

# THOMAS BRAMBOR

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## EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT

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- 2017 – present Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Department of Politics at New York University
- 2017 – present Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) Program at Columbia University
- 2012 – 2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the project “Reform Capacity of Governments” at Lund University, Sweden  
Principal Investigator: Johannes Lindvall
- 2012 Ph.D. in Political Science & M.A. in Economics, Stanford University  
Dissertation Title: “Taxation, Natural Resources, and Representation”  
Dissertation Committee: David Laitin (Chair), Simon Jackman, Jonathan Rodden
- 2010 – 2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Alexander Hamilton Center of Political Economy at New York University
- 2009 Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,  
Portuguese Language Program
- 2008 Middlebury College, VT, Intensive Summer Language Program in Portuguese
- 2004 Bachelor of Arts, New York University  
*summa cum laude* in Economics (with honors) and Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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- Brambor, Thomas and Johannes Lindvall, “The Ideology of Heads of Government, 1870–2012.” *European Political Studies*. (2017, forthcoming). doi : 10.1057/s41304-017-0124-9
- Brambor, Thomas, Albertus Michael, & Ricardo Ceneviva, “Land Inequality and Rural Unrest: Theory and Evidence from Brazil.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, (2017, forthcoming).
- Brambor, Thomas and Ricardo Ceneviva, “Reeleição e Continuísmo nos Municípios Brasileiros.” *Novos Estudos - CEBRAP*, no. 93 (July 2012): 09–21.
- Brambor, Thomas, Clark, William R., & Golder, Matt (2007). Are African party systems different?. *Electoral Studies*, 26(2), 315-323. Chicago
- Brambor, Thomas, Clark, William R., & Golder, Matt (2006). “Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analysis”. *Political Analysis* 14(1): 63-82
- \_\_\_ Reprinted in W. Paul Vogt. 2008. *Selecting Research Methods*. London: Sage Publications
- \_\_\_ Reprinted in Salvatore Babones. 2013. *Applied Statistical Modeling*. London: Sage Publications
- \_\_\_ Reprinted in Salvatore Babones. 2013. *Fundamentals of Regression Modeling*. London: Sage Publications

## WORK UNDER REVIEW

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- The Lay of the Land: Information Capacity and the Modern State (with Agustín Goenaga, Johannes Lindvall & Jan Teorell) - *Under Review at Comparative Political Studies*
- Fiscal Capacity and the Enduring Legacy of the First Income Tax Law - *Under Review at Comparative Politics*

## WORK IN CIRCULATION

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- Fiscal Capacity, Domestic Compensation, and Trade Policy: A Long-Term View (with Johannes Lindvall)

Incumbency Advantage in Brazilian Local Elections (with Ricardo Ceneviva)  
 Blame in on the Crisis: Understanding the Political Cost of Taxation  
 Democratic Breakdowns in Economic Crises: The Role of Political Ideology (with Johannes Lindvall)  
 Electoral Accountability and the Impact of Resource Royalties: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Brazil  
 Local Governance in Brazilian Municipalities: Effects of Revenue Composition and Electoral Competition on Municipal Finance  
 Local Political Competition in Brazil: Oxymoron or Modern Reality (with Ricardo Ceneviva)  
 Oil and Institutional Change: Is there a Resource Curse?  
 Who stole the chalk? Mismanagement of Education Transfers in Brazilian Municipalities"

#### DATA PROJECTS

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2017	Full text accessible database of 4100 Annual Statistical Yearbooks for 97 countries from 1820 – 2010 ( <i>website in preparation</i> )
2017	Dataset on “Keeping Record for the State” – a cross-national dataset on national censuses, statistical agencies, audit courts, and tax bureaucracies (1800–2014), with Johannes Lindvall and Jan Teorell.
2015	Dataset on the “Ideology of Heads of Government (HOG) 1870–2012” available at <a href="http://www.reformcapacity.org/data">www.reformcapacity.org/data</a> . With Johannes Lindvall and Annika Stjernquist.
2015	Dataset on “Financing the State - Central Government Revenues, 1800–2012” available at <a href="http://www.reformcapacity.org/data">www.reformcapacity.org/data</a> . With Per Andersson.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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2017	„The Lay of the Land: Information Capacity and the Modern State“ presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA
2017	„Taxation, Revenue, and Fiscal Capacity“, invited presentation at the Conference on Taxation, March 9, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
2016	„Building Fiscal Administration: New Theory and Evidence“ presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA
2016	„Comparing Economic Crises and Security Crises: What can we learn?“, presented at the Conference of the Council of European Relations in Philadelphia, April 2016
2015	„Blame in on the Crisis: Understanding the Political Cost of Taxation“ presented in June 2015 at the European Political Science Association Meeting in Vienna, Austria & March 2016 at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016
2015	„Fiscal Capacity and the Enduring Legacy of the First Income Tax Law” presented in March 2015 at the ECPR Joint Sessions in Warsaw, Poland & in June 2015 at the Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association in Vienna, Austria
2014	„Electoral Accountability and the Impact of Resource Royalties: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Brazil” presented by invitation at the “Workshop on Political Institutions and Inclusive Development”, November 2014, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
2014	„The Political Economy of Tax Capacity: Comparing the Historical Experiences of

- Europe and Latin America” presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2014, Washington D.C.
- 2014 with Johannes Lindvall. „Fiscal Capacity, Domestic Compensation, and Trade Policy: A Long-Term View” presented at co-organized workshop “Policy Reforms in Europe and Latin America: The Promises and Pitfalls of Cross-Regional Comparisons“, June 2014, Lund University & at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2014, Washington D.C.
- 2013 “Introducing the Income Tax: The Historical Legacy of Institutions and Ideology”. Invited Talks at the Quality of Government Institute in Gothenburg (October 2013) & the Comparative Institutional Analysis Group Seminar at the Lund University Institute of Economic Research (November 2013).
- 2013 with Ricardo Ceneviva and Michael Albertus “Land Reform and Land Invasions in Brazil” presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2013, Chicago, IL
- 2013 “The Political Economy of Tax Capacity” presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2013, Chicago, IL
- 2013 with Ricardo Ceneviva and Michael Albertus, “Loosening the Safety Valve: The Effect of Land Reform on Land Invasions in Brazil” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2013.
- 2012 with Ricardo Ceneviva, “Local Political Competition in Brazil: Oxymoron or Modern Reality”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2012.
- 2012 “Effect of Legislature Size on Government Spending: Evidence from Brazil” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2012
- 2011 with Ricardo Ceneviva. “Incumbency Advantage in Brazilian Local Elections”. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31, 2011 & American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1, 2011
- 2011 “Is all campaign spending created equal? Evidence from Brazilian Municipal Elections”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1, 2011
- 2010 “Who stole the chalk? Mismanagement of Education Transfers in Brazilian Municipalities”. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22, 2010 & American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010
- 2009 “Resource Royalties in Brazil”. Paper presented at the Stanford-Berkeley Comparative Politics Conference, Berkeley, CA, April 17, 2009
- 2009 “Local Governance in Brazilian Municipalities: Effects of Electoral Competition on Municipal Finance”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3, 2009
- 2008 “Oil and Institutional Change: Is there a Resource Curse?”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2008
- 2004 with William Roberts Clark and Matt Golder. “Understanding Interaction Models: What We Thought We Knew But Obviously Didn't”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15, 2004

## AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

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2016	Travel Grant Council of European Relations (\$1000)
2014	Axel Wenner-Gren Foundation (approx. \$3000)
2013	Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Fund (approx. \$25,000), co-applicant
2013	Sandblom Foundation (approx. \$16,000), co-applicant
2012 – 2015	Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship at EU Funded project “Reform Capacity of Governments (Lund University, Sweden)
2010 – 2011	Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship at Alexander Hamilton Center (NYU)
2008 – 2010	Ric Weiland Family Graduate Fellowship
2005 – 2010	Stanford Graduate Fellowship
2009	Grant from Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity (GRO) Fund for Fieldwork in Brazil (January – April 2009) (\$8,500)
2004	Robert B. Dow Award for <i>‘four years of devoted service to the college’</i>
2003	Murray Altman Prize <i>‘for an outstanding record in economics and related subjects’</i>
2003	Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund Grant for Honor’s Thesis (\$1,000)

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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2006	Professor Michael Tomz, February - December 2006 Project: Historical development of Bond Markets in Germany and Switzerland
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## TEACHING & ADVISING

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### TEACHING

2017	Modern Data Structures (MA, Columbia University, Fall 2017)
2017	Data Visualization (MA, Columbia University, Spring 2017)
2017	Quantitative Methods for Political Science (Undergraduate, NYU, Spring 2017)
2015	Intl. Political Economy and Development (MA, Lund University, Fall 2015)
2014	Interdiscipl. Course on Quantitative Methods (PhD, Lund University, Spring 2015)
2013/2014	Research Methodology (MA, Lund University, Fall 2013 and 2014)
2014	Good Research Course (PhD Level, Lund University, Co-Taught)
2011	International Political Economy (Undergraduate, NYU), Spring 2011
2010	Political Economy of Development (Graduate, NYU), Fall 2010

### TEACHING ASSISTANCE

2008	TA for Advanced Political Methodology (PS 350C, PhD) taught by Professor Simon Jackman, Spring 2008
2008	TA for Comparative Democratic Development (PS 344, Undergraduate) taught by Professor Larry Diamond, Winter 2008
2007	TA for Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 4, Undergraduate) taught by Professor David Laitin, Spring 2007
2007	TA for Intermediate Political Methodology (PS 350B, PhD) taught by Professor Simon Jackman, Winter 2007

2006	TA for Democracy Development, and the Rule of Law (PS114D, Undergraduate) taught by Professor Michael McFaul and Professor Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Fall 2006
ADVISING	
2014 – 2015	Thesis Advisor for 13 Master Theses in Political Science, Development Studies, and Global Development
2013 – 2016	Individual advising on quantitative methodology for thesis writing (BA/MA/PhD)
OTHER	
Refereeing	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of Politics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A, Statistics in Society, Political Science and Research Methods, Social Science Quarterly
Department Service	Organization of the Political Economy Seminar at Lund University (joint with the Economics Department); Ph.D. admissions evaluations at Lund University MA program admissions committee at QMSS (Columbia University)
Languages	German – Native English - Fluent Portuguese - Intermediate Spanish – Basic Reading
Technical Skills	Expert use of Stata and R statistics and data visualization packages; large-n dataset manipulation and coding; spatial statistics and Geographic Information Systems (GIS); text analysis; interactive data visualization using D3.js; Basic use of Jags; Python; web scraping

## REFERENCES

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