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EDUCATION University of California, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D.(c) Sociology & Demography – Joint Program, May 2023

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M.Sc., Demography

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Ecuador

M.Sc., Economics, Aug 2004.

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador

B.A., Economics, May 2001

- *Summa Cum Laude*
- *2001 Cohort Representative*

RESEARCH INTERESTS Global & Transnational Sociology, Sociology of Statistics, Sociology of Expertise, Public Policy and Sociology of Corruption.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. **Villacís B., Thiel A., Capistrano D., Carvalho da Silva, C., (2022)**, “Statistical Innovation in the Global South: Mechanisms of Translation in Censuses of Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana and Sierra Leone,” *Comparative Sociology*, 21, no. 4: 419-446.
2. **Villacís B. (2021)**, “Statistical Expertise: Mechanisms of Emergence: The Case of Ecuador,” *Íconos, Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, 71, 81-102.
3. **Villacís B., Vera D. (2021)**, “Contested Resilience: The effects of the Manabi-Ecuador earthquake in the predisposition to participate in spaces of cooperation,” *Revista de Estudios sobre Reducción de Riesgos de Desastres – REDER*, 5(2), 125-137.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Villacís B. (Forthcoming 2023)**, “Embedding the Disembedded Approach to Corruption” in *A New Sociology of Corruption*, edited by Marco Garrido, Nicholas Wilson and Marina Zaloznaya.
2. **Villacís B. (Forthcoming 2022)**, “Population Censuses in Crisis: United States, Brazil, and Ecuador in comparative perspective” in *The Global Politics of Census Taking: Quantifying Populations, Institutional Autonomy, Innovation*, edited by Walter Bartl, Christian Suter, Alberto Veira-Ramos, Routledge.
3. **Villacís B. (Forthcoming 2022)**, “The gender composition of the anti-corruption expertise” in *Corruption and Anti-Corruption in the Global South*, edited by Fernanda Odilla, Konstantinos Tsimonis, Elitza Katarova, Betram Lang and Michael Johnston.
4. **Villacís B. (2021)**, “Desgoverno Estatístico: Comparativo Censitário Crítico”, Capítulo en *Censo 2021: Experiências na América do Soul*, SNT IBGE – Organização: Luanda Botelho.

5. **Villacís B.**, Roussset B., Mendes G., Nathan M.(2020), “Data Sources and National Statistical Systems”, in *Implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean*, ALAP & UNFPA–Oficina Regional de América Latina y el Caribe.
6. **Villacís B.**, Thomé D.(2019), “Gender Politics in Latin American Censuses: the case of Brazil and Ecuador”, in *Advances in Gender Research*, 28, 119-139, <https://doi.org/10.1108/S1529-212620190000028007>
7. **Villacís B.**, Carrillo D. (2012), “The Socioeconomic Paradox of Galapagos: An analysis of socioeconomic scenarios in Galapagos.” In Walsh S., Mena C., “Social and Ecological Interactions in the Galapagos Islands.” *Springer*: 69–86 <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4614-5794-74>.

INTERNATIONAL
REPORTS

1. **Villacís B. (2019)**, “Population Projections: a comparative study of methodologies across countries”, *Technical Report*, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).
2. **Villacís B. (2018)**, “Microentrepreneurs in Mexico: Profiling Motivations and Preferences”, Technical Report for the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, *Institute for Business & Social Impact – UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business*.
3. **Villacís B. (2016)**, “Technical Comments on the Corruption Perception Index”, chapter in “Transparency and Social Accountability in Ecuador”, *Función de Transparencia y Control Social*, 25–49

BOOKS

1. **Villacís B.**, Carrillo D. (2012), “País Atrevido: La Nueva Cara Socio-Demográfica del Ecuador”. *INEC*. Quito-Ecuador.
2. **Villacís B.**, Carrillo D. (2012), “Estadística Demográfica en el Ecuador: Diagnóstico y Propuestas”. *INEC*. Quito-Ecuador.

UNDER REVIEW

1. **Villacís B.**, “Census in Crisis: A Comparison of Census Bureaus Facing Political Intervention.”

WORKING
PAPERS

1. **Villacís B.**, “On The Mechanisms of Privatization of Symbolic Capital.”
2. **Villacís B.**, “How Science Became Popular: the introduction of statistical reasoning through population censuses campaigns in history.”
3. **Villacís B.**, “Quieter, Powerful and Silent: effects of methodological transitions in population census methodologies.”
4. **Villacís B.**, “When an indicator dies: the history and effects of the Doing Business Index and its chaotic end.”

OPINION
COLUMNS

1. Biweekly Column – Diario El Telégrafo - www.eltelegrafo.com.ec/ByronVillacis, 2017 – 2018
2. Guest Writer – Diario El Universo - www.eluniverso.com/ByronVillacis

TECHNICAL
REPORTS &
OTHER
WRITING

1. **Villacís B.** “La innovación Tecnológica y los Censos de Población”, *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. Aug 13, 2021.
2. **Villacís B.** “Projections vs Censuses: a brief note on their political impact.”, *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. Apr 21, 2021.
3. **Villacís B.** “Dejemos de evadir los Censos de Derecho”, *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. Oct 18, 2017.
4. **Villacís B.** “Números Sucios: transparencia en las encuestas electorales en Ecuador”, *Revista GK*. May 2, 2017.
5. **Villacís B.** “La Década Perdida”, *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. March 11, 2017.
6. **Villacís B.** “Trudeau no es Turnbull: Fracasos Censales y Legitimidad Política,” *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. Sep 16, 2016.
7. **Villacís B.** “Tecnocensos, o censos para humanos,” *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. March 15, 2016.
8. **Villacís B.** “De la dependencia a la interdependencia estadística,” *Observatorio Latinoamericano de Censos de Población, OLAC*. Nov 19, 2015.
9. **Villacís B.** “Una historia sin urgencia para los estudiantes de Yachay ” *GkillCity*. Oct 19, 2015.
10. **Villacís B.** “Una Hillary ecuatoriana II ” *GkillCity*. Jun 1, 2015.
11. **Villacís B.** “Una Hillary ecuatoriana I ” *GkillCity*. Apr 27, 2015.
12. **Villacís B.** “Un Sur para UNASUR ” *Diario El Telégrafo*. Jan 22, 2015.
13. **Villacís B.** “El antimarketing político de Alianza País ” *GkillCity*. Dec 29, 2014.
14. **Villacís B.** “F de Fernanda, F de Festejo ” *GkillCity*. Feb 10, 2014.
15. **Villacís B.** “13 Consejos para Jóvenes Burócratas ” *GkillCity*. Sep 23, 2013.

MEDIA
INTERVIEWS

1. **Villacís Byron.** “El crecimiento no esta balanceado,” *Revista Líderes*. Jan 17, 2018.
2. **Villacís Byron.** “El remezón de la mujer en Ecuador,” *Diario El Comercio*. Jan 8, 2014.
3. **Villacís Byron.** “Economía del hogar, una década después ” *Revista Vistazo*. Oct 19, 2013.

[Other frequent presence in Ecuadorian and Colombian press, radio and TV opinion spaces enlisted in www.byronvillacis.org]

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

- International Consultant** Aug 2018 to Jan 2019
Inter American Development Bank — IADB,
Projects: (1) *Population Projections Methodologies: A Comparative Study* (2) *The Value of Statistics: a monetary estimate of having timely population projections.*
- Graduate Student Researcher** Aug 2017 to Aug 2018
Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley — Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth
Project: *Profiling Motivations and Preferences of Mexican Entrepreneurs*
Supervisor: Laura Tyson, Ph.D
- Support Team – IGS Survey** Aug 2018 to Dec 2018
Institute of Governmental Studies,
University of California, Berkeley
- Graduate Student Researcher** Jan 2016 to May 2017
Sociology Department,
University of California, Berkeley
Supervisor: Cristina G. Mora, Ph.D
- Visiting Scholar** Aug 2012 to Jun 2013
Carolina Population Center,
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Supervisor: Ronald Rindfuss, Ph.D
- General Director** Jan 2007 to Aug 2012
National Institute of Statistics and Censuses,
Ecuador
- Design, execution, and enumeration of the 2010 Population & Household Census
Official Coverage: 97 %.
Official Recognition from the President of the Republic.
 - Direction and execution of 35 national official surveys.
 - Design, execution, and enumeration of the 2010 Economic Census (*after 30 years of absence*).
 - Increased the number of average users per month from 300 in 2006 to 76,000 in 2011.
 - Creation of 3 new departments: Methodology, Cartography, and Environmental Statistics.
 - Creation and administration of 24 statistical national commissions for statistical interinstitutional regulation.
 - Creation of *Analytica*, the first indexed scientific journal of statistics in Ecuador.
 - Administrative responsible for the day-to-day activities of 530 professional staff and 200 contract workers.
 - Responsible for the short, medium, and long-term management, direction and strategic planning.
 - Responsible for an annual average budget of USD \$13MM.
 - Administration and modernization of four regional-administrative subdivisions.
 - Design and execution of institutional rebranding.
- Principal Researcher** Aug 2005 to Dec 2006
Social Research Services Ecuador (SRSE) Ecuador,
Quito-Ecuador

General Director

Apr 2001 to Aug 2005

Spectrum, Social Research and Public Opinion

- Administrative responsible for quantitative and qualitative studies with national coverage.
- Administrative responsible of national research team (20 workers plus fieldwork teams).
- Conceptual design, execution and data analysis of surveys (around 31 national projects).
- Conceptual desing, execution and analysis of focus groups and in-depth interviews (around 23 national projects).
- Personal relation and contact with public leaders, media, policy makers and businessmen.

ACADEMIC
HONORS &
AWARDS

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor 2020 – UC Berkeley Fall 2020
- Scholarship Winner for Remote Instruction Course– UC Berkeley Summer 2020
- Award Winner for Public Sociology Annual Prize – UC Berkeley Fall 2020
- Graduate Scholarship UC–Berkeley:
Social Cohesion Experiment in Ecuador Summer 2015
- National Secretary of Science and Technology Ecuador:
Scholarship for Doctoral Studies - “Excellence Scholarship” Jan 2013-2017
- Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission Ecuador Aug 2010
(Declined in order to complete the 2010 Population Census)
- Alumnus Award, Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) May 2010
Received in “Recognition of Excellence in Public Service in Ecuador”
- Thesis Research Award, (FLACSO) Aug 2004
- Elected Class Representative, USFQ Jun 2001

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

1. Principal Instructor Fall 2021
Course: “Fundamentals of Population Thought”
DEMOG 200
Graduate Level – UC Berkeley
2. Principal Instructor Fall 2020
Course: “Sex, Age and Data”
DEMOG C126 / SOC C126
Undergraduate Level – UC Berkeley
Course Evaluation available here
3. Principal Instructor Summer 2019
Course: “Fundamentals of Population Science”
DEMOG 5
Undergrad Level – UC Berkeley
4. Principal Instructor Intensive – November 2018

- Course: “Construcción de Indicadores Sociales”
(Construction of Social Indicators)
Graduate Level – Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador
5. Principal Instructor Intensive – November 2018
Course: “Enfoques de Planificación y Desarrollo”
(Theories of Development and Planning)
Graduate Level – Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador
6. Principal Instructor Summer 2018
Course: “Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences”
Undergrad Level – UC Berkeley
7. Graduate Student Instructor Spring 2018
Course: “Introduction to Sociology”
SOC 1
Principal Instructor: Sandra Smith
Undergrad Level – UC Berkeley
8. Principal Instructor Jun 2017
Course: “Métodos de Investigación Social”
(Methods of Social Research)
Graduate Level – Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
Evaluation: 83/100,
[Course Evaluation available here](#)
9. Principal Instructor Dec 2016
Course: “Construcción de Indicadores de Desarrollo”
Graduate level – Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador
Evaluation: 9.8/10
10. Principal Instructor Aug 2014
Course: “Investigación Cuantitativa”
Graduate Level – Universidad del Azuay, Ecuador
Evaluation: 9.7/10
11. Graduate Student Instructor Spring 2014
Course: “Social Consequences of Population Dynamics”
DEMOG 126
Undergrad level – UC Berkeley
Evaluation: 6.6/7
[Course Evaluation available here](#)
12. Principal Instructor Aug 2009
Course: “Advanced Market Research”
Graduate level – Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador
Evaluation: 9.1/10
13. Principal Instructor Aug 2006, 2007, 2008
Course: “Market and Social Research”
Graduate level – Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador
Evaluation: (2006) 9.1/10, (2007) 9.6/10, (2008) 8.9/10

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Founder: Latin American Observatory of Population Censuses – OLAC www.observatoriocensal.org Aug 2015-present • Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics SASE 2015-present • International Sociological Association ISA 2019-present • Latin American Association of Population ALAP 2015-present Demographic Data Production and Projections Network “Red PRODATOS” General Moderator 2021 – 2022 • American Sociology Association ASA 2014-present • Population Association of America PAA 2013-present • Executive Commission 2012-2013 American Conference of Statistics Economic Commission for Latin America of United Nations. ECLAC • Interamerican Institute of Statistic 2008-2010 IASI
OCCASIONAL REVIEWER	American Journal of Sociology (AJS), Notas de Población (Latin American Journal on Population and Demography), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Oct 2021 “Quieter, Powerful and Silent: effects of methodological transitions in population census methodologies” Society for Social Studies of Science, (Dis)Trust in Public-Sector Data, Technology, and Science • Presentation: Oct 2021 “The Global Structure of Anti Corruption Experts” Chicago, US Sociology of Corruption Simposium, University of Chicago • Presentation: Jul 2021 “Más silencioso, más poderoso y más indiscutible: implicaciones de cambios metodológicos en censos de población” Coloquio de Eméritos Prácticas y Materialidad del Conocer en Ciencias Sociales. FLACSO – Ecuador

- Presentation: May 2021
 “Population Censuses in Crisis”
 Genealogies of Data Junior Scholars workshop, supported by the UC San Diego
 Institute for Practical Ethics, the USF Center for Applied Data Ethics, and the UC
 San Diego International Institute.
- Presentation: Feb 2021
 “The Role of NGOs in the Construction of Anticorruption As a Dimension of
 Development”
 IV International Sociological Association, Forum of Sociology, Virtual & Porto
 Alegre, Brazil
- Presentation: Feb 2021
 “Population Censuses in Crisis: The Cases of US, Brazil and Ecuador”
 IV International Sociological Association, Forum of Sociology, Virtual & Porto
 Alegre, Brazil
- Presentation: Oct 2020
 “La Situación de la Estadísticas del Ecuador”
 Quito, Ecuador
 Public Hearing at the National Congress of Ecuador
- Presentation: Oct 2019
 “Development NGOs and the historical introduction of corruption as a problem of
 public policy: the cases of Mexico and Ecuador.”
 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Corruption Workshop
 Notre Dame, Indiana
- Presentation: Oct 2019
 “The Genealogy of Corruption International Statistics”
 8th Annual ASA Sociology of Development Conference – Development in Dialogue
 Notre Dame, Indiana
- Presentation: Oct 2018
 “El Valor de la Estadística: Estimación de Oportunidad de Proyecciones de Población”,
 Puebla, Mexico
 Asociación Latinoamericana de Población – ALAP
- Presentation: Oct 2018
 “El rol del género en los censos de población”,
 Puebla, Mexico
 Asociación Latinoamericana de Población – ALAP
- Presentation: Sep 2017
 “La Ronda de los Censos de Población 2020:
 Retos Administrativos, Técnicos y Políticos”,
 Washington DC, USA
 Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo - BID
 Summary of Presentation (Spanish)
- Presentation: Jun 2017
 “Economía Sociológica:
 Los Retos frente al economicismos del mundo contemporáneo”,

Quito, Ecuador
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador - PUCE
Revista de Ciencias Sociales Theorein
Federación de Estudiantes de la PUCE

- ***Organizer and Presentation:*** Jan 2017
“Retos del Nuevo Gobierno: Análisis del Mercado Laboral Ecuatoriano”,
Quito, Ecuador
Universidad San Francisco De Quito,
Co-organized with the Dean of Economics Pablo Lucio Paredes.
[Event Memory](#)
[Photographic Memory](#)
- Presentation: Dec 2016
“Desigualdad en Latinoamérica 1990-2013: Un análisis causal”,
Cuenca, Ecuador
Universidad de Cuenca, Facultad de Economía.
- Presentation: Dec 2016
“Inquietudes sobre el Índice de Transparencia Internacional”
Guayaquil, Ecuador
National Encounter for the International Anticorruption Day,
Organized by the Ecuadorian Official Office of Transparency and Anticorruption – FTCS.
- Presentation: Oct 2016
“Estado de Avance de los Censos de 2020 e Identificación de las Necesidades Nacionales”
Foz de Iguazú, Brasil
VII Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (ALAP)
XX Encontro Nacional de Estudos Populacionais (ABEP)
- Presentation: Jun 2016
“Was it worth it? The Causes of the Reduction of Inequality in Latin America in the 1990-2013 period.”
Berkeley, California
28th Annual Conference
SASE, Society for the Advancement of SocioEconomics.
- Presentation: Jun 2016
“The Transparency of Transparency International”
Berkeley, California
28th Annual Conference
SASE, Society for the Advancement of SocioEconomics.
- Presentation: May 2016
“A Bourdieusian Perspective:
The Transparency of Transparency International”
Berkeley, California
GEMS Meeting, Organized by Marion Fourcade.
- Presentation: May 2016
“The Causes of the Reduction of Inequality

in Latin America (1990-2013 period).”
New York, NY
XXXIV International Congress
LASA, Latinamerican Studies Association

- Poster: Apr 2015
“Leaving Home Age: A comparative analysis of 31 countries”
San Diego, CA
Population Association of America, Annual Meeting.
- Ecuadorian Official Delegate: Feb 2012
“43rd session of the Statistical Commission of United Nations”
United Nations
New York, NY
- Presentation: Apr 2012
“Use of census data for analysis on migration using 2010 population censuses”
INEGI
Mexico DF, Mexico
- Presentation (Invited Keynote Speaker): May 2012
“The system of public security and victimization statistics of Ecuador”
First International Conference of Public Security,
Victimization and Justice Statistics
INEGI
Aguas Calientes, Mexico
- Presentation: Jun 2012
“The new system of official statistics based in Administrative Records in Ecuador.”
INEGI
High Level Training in Official Statistics based in Administrative Records
Mexico DF, Mexico
- Ecuadorian Official Delegate: Feb 2011
“42rd session of the Statistical Commission of United Nations”
Participation in workshops:
-Shifting Paradigms: Innovate Statistical Frameworks to meet Global Challenges in Statistics.
-Population and Housing Census Data Dissemination including CensusInfo.
-Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics: Threats and Responses.
-New technologies in Population and Housing Censuses
United Nations
New York, NY
- Participation: Apr 2011
“High Level Training in Demography and Social Indicators.”
AECID-INE
Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Presentation (Keynote Speaker): Oct 2011
“Surveys and Methodology for Elderly Populations in Ecuador.
The situation of Elderly Populations in Latin-American
Ministry of Social and Economic Inclusion
Quito, Ecuador.

- Presentation (Invited Speaker): Nov 2011
 “Environmental Statistics in Official Statistical Institutes”
 Sixth Meeting of the Statistical Conference of Americas
 High Level Seminar
 CEPAL–United Nations
 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Ecuadorian Official Delegate: Feb 2010
 “41rd session of the Statistical Commission of United Nations”
 Participation in workshops:
 -High Level Forum on Official Statistics:
 Are National Statistical Systems Effective?
 -Modernization of Statistical Production Process
 -Population Censuses in Post-Conflict Countries
 -Environment Statistics and Environmental Accounting
 -Country Practices in SDMX
 United Nations
 New York,NY
- Presentation (Invited Speaker): Jun 2010
 “New ideas for measuring social cohesion in Latin-America”
 International Workshop of Social Cohesion and Taxation
 Program Eurosocial-Fiscalidad
 Madrid, Spain.
- Presentation: Oct 2010
 “International Workshop of Governance and Statistical Systems”
 IAOS
 Santiago, Chile.
- Presentation & Participation: Jan 2009
 “Products, Process and Statistical Infrastructure”
 IAOS
 International Course for Directors of Official Statistical Offices
 FIIAP-INE
 Madrid-Spain.
- Presentation (Invited Speaker): March 2009
 “New indicators of well-being: Ecuador”
 11th International Meeting of Economists:
 Globalization and Development Problems
 AEC
 La Habana, Cuba.
- Presentation: March 2009
 “Indicators of Social and Territorial Cohesion”
 International Workshop
 CEPAL-ONU
 Santiago, Chile.
- Presentation (Invited Speaker): Sep 2009
 “Strategy for diffusion and communication official statistics:
 The case of Ecuadorian segments.”

9th Official Meeting of Inter-American Statistical Institute
IASI-INEI
Lima, Perú.

- Presentation (Invited Speaker): Oct 2009
“New development indicators and happiness in Ecuador.”
World Forum of Statistics, knowledge, politics, progress and new ways of measure
development.
OECD
Busan, South Korea
- Presentation (Invited Speaker): Nov 2009
“The transformation of diffusion and communication of statistics in Ecuador.”
Consortium Meeting and the 5th African Symposium on Statistical Development
Paris 21
Dakar-Senegal
- Presentation: Dec 2009
Official Visit to European Statistical System and International
Forum of Good Practice in Public Statistics
EUROSTAT-CAN
Luxemburg-Luxemburg.
- Presentation: Jan 2008
High Level Seminar: Strengthening of Official Offices of Statistics,
FIIAP-INE
Santo Domingo-Dominican Republic.
- Presentation Jun 2008
25th Meeting of the Andean Committee of Statistics and
Consulted Committee of Antestat
Andean Community of Nations
Bogota-Colombia.
- Participation: July 2008
High Level Meeting for Best Practices in Measuring Democracy
Human Rights and Governance
Paris 21-Metagora Project
Paris-France.
- Participation: Oct 2008
Official Meeting of the Executive Committee
of Conference of American Statistics
United Nations and
High Level Seminar: Regional Strategy for Measuring Millennium Development
Goals
United Nations
Santo Domingo-Dominican Republic.
- Ecuadorian Official Delegate: Feb 2007
“38th session of the Statistical Commission of United Nations”
United Nations
New York,NY

- Participation: March 2007
International Workshop-Seminar: Modernization of Public Statistics,
FIIAP
Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Participation: Jun 2007
International Workshop: Harmonized Vision of Censuses 2010,
BID-CEPAL
Santiago-Chile.
- Participation: Jun 2007
International Workshop: Measuring Human Rights and Governance,
OECD-Paris 21–Metagora Project
Sao Paulo-Brazil.