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Academic Positions and Affiliations

Georgetown University. Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy (2023 -).

Center for Social Media and Politics (CSMaP), New York University. Postdoctoral Associate (2022-2023).

Twitter, Experience Research Team. Researcher on Civic Integrity and Misinformation (2021-2022)

Education

University of Maryland, College Park.
Ph.D., M.A. Political Science, 2022.
Fields: Political Methodology and Comparative Politics

State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Ph.D. and M.A. Political Science, 2019

Federal University of Para, Brazil. B.A., Law.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[20] Paik, Sejin; **Ventura, Tiago**; Ansell, Rebecca; Toney-Wails, Autumn; Bode, Leticia; Singh, Lisa, 2026. Human-authored or AI-generated? Humans show limited ability to tell the difference for political content on social media. Forthcoming at **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)**

[19] Steven Rathje*, Nejla Asimovic*, **Tiago Ventura***, Sarah Mughal, Claire E. Robertson, Christopher Barrie, Joshua Tucker, and Jay J. Van Bavel. Testing the Causal Impact of Social Media Reduction Around the Globe *Stage 1 Registered Report Accepted in Principle at Nature* *[equal co-first author]

[18] Toney-Wails, Autumn, Bode, Leticia, **Ventura, Tiago**, Wilcox, Ethan, and Singh, Lisa, 2026. Comparing the Humanness of Machine-Generated and Human-Authored Text. **ACM Computing Surveys**

[17] Clemm von Hohenberg, Bernhard; **Ventura, Tiago**, Nagler, Jonathan; Menchen-Trevino, Ericka; Magdalena, Wojcieszak, 2025 Survey Professionalism: New Evidence from Browsing Data **Political Analysis**

[16] **Ventura, Tiago***; Majumdar, Rajeshwari; Nagler, Jonathan; Tucker, Joshua A., 2025 Misinformation Beyond Traditional Feeds: Evidence from a WhatsApp Deactivation Experiment in Brazil Forthcoming at **The Journal of Politics** *[first author]

Winner of the 2024 Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award, recognizing the best overall paper presented on the topic of Political Communication at the 2023 APSA meeting

Winner of the 2024 Information Technology and Politics Award recognizing the best overall paper presented on the topic at the 2023 APSA meeting

Winner of the 2024 Best Paper in Political Behavior presented at the Brazilian Political Science Association Meeting

Winner of the 2024 Best Overall Paper presented at the Brazilian Political Science Association Meeting

[15] Aruguete, Natalia; Calvo, Ernesto; Scarstacini, Carlos; **Ventura, Tiago**, 2025 Keep your promises, even when your peers do not: A Survey Experiment on the Influence of Social Media on Trust Journal of Information, Technology and Politics 1–18. *[equal authorship]

[14] Aruguete, Natalia, Calvo, Ernesto, & **Ventura, Tiago**, 2025 The Fact-Checking Dilemma: Fact-Checking increases the reputation of the fact-checker but creates perceptions of ideological bias. Research and Politics *[equal authorship]

[13] Aruguete, Natalia; Batista, Flavia, Calvo; Ernesto, Guizzo-Altube, Mateo; Scartascini, Carlos, & **Ventura, Tiago**, 2024. Framing fact-checks as a "confirmation" increases engagement with corrections of misinformation: a four-country study. Nature: Scientific Reports, 14(1), 3201. *[equal authorship]

[12] **Ventura, Tiago***; Ley, Sandra; Cantu, Francisco, 2024. Voting for Law and Order: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Mexico, *Comparative Political Studies* 57(4), pp.551-583. *[first-author]

[11] Aruguete, Natalia; Bachman, Ingrid; Calvo, Ernesto; Valenzuela, Sebastian **Ventura, Tiago***, 2023. Truth be told: Cognitive moderators of selective sharing of fact-checks on social media *New Media & Society*, 0(0) *[equal authorship]

[10] Kesari, Aniket; Kim, Jae Yeon; Shah, Sono ; Brown, Taylor Law, Tina; **Ventura, Tiago**, 2023. Training Computational Social Science Ph.D. Students for Academic and Non-Academic Careers *(PS: Political Science & Politics), , 1-6.*

[9] Calvo, Ernesto; **Ventura, Tiago**; Aruguete, Natalia; Waisboard, Silvio, 2023. Winning! Election returns and engagement in social media, *PLOS ONE 18(3): e0281475*

[8] Aruguete, Natalia; Calvo, Ernesto; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2022. Network activated frames: content sharing and perceived polarization in social media, *Journal of Communication*, Volume 73, Issue 1, February 2023, Pages 14–24. *[equal authorship]

[7] Aruguete, Natalia; Calvo, Ernesto; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2022. News by Popular Demand: Ideology, Reputation, and Issue Attention in Social Media News Sharing, *The International Journal of Press/Politics.*, 0(0). *[equal authorship]

[6] Asbury, Victoria; Keng-Chi, Keng; McCabe, Katherine; Munger, Kevin; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2021. The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates, *Journal of Communication, Volume 71, Issue 6.* *[equal authorship]

[5] Aruguete, Natalia; Calvo, Ernesto; Cantu, Francisco; Ley, Sandra; **Ventura, Tiago***; Scartascini, Carlos, 2021. Partisan Cues and Perceived Risks: The effect of partisan social media frames during the Covid-19 crisis in Mexico, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 31(sup1), pp.82-95. *[equal authorship]

[4] **Ventura, Tiago***; Munger, Kevin; Keng-Chi, Keng; McCabe, Katherine, 2021. Connective Effervescence and Streaming Chat During Political Debates, *Journal of Quantitative Description, Digital Midia* 1. *[equal authorship]

[3] Calvo, Ernesto; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2021. Will I get COVID-19? Partisanship, Social Media Frames, and Perceptions of Health Risk in Brazil, *Latin American Politics and Society, 1-26.**[equal authorship]

[2] Aruguete, Natalia; Calvo, Ernesto; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2021. Polarization, News Sharing, and Gatekeeping: A study of the Bolsonaro Election, *Digital Journalism, 9:1, 1-23.* *[equal authorship]

[1] **Ventura, Tiago**, 2021. Do Mayors Matter? Reverse Coattails on Congressional Elections in Brazil, Electoral Studies, 69:102242.

Winner of the Donald C. Piper Award, Best Graduate Student Research Paper, GVPT, UMD

Working Papers

[8] Majumdar, Rajeshwari*; Ventura, Tiago*; Liu, Shelley; Torreblanca, Carolina; Tucker, Joshua. Reducing Social Media Usage During Elections: Evidence from a Multi-Country WhatsApp Experiment *Revise & Resubmit, American Journal of Political Science* *[equal co-first author]

Winner of the 2026 MPSA Best Paper Award in Political Behavior

[7] Megan Brown*, Tiago Ventura*, Joshua A. Tucker, Jonathan Nagler. **Offline partisan segregation exceeds online echo chambers in the United States: Evidence from 1 million American voters** *Revise & Resubmit, Nature Human Behaviour* *[Co-first author]

[6] Ventura, Tiago*; Bisbee, Jim; Graham, Sarah; Tucker, Joshua **Understanding Beliefs in Misinformation: Repetition, Partisan Signals and Bayesian Processing** *Under review* *[first author]

[5] Ventura, Tiago*; Barrie, Christopher; Roberts, Margaret E.; Schwarz, Christopher; Tucker, Joshua A. **The Partisan Effects of Information Control Policies: Evidence from the X Ban in Brazil** *In preparation**[First author]

[4] Vallejo Vera, Sebastian; Ventura, Tiago; Calvo, Ernesto; Clerici, Paula; Arnold, Christian. **Memory and Ideological Bias in Conversations With Large Language Models: Experimental Evidence Across Four Countries** *Data collection*

[3] Lucia Tiscornia, Sandra Ley, and Tiago Ventura. **Criminal governance amid the COVID-19 pandemic in Mexico**. *Under review*

[2] Aruguete, Natalia; Clerici, Paula; Calvo, Ernesto; Scartascini, Carlos; **Ventura, Tiago**. **"Out of my network!" The Effect of Misinformation and Partisan Political Messages on Social Network Pruning** *In preparation* *[equal authorship]

[1] Vallejo, Sebastian; Ventura, Tiago; Wu, Patrick*. **Using Large Language Models and Text-Completion to Augment Web-Browsing Data** *Presented at APSA 2025**[equal contribution]

Peer-Reviewed in Portuguese

[4] Santos, Fabiano; Tanscheit, Talita; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2020. O Partido dos trabalhadores e as instituições Participativas: a influência da dinâmica intrapartidária na adoção do Orçamento Participativo, *DADOS, Rio de Janeiro, vol.63(3).* *[equal authorship]

[3] Pogrebinschi, Thamy, **Ventura, Tiago***, 2017. Mais Participção, Maior Responsividade? As Conferências Nacionais de Políticas Públicas e a Qualidade da Democracia no Brasil, Revista Dados, Rio de Janeiro. *[equal authorship]

[2] Maciel, Natalia, **Ventura, Tiago***, 2017. O Partido dos Trabalhadores na Câmara dos Deputados: a evolução das bases socioeconómicas e territoriais (1994-2014), Revista Opinião Pública, Campinas. *[equal authorship]

[1] **Ventura, Tiago**, 2016. "Democracia e participação. Inovações democráticas e trajetória participativa no Brasil", Cadernos Ebape, FGV, Rio de Janeiro.

Non Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters

[3] **Ventura, Tiago***, Ansell, Rebecca; Paik, Sejin; Toney, Autumn; Bode, Leticia; Singh, Lisa, 2024. Analyzing the perceived humanness of AI-generated social media content around the presidential debate, US Election Analysis 2016: Media, Voters and the Campaign, edited volume. *[first author]

[2] Calvo, Ernesto and **Ventura, Tiago***, 2022. Percepcion subjetiva de riesgo e identidades politicas en Brasil, *Voces del Fenix, 86: pg. 85. Buenos Aires: Argentina.**[equal authorship]

[1] Calvo, Ernesto; Timoneda, Joan; **Ventura, Tiago***, 2020. Big Relational Data: Network-Analytic Measurement, *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations.* *[equal authorship]

Awards

2026 - Winner of the MPSA Best Paper Award in Political Behavior

2024 - Winner of the Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award, recognizing the best overall paper presented on the topic of Political Communication at the 2023 APSA meeting

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2024 - Winner of the Best Overall Paper presented at the Brazilian Political Science Association Meeting

2021 - Mario Fuks Award - Best Paper in the Political Behavior Section of the Brazilian Political Science Association Meeting

2021 - Donald C. Piper Award for Best Graduate Student Research Paper, GVPT, University of Maryland

Grants and Fellowships

2024 - Tech & Public Policy Grant, McCourt School of Public Policy & Project Liberty. Generative AI, Humanness, and Misinformation in the 2024 US Presidential Election, Co-PI with Lisa Singh and Leticia Bode ($ 440,000)

2023 - Tech & Public Policy Grant, McCourt School of Public Policy & Project Liberty. The Effects of WhatsApp on Politics: A Multi-Country Deactivation Experiment, Co-PI with Joshua Tucker ($294,494)

2022 - Siegel Family Endowment, Research Fellow, Cohort 2022 - 2023

2021 - EGAP Small Grant: Issues of governance relating to the COVID-19 pandemic ($10,000) with Sandra Ley and Lucia Tiscornia.

2021 - Young Talent in Computational Social Science Fellowship - Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro ($15,000).

2020 - College of Behavioral Social Science, University of Maryland. Dean's Research Initiative (DRI), Doctoral Dissertation Research 2020 ($2.500)

2019 - The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates, Russel Sage Foundation ($6.000) (With Victory Asbury, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, and Kevin Munger)

2019 - Graduate School University of Maryland, Summer Fellowship($5.000)

2017 - University of Maryland, Dean's Summer Fellowship ($5.000)

2015 - DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship, Short-time research in Germany (€ 4.000)

2013 - State of Rio de Janeiro, The best GPA for Graduate Students in the State of Rio de Janeiro (R$ 24.000)

Invited Talks & Conferences

2026: University of Western Ontarion - Invited Talk
Washington University St Louis - Comparative Politics Annual Conference
2025: George Washington University - CP Workshop
Columbia University - Media Effects Workshop
Annual Conference Center for Social Media and Politics - New York University
COMPPIT - Law School Getulio Vargas Foundation
Georgetown University - Mortara Center Research Seminar
2024: InterAmerican Bank of Development - Development Workshop.
University of Mancherster, Social Media, Misinformation, War Workshop.
CIVICA Social Data Science series - European University Institute
Annual Conference Center for Social Media and Politics - New York University
Invited Speaker Interdisciplinary Lab in CSS - University of Maryland
2023: Conference on Digital Experimentation @ MIT - CODE@MIT
The Post-API Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS):

American Political Science Association, Los Angeles
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
Computational and Experimental Lab in Political Science, Federal University of Pernambuco.
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Washington, Seattle.
Siegel Foundation Conference, New York City.
Conference Social Media and Democracy, Sciences Po, Paris.

2022: Big Data and Governance Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
American Political Science Association, Canada
External Speaker Series - State University of Rio de Janeiro.
Digital Misinformation in the Global South (DIMIS).

2021: Social Data Science Center, University of Maryland.
Data-Science Workshop, Georgetown McCourt School.
World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Latin America
Political Networks Conference (POLNET)
Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2021, Purdue.
Brazilian Political Science Meeting, Political Behavior Section

Teaching

At Georgetown University

PPOL 5203: Data Science I - Foundations, Master in Data Science & Public Policy

PPOL 6801: Text as Data - Computational Linguistics, Master in Data Science & Public Policy

At Getulio Vargas Foundation

Introduction to Computational Social Science Undergraduate Course, FGV-RJ, Brazil, 2021

Service

Reviewer: *Nature Human Behaviour; Nature Communications; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Political Analysis; PLOS One; Social Media + Society; International Journal of Press/Politics; Journal of Politics; Political Geography; Electoral Studies; Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly; Legislative Studies Quarterly; The Communication Review, Information,Communication & Society; Digital Journalism; Perspective on Politics; Latin Amerinca Politics and Society; Dados; Opiniao Publica*

Search Committee - Assistant Professor in Computational Social Sciences, Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy

Search Committee for the Chair of the Government and Politics Department, University of Maryland, College Park.

Graduate Student Methods Representative 2018-2019, GVPT, UMD.

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee - GVPT Representative 2018-2019.

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