2013 – 2016 **University of St. Gallen, Switzerland**
B.A. in International Affairs (in German & English)
2015: Exchange Semester, Hosei University, Tokyo-Japan
- 2002-2012 **Colégio Porto Seguro, São Paulo, Brazil**

PUBLICATIONS

Silva-Muller, L., & Sposito, H. (2023). Which Amazon Problem? Problem-constructions and Transnationalism in Brazilian Presidential Discourse since 1985. *Environmental Politics*, 0(0), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2023.2220639>

* *Awarded Best Paper in Amazonian Studies at the Latin American Studies Association*

Silva-Muller, L., (2022). Payment for ecosystem services and the practices of environmental fieldworkers in policy implementation: The case of Bolsa Floresta in the Brazilian Amazon. *Land Use Policy*, 120, p.106251. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2022.106251>

Silva-Muller, L., & Faul, M. (2022) “Protecting the Amazon and its people: the role of civil society in the local effectiveness of transnational partnerships”. In *Partnerships for Sustainability: Pathways to Effectiveness*. Edt. by Andonova, L., Faul, M. and Piselli, D. Routledge: London. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003148371-6>

WORKING PAPERS

Silva-Muller, L. “Pathways of the Environmental State: Global Climate Politics in the Amazon Rainforest”

Silva-Muller, L. “Finance as Policy Domestication: Comparing Climate Funds and their Outcomes”

Teeger, Chana; **Silva-Muller, Livio**; Moraes Silva, Graziella. “How Race Matters for Elites' Views on Redistribution

Moraes Silva, Graziella & **Silva-Muller, Livio.** “Whose merit and which redistribution? Deservingness and varieties of redistributive preferences in Brazil, South Africa, and beyond”

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Moraes Silva, G; Lopez, M; Teeger, C; & **Silva-Muller, L.** “Fear and Trust: Elites and the Politics of Redistribution in the Global South”

LECTURING

Since 2022 **Lecturer (graduate level), Fundamentals of R, The Geneva Graduate Institute**
- Co-designs and co-teaches a course introducing the Fundamentals of R programming language.

Since 2021 **Guest Lecturer (graduate level), Research Methods in Anthropology and Sociology, The Geneva Graduate Institute**
- Co-designs and teaches the module on Computational and Quantitative Methods.

Since 2021 **Guest Lecturer (graduate level), Elites & Inequality, The Geneva Graduate Institute**
- Teaches class on the normative justifications of and methods to study Philanthropy in the 21st Century for Prof. Moraes Silva.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	Best Paper in Amazonian Studies LASA
2023	Swiss National Science Foundation Project Doctoral Mobility Grant
2023	The Swiss Secretariat for Education, Research, and Innovation Early-Career Grant
2021	SNIS International Organization Research Award
2021 & 2022	IHEID ANSO department competitive funding
2018 & 2019	IHEID full academic scholarship
2018	The Davis Peace Project Grant by Davis UWC Scholars
2015	The Japanese Government JASSO scholarship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Since 2020	SNF Research Assistant, Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, The Geneva Graduate Institute - Project: " How elites shape unequal democracies: Perceptions of redistribution in Brazil and South Africa ". - Together with team, designed, conceptualized, and implemented a large-scale survey of CEOs, parliamentarians, and high-level civil servants in Brazil and South Africa.
Since 2022	Principal Member, Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, The Geneva Graduate Institute - Project: " Democracy and Redistribution in the Global south: From Fear to Policy ".
2019	Research Assistant (part-time), Small Arms Survey, Geneva, Switzerland
2019	Research Assistant (part-time), Centre for International Environmental Studies, The Geneva Graduate Institute

INVITED TALKS

2023	"Transnational Climate Regimes in Rainforest States: The Case of Brazil from 1985 to 2022", FGV IR Department Research Seminar, São Paulo-BR
2022	"Expanding Payment for Ecosystem Services in the Brazilian Amazon", invited talk at FEA-USP's 3rd Bioeconomy Workshop, São Paulo, available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLRvMAzIGYE

2022 “How has the Brazilian Amazon been constructed as a problem?” invited talk at the Center of International Environmental Studies, Genève.

2019 “Payment for ecosystem Services in the Brazilian Amazon”, invited talk at Oak Foundation, Genève.

CONFERENCE TALKS

2024 “ Pathways of the Environmental State” Conference of the British Journal of Sociology, London

2023 “*The problem of climate change and comparative historical sociology*” Doing Sociology Now, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics

2023 “*Transnational Climate Regimes in Rainforest States*” Ph.D. Seminar, Doing International Political Sociology, Queen Mary University, London-UK.

2023 “*Seeing (merit) like elites: cultural processes and redistributive preferences at the top*” with G. Moraes Silva, M. Lopez & C. Teeger, ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Session, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia

2023 “*Fear and Trust in Unequal Democracies: Elites and the Politics of Redistribution in the Global South*” with G. Moraes Silva, M. Lopez & C. Teeger, ASA Sociology of Development Section Session, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia

2023 “*Fear and Trust in Unequal Democracies: Elites and the Politics of Redistribution in the Global South*” with G. Moraes Silva, M. Lopez & C. Teeger, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Rio de Janeiro

2023 “*The Amazon as a carbon sink: how transnationalism makes and breaks deforestation policy in Brazil from 1990 to 2020*”, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Rio de Janeiro

2023 “*Technocratic Capacity and Tacit Executive Support in Transnational Climate Mitigation: The Case of Brazil from 1985 to 2022*” Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina, Quito

2022 “*Democracy and Redistribution in the Global South: From Fear to Policy*” Swiss Network of International Studies 2022-3 Grantees Workshops

- 2022 “*The Amazon as a carbon sink: how transnationalism makes and breaks deforestation policy in Brazil from 1990 to 2020*”, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section Session, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles.
- 2022 “*Qual o papel do dinheiro na evolução da governança transnacional da Amazônia de 1990 a 2020*” Congresso Internacional de Ciências Sociais e Humanas em Salamanca, "A Amazônia brasileira: problemas e desafios".
- 2022 “*How has the Brazilian Amazon been constructed as a problem: Presidential speeches and transnational politics since 1985*”, Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy PhD Workshop, IHEID.
- 2021 “*How has the Brazilian Amazon been constructed as a problem: Presidential speeches and transnational politics since 1985*”, Latin American Studies Association.
- 2021 “*Payment for ecosystem services and the practices of environmental fieldworkers in policy implementation: The case of Bolsa Floresta in the Brazilian Amazon*”, Latin American Studies Association.
- 2020 “*Payment for ecosystem services and the practices of environmental fieldworkers in policy implementation: The case of Bolsa Floresta in the Brazilian Amazon*”, ANSO PhD Workshop, IHEID

OTHER WRITINGS & APPEARANCES

- Silva-Muller, L.** & Gassmann, R. (2022) “The Financial Sources of International Geneva, 2000-2020”, study commissioned by the Republic and Canton of Geneva.
- Silva-Muller, L.** (2022) “Redistribution: From Fear to Policy”, grant presentation video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDdae8u8auk>
- Silva-Muller, L.** (2021) “SNIS IO Stipend- Interview with Livio Silva Muller”, podcast interview on my research: <https://soundcloud.com/snisgeneva/snis-io-stipend-interview-with-livio-silva-muller>
- Silva-Muller, L.** & Bullon-Cassis, L. (2020) “Commentary on Rosanvallon’s Counter-democracy: Taking up the Task of Democratic Oversight For Climate (In)Action”, article at: <https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/communications/news/taking-task-democratic-oversight-climate-inaction>

OTHER EMPLOYMENTS

2019- 2020	Environment Programme Associate, Oak Foundation, Genève, Switzerland
2018	Project Manager (part-time), Civitas Maxima (NGO), Genève, Switzerland
2017	Intern, UN's Resident Coordinator's Office, Maputo, Mozambique
2016- 2017	Research Assistant, St. Gallen Institute of Management Latin America, São Paulo, Brazil

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Skills	Advanced user of R programming language (github; baseR; network analysis; text-as-data; web scrapping; survey analysis; tidyverse; markdown)
Languages	<p>Portuguese: native</p> <p>English: proficient (CPE C2 level)</p> <p>German: proficient (Abitur C2 level)</p> <p>French: intermediary (taking B2 level classes)</p> <p>Spanish: basic (good reading, good listening, no speaking)</p>

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2021-2023 Member of the Geneva Graduate Institute Sustainability Target Initiative

- Conducted the 1st baseline analysis of how sustainability appears in the teaching and research curriculum of the Geneva Graduate Institute.
- Together with the direction of research, currently drafting the Institute's directive on sustainable research practices.
- Together with the target initiative, prepared the 2021 Sustainability Annual Report of the institute.

2021-2023 Anthropology and Sociology PhD Students Representative

- Represented the ANSO PhD students in multiple internal reform processes.
- Organized welcome events for new cohorts.
- Assisted in the revision of Doctoral Curricula, in particular 1st year obligatory Doctoral Seminars.

2021-2022 **Student Representative of Research Assistants**

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Swiss School of Latin American Studies (SSLAS)