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Primary Fields of Interest

Political Sociology, Social Movements, Community Organizing, Social Stratification, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography, Latin American Studies.

Previous positions

Colby College (2016-2018)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology

University of Buenos Aires (2014)
- Visiting Scholar, Gino Germani Research Institute.

Education

University of Texas at Austin (2016)
- PhD in Sociology.
Dissertation: "Commitment and Disengagement in a Poor People's Movement".
- Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab.

University of Texas at Austin (2011)
- M.A. in Sociology.

Torcuato Di Tella University (Buenos Aires, Argentina) (2006)
- B.A. in Political Science and Government.

Publications

Books:

Perez, Marcos (2024). *¿Qué Tienen los Piqueteros en la Cabeza?*. Buenos Aires: Siglo XXI.

Perez, Marcos (2022). *Proletarian Lives. Routines, Identity and Culture in Contentious Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Policy briefs and scholarly blogs:

Perez, Marcos (2022). “Neoliberal deindustrialization, working-class identity and collective action in Argentina”. *Fifteeneightyfour*, Cambridge University Press.

Perez, Marcos (2022). “Using Daily Routines to Encourage Civic Engagement”. *Research Briefs*, Scholars Strategy Network.

Perez, Marcos (2022). “Routines, Beliefs and Mobilization: Lessons from a Grassroots Movement in Argentina”. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Perez, Marcos (2020). “Creating Movements People Want to Join”. *FutureEd*, McCourt School of Public Policy. Georgetown University.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Why do people participate in political life, despite personal costs?” *Research Briefs*, Scholars Strategy Network.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Government alliances, policy transformations and the trajectory of contemporary South American grassroots organizations”. *Panoramas*, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Grassroots Mobilization in South America Today: Weakened Allies, Emboldened Opponents, and the Challenge of Sustaining Influence. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Perez, Marcos (2017). “Political Participation and Working Class Routines in the Piquetero Movement”. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Perez, Marcos (2016). “A Turning Tide? Grassroots Movements and a New Political Context in South America”. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Journal articles in preparation:

Pérez, Marcos, Caitlyn Collins, Hyun Jeong Ha, and Vivian Shaw. “International ethnography as a graduate student: towards a discussion of practical lessons”

"Proletarian Lives. Ideas, Routines, and Activism in a Poor People's Movement". Invited Talk, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
"Proletarian Lives. Routines, Identity and Culture in Contentious Politics." Invited Talk, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas.

"Culture and Social Movement Participation: Movement Articulation, Framing, Practices, and Repertoires". Session discussant, 117th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

"Incidental Allyship: Agenda-broadening and LGBTQ Refuge within Community Organizations in the Global South". Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, CA.

"The crisis that never ended: assessing the influence of December 2001 in two decades of mobilization in Argentina" (With Katherine Sobering). Latin American Studies Association 2022 Congress.

2021

"'They Expect Good Things to Fall from the Sky': Traditional Moral Boundaries and Progressive Mobilization in Argentina's Piquetero Movement". Social Science History Association 2021 Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

"Reexamining social movements in US history." Session organizer. 116th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.

"Activism in today's world: new agendas for persistent challenges". Session organizer. 116th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.

"Counter Hegemonic Narratives, State Repression, and Anti-neoliberal Mobilization in Jujuy, Argentina". Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

"Nostalgic progressivism: traditional norms and radical mobilization in two Argentinean grassroots movements." (With Katherine Sobering). Latin American Studies Association 2021 Congress.

"'Todos teniamos un sueldito' Grassroots mobilization, state repression, and labor market exclusion in Jujuy, Argentina". Latin American Studies Association 2021 Congress.

"Big festivals, nice buildings, and clean uniforms. The spatiality of collective action in an Argentinean city". SLAS2021 Conference.

"Between *Reportaje* and *Entrevista*: Challenges to Knowledge Exchange Between Academics and Activists". International Studies Association 2021 Annual Convention.

"Convertirse en Piquetero: Reconstrucción y desarrollo de rutinas proletarias". Invited Talk, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, National University of Jujuy. San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina.

"Community organizing after the good jobs are gone: Latin American social movements and the global politics of blue-collar decline". Mobilization Conference on Social Movements. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.

2011

“Improving Opportunities for the Few at the Top: Pro-market Economic Policies and the Regressive Redistribution of Income”. 106th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.

"Grievances Matter: Unemployment and the trajectory of the piquetero movement". ILASSA

- Organizer, regular session, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 116th meeting, American Sociological Association

- Session presider, 112th, 114th, 115th and 119th Annual Meetings, American Sociological Association.

Languages

- Spanish

- English