

# Andrea Vilán

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Human Rights, International Law & Organizations, Transnational Activism, Latin American Politics, Public Policy.	
CURRENT POSITIONS	<b>American University</b> , School of Public Affairs Assistant Professor, Dept. of Justice, Law & Criminology Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American & Latino Studies	2022–present 2022–present
PAST APPOINTMENTS	<b>Princeton University</b> , School of Public and International Affairs Postdoctoral Research Associate <b>University of California</b> , Center for American Politics & Public Policy Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow	2019–2022 2018–2019
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Ph.D. in Political Science, 2018 <b>Universidad Torcuato Di Tella</b> , Argentina M.A., International Studies, 2017 <b>Universidad de San Andrés</b> , Argentina B.A., International Relations, 2007	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Teaching Transcript, Princeton University Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)	2021 2020 2015
DISSERTATION & BOOK PROJECT	The Domestic Incorporation of Human Rights Treaties Committee: Leslie Johns (chair), Barry O’Neill, Kal Raustiala and Arthur Stein <i>Winner of the 2019 Best Dissertation Award</i> <i>American Political Science Association, Human Rights Section</i>	

Why do some treaty members align their domestic laws with human rights treaty standards while others do not? I explore the role of rival domestic activism on treaty incorporation. I argue that because human rights treaties activate social conflict over distribution and morality, domestic groups mobilize against the incorporation of human rights standards into national legislation. When governments face competing pressures from civil society, treaty incorporation is jeopardized, thus undermining efforts to improve respect for human rights around the world. I test this argument by leveraging original data of legislation against child labor and child marriage and elite interviews I conducted in Latin America.

PUBLICATIONS	<p>Comstock, Audrey L. and <b>Andrea Vilán</b>. 2024. “Looking Beyond Ratification: Autocrats’ International Commitment to Women’s Rights,” <i>Politics &amp; Gender</i> (20)1: 223-228. doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X22000472</p> <p><b>Vilán, Andrea</b>. 2023. “The Evolution of the Global Movement to End Child Marriage,” in <i>Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice</i>, Smith-Cannoy, Heather and Redeker-Hepner, Tricia (eds.), Routledge, p. 110-127.</p> <p><b>Vilán, Andrea</b>. 2022. “The Evolution of the Global Movement to End Child Marriage.” <i>Journal of Human Rights</i>, 21(2): 227-244. doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2022.2030208</p>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Universal Rights, Uneven Impacts: The Domestic Incorporation of Human Rights Treaties.” <i>Book manuscript under review</i>.</p> <p>“When Treaty Beneficiaries Resist: Working Children and Opposition to Human Rights Norms.” <i>Presented at ISA NE 2022</i>.</p> <p>“Monitoring Treaty Implementation.” <i>Data collection funded by APSA Centennial Center and Public Affairs &amp; Policy Lab. Presented at ISA 2022 and APSA 2022</i>.</p> <p>“Negotiating the Prohibitions against Child Marriage in International Law.” <i>Presented at ISA 2023</i>.</p> <p>“Petitioning for Rights: Displaced Children in the United Nations” (with Rachel J. Schoner). <i>Data analysis in progress</i>.</p> <p>“Internal Dynamics of Transnational Advocacy Networks” (with Kelebogile Zvobgo).</p> <p>“Obstructionists against Climate Activists: How Domestic Interest Groups Shape Latin American Countries’ Engagement with the Escazú Agreement” (with Belén Fernández Milmanda). <i>Data collection in progress</i>.</p>
FIELDWORK	<p>Argentina (Buenos Aires), Bolivia (La Paz), Chile (Santiago), Colombia (Bogotá), Perú (Lima), Uruguay (Montevideo)</p>
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Finalist – Runner Up, Lynne Rienner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation Human Rights Section, International Studies Association (ISA) 2020</p> <p>Best Dissertation Award Human Rights Section, American Political Science Association (APSA) 2019</p> <p>Dissertation Year Fellowship Graduate Division, UCLA 2017–2018</p> <p>Graduate Fellowship Department of Political Science, UCLA 2011-2012, 2016</p> <p>Karpf Peace Prize</p>

Department of Political Science, UCLA	2011
Fulbright Civic Initiative Fellowship University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2011
Graduate Scholarship Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina	2009-2010
Best Senior Thesis Award Social Sciences Department, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina	2007
Undergraduate Scholarship Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina	2003-2007

#### GRANTS

“Monitoring Treaty Incorporation at the UN” <i>Public Affairs &amp; Policy Lab</i> , American University \$4,000	2024
“Monitoring Treaty Implementation” <i>Public Affairs &amp; Policy Lab</i> , American University \$4,000	2023
“Universal Rights, Uneven Impacts: The Domestic Politics of Treaty Incorporation” <i>Halfat Book Incubator Grant</i> , American University \$7,000	2022
“When the Beneficiaries Oppose the Treaty: the Case of Bolivia’s Child Workers” <i>Faculty Research Grant</i> , Princeton Program in Latin American Studies \$2,000	2021
“Monitoring Treaty Incorporation” <i>Centennial Grant</i> , APSA \$1,500	2020
“The Global Movement against Child Marriage” <i>Travel Grant</i> , ISA \$300	2019
“The Domestic Incorporation of Human Rights Treaties” <i>Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship</i> Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA \$4,000	2018
<i>Summer Fieldwork Fellowship</i> International Institute, UCLA \$5,000	2016
<i>Dissertation Research Travel Grant</i> Graduate Division of Arts and Sciences, UCLA \$1,000	2015
“International Politics of Human Rights” <i>Instructional Improvement Grant</i> Office of Instructional Development, UCLA \$250	2017
“A Reevaluation of the Falklands/Malvinas Conflict in Light of New Evidence” <i>Tinker Field Research Grant</i> Latin American Institute, UCLA \$2,000	2013

#### INVITED TALKS

“Universal Rights, Uneven Impacts: The Domestic Politics of Treaty Incorporation”
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William & Mary	February 2023
UC Santa Barbara	January 2023
Temple University	October 2022
“Eradicating Child Marriage: The Role of the United Nations” Christopher Newport University	February 2023
International Justice Lab Nexus Speaker Series, William & Mary	February 2023
“Rival Networks in Human Rights” Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law & Courts	June 2022
“Negotiating the Prohibitions against Child Labor” Constructing and Deconstructing International Law, ASU	April 2022
“The Incorporation of Human Rights Treaties” Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Leicester Law School	April 2022 February 2022
“The Global Movement against Child Marriage” Human Rights on Edge, Arizona State University (ASU)	April 2021
“When the Beneficiaries Oppose the Treaty: The Case of Bolivia’s Child Workers” Tulane University IR Theory Colloquium	September 2023 March 2021
Resistance & Opposition to Liberal International Institutions, U Chicago	May 2021
“The Domestic Politics of Child Marriage Prohibitions” International Justice Lab Nexus Speaker Series, William & Mary	March 2021
“The Distributive Effects of Human Rights Treaties” Qualitative Research Colloquium, Princeton University	2019

CONFERENCES

International Studies Association (ISA), Annual Meeting	2009, 2019, 2022, 2023
American Sociological Association (ASA), Annual Meeting	2023
ISA Northeast	2022
ISA International Conference, Accra	2019
American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Meeting	2017, 2022
American Society of International Law, Midyear Research Forum	2022
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2017, 2018
Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político Annual Congress	2009
International Peace Research Association Conference	2008

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
— INSTRUCTOR

<b>American University, School of Public Affairs</b> Introduction to Legal Studies Research	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
<b>Princeton University, School of Public &amp; International Affairs</b>	

The Politics of Public Policy (graduate) Fall 2019, 2020 & 2021

**UCLA, Center for American Politics & Public Policy**

Research Methods Fall 2018—Spring 2019

**UCLA, Department of Political Science**

World Politics Summer 2017

International Politics of Human Rights Spring 2017

Teaching Political Science (graduate) Fall 2015

Mathematical Methods for Political Science (graduate) Summer 2014, 2015 & 2016

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
— TEACHING  
ASSISTANT

**UCLA, Global Studies & Department of Political Science**

Globalization: Governance and Conflict Winter 2017

International Organizations Spring 2015

Foreign Policy Decision-Making Winter 2015

International Law Fall 2014

Introduction to Data Analysis Spring 2014

Statistical Methods II (graduate) Winter 2014

World Politics Fall 2013

Politics and Strategy Spring 2013

International Relations Theory Winter 2013

World Politics Fall 2012

SERVICE

**Conferences & Workshops**

Discussant, Paper Session at ISA Annual Meeting 2023

Co-organizer (with Whitney K. Taylor), Workshop on “*Incorporating, Embedding, Implementing, Vernacularizing: Making Law Meaningful at the Local Level*” 2022

Discussant, Relaciones Internacionales Empíricas 2022

Discussant, Act in Courts / UNL HR Program 2020

Discussant, Paper Session at APSA Annual Meeting 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022

Discussant, Poster Session at MPSA Annual Meeting 2018

**School of Public Affairs at American University**

Mentor, Latino and Hispanic Faculty/Staff Affinity Group 2022–2024

Faculty Search Committee 2023

**Political Science Department at UCLA**

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee 2017–2018

Graduate Student Mentor in International Relations 2015–2017

Co-President (with Sarah Brierley), Graduate Student Association 2014–2015

Student Organizer, International Relations Speaker Series 2014–2015

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee 2013–2014

Co-Organizer (with Sarah Brierley), Pieces of the Craft Workshops 2012–2013

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Spanish (native), French (intermediate), Portuguese (beginner)

COMPUTER R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
PROGRAMMING

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