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Education

- Feb. 2013 - **Ph.D. and M.A in Anthropology and Sociology**
 Sep. 2017 Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland)
 Defense/Viva Voce held on the 26 September 2017
Summa Cum Laude with special commendation from the Jury
- Sep. 2011 - **M.A in Anthropology and Sociology of Development**
 Feb. 2013 Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Sep. 2009 - **M.A. in International Affairs** (emphasis on International Development)
 Jun. 2011 Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada)
- Jul. 2002 - **B.A. + 2 /License in Economics** (with honors)
 Mar. 2008 Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia)

Research Positions (after Ph.D)

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| Areas | Rural development, economic anthropology, climate justice, science and technology studies |
| Sep. 2021 - present | Postdoctoral Researcher (with lecturing and managing responsibilities) Centre for International Environmental Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) Project: <i>"Accounting for Nature: Agriculture and Mitigation in the Era of Climate Change"</i> |
| Jan 2021 - Jan. 2022 | Project Co-Lead Centre for International Environmental Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) Project: <i>"Green Dealings: Negotiating lithium between South America and Europe for batteries that fuel a just energy transition."</i> |
| Oct 2018 - Jun. 2020 | Swiss National Foundation (SNF) Postdoctoral Fellow University of Oxford - Institute for Science, Innovation and Society (Oxford, UK) & University of California Santa Barbara - Department of Anthropology (California, USA) Project: <i>"Local Environments, Global Solutions: The Politics of Climate-Smart Narratives and New Agricultural Biotechnologies in Argentina."</i> |
| Sep. 2017 - Sep. 2018 | Postdoctoral Researcher Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (Geneva, Switzerland) Project: <i>"Bringing the Seed Wars to the Courtroom: Legal Activism and the Governance of Plant Genetic Resources in Brazil and India'."</i> |
| Jan. 2017 - Jun. 2017 | Junior Research Fellow Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (Vienna, Austria) Project: <i>Protecting the Vital: Analyzing the Relationship between Agricultural Biosafety and the Commodification of GM Crops in Colombia"</i> |

Research Grants Awarded (funds raised)

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| Summary | Projects: 4 | Value of Grants Obtained: ~ USD 611,000 | Collaborations: 24 Institutions |
| Jan. 2023 - present | • Project: | <i>"Counting Carbon: the Shaping of Low-Carbon Landscapes and Environmental Justice in Colombia"</i> | |
| | Funders: | - Leading House for the Latin American Region | CHF 48,500 |
| | | - Universidad Javeriana Laudato Si Grant | COP 50,000,000 |
| | | - Human Geography Journal Writing Grant | USD 4,000 |

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| Dec. 2021 – Jan. 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: “<i>Green Dealings: Negotiating lithium between South America and Europe for batteries that fuel a just energy transition.</i>” | |
| | Funders: - Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) CHF 266,000 - Leading House for the Latin American Region CHF 21,600 | |
| Oct. 2018 – Apr. 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: “<i>Local Environments, Global Solutions: The Politics of Climate-Smart Narratives and New Agricultural Biotechnologies in Argentina.</i>” | |
| | Funder: - Swiss National Science Foundation - Postdoc Grant CHF 79,000 | |
| Feb. 2013 – Jun. 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: “<i>Protecting the Vital: Analyzing the Relationship between Agricultural Biosafety and the Commodification of GM Crops in Colombia</i>” | |
| | Funders - Swiss National Science Foundation – Doc.CH Grant CHF 128,000 - Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen EU 10,000 - Centro Latino Americano Suizo CHF 5,000 | |

Prizes, Fellowships

| Summary | Total: 10 | Best Article: 2 | Best PhD thesis: 2 | Fellowships/Scholarships: 6 |
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Academic Prizes

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| Dec. 8 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcel Roche Award – Best 2022 article in Latin American Science and Technology Studies. Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y Tecnología. |
| Jun. 14 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prix de l’Association des Anciens – Best 2017 PhD thesis Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. |
| May. 26 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateinamerikapreis – Best 2017 Swiss thesis on Latin American Studies Fonds für Lateinamerikastudien. University of St. Gallen. |
| Jun. 13 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leónidas Mora Essay Contest – Best article: ‘<i>Retorno a las Controversias del Capital: de Cómo Olvidar los Problemas de la Teoría Económica.</i>’ Cuadernos de Economía. Universidad Nacional de Colombia |

Academic Fellowships

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| Nov. 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Scholar Fellowship. Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies. University of Hamburg (Germany) |
| Jan. 17 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWM Fellowship Award - To spend a semester as a Junior Fellow in Vienna. Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM). |

Publications

| Summary | Journal articles: 14 | Special issues edited: 3 | Book chapters & reviews: 3 | Policy and public comms: 5 |
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Journal articles

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| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Diego, H. Nathalia, G. Laura, F. Benno, N. Martina. Unraveling the colonialities of climate change and action. Introduction to the special issue “Colonialities of climate change and action.” <i>Journal of Political Ecology</i> 31(1): 624-635 https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.6365 |
| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galvin Shaila & Silva Diego. The political life of mitigation initiatives: from carbon accounting to carbon accountability. <i>Journal of Peasant Studies</i> 50(6): 2259–2282 https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2022.2153043 |
| 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silva Diego, Hernandez Nathalia, Holmes Christina. Wounded relational worlds: destruction and resilience of multispecies relationality in the age of climate change. <i>Alternautas</i> 9(1): 129-162. https://doi.org/10.31273/an.v9i1.1172 |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silva Diego. From standard to region-specific monocrops: localizing industrial agriculture through microbes’ taste of place. <i>Tsantsa: Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association</i> 26(1): 18-36. https://doi.org/10.36950/tsantsa.2021.26.6921 |

- 2020 • Silva Diego. Keep calm and carry on: climate ready crops and the genetic codification of climate ignorance. *Science Technology & Human Values* 46(5): 1048–1075
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0162243920974092> (**Article awarded Marcel Roche Prize**)
- 2020 • Silva Diego. 2020. “Argentinean agribusiness and the porous agricultural company.” *Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society*. 3(1): 170-189.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/25729861.2020.1768792>
- 2020 • Silva Diego & Gutierrez Laura. 2020. “*Revolturas*: resisting multinational seed corporations and legal seed regimes through seed-saving practices in Colombia.” *Journal of Peasant Studies*. 47(4): 674-679. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2019.1668780>
- 2020 • Silva Diego & Postero Nancy, eds. Introduction to the special issue “Indigenous and afrodescendant movements and organizations: resisting, performing and re-purposing dominant categories.” *Alternautas: the Abdayala Chapter* 7(1): 9-30.
<https://doi.org/10.31273/alternautas.v7i1.1101>
- 2019 • Silva Diego. 2019. “Tres lógicas de acción y reacción para la monopolización de los mercados de semillas en Colombia.” *Revista Colombiana de Antropología (RCA)* 55(2): 9-37.
<https://doi.org/10.22380/2539472X.795>
- 2017 • Silva Diego. 2017. “Security and safety in the glyphosate debate: a chemical cocktail for discussion.” *Alternautas: the Abdayala Chapter*. 4(2): 46-59.
<https://doi.org/10.31273/alternautas.v4i2.1061>
- 2017 • Carballo Ana, Giraud Eugenia, Silva Diego, Waldmuller Johannes, eds. Introduction to the special issue “Agribusiness, (neo) extractivism and food sovereignty: Latin America at a crossroads?” *Alternautas: the Abdayala Chapter* 4(2): 4-12.
<https://doi.org/10.31273/alternautas.v4i2>
- 2011 • Silva Diego. 2011. “Going beyond recognition: building a property rights system for indigenous territories.” *International Affairs Review*. Elliot School of International Affairs. George Washington University. 20(1): 1-20
- 2010 • Silva Diego. 2010. “Analysing the absence of development studies in the developing world.” *Paterson Review*. Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. 11 (1): 25-41
- 2008 • Silva Diego & Castellanos Amanda. 2008. “Going back to the capital controversies: how to forget the problems of economic theory” *Econografos-Cuadernos de Economía*. 1(1): 4-22. (**Article awarded Leonidas Mora Prize**)

Special Journal Issues (edited)

- 2024 • S. Diego, H. Nathalia, G. Laura, F. Benno, N. Martina. “Colonialities of climate change and action.” *Journal of Political Ecology* 31(1)
- 2020 • Silva Diego & Postero Nancy, eds. “Indigenous and afrodescendant movements and organizations: resisting, performing and re-purposing dominant categories.” *Alternautas: the Abdayala Chapter* 7(1): 9-30.
- 2017 • Carballo Ana, Giraud Eugenia, Silva Diego, Waldmuller Johannes, eds. “Agribusiness, (neo) extractivism and food sovereignty: Latin America at a crossroads?” *Alternautas: the Abdayala Chapter* 4(2): 4-12. <https://doi.org/10.31273/alternautas.v4i2>

Book Chapters and Reviews

- Upcoming • Batterbury S. & Silva D. “Social justice and publishing in political ecology.” In Apostolopoulou, Collins, Hope, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Political Ecology II*.
- 2023 • Silva Diego. “Seed activism, patent politics and litigation in the global south” by Karine Peschard. *AAG Reviews* 11(4): 5-8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2325548X.2023.2240963>
- 2020 • Silva Diego. “Tejiendo las fibras sociales del algodón: crisis y estrategias del mercado laboral en el sector algodonero colombiano.” in Baquero-Melo Jairo, ed. “Territorios, conflictos

agrarios y construcción de paz: comunidades, asociatividad y encadenamientos en el Huila y sur del Tolima.” Universidad del Rosario. 2020: 244-286.

<https://doi.org/10.12804/tj9789587843736>

Public Communications (Blog Articles, Interviews, Policy Papers)

- 2024 • Silva Diego. [Carbon Nuggets: Cashew, Chocolate and Carbon Farming in Colombia](#). *Harvard Review of Latin American Studies*.
- 2022 • Gutiérrez Escobar, L., De la Hoz, N., Hernández, N. & Silva, D. [¿Cuál es el valor de un bosque? Justicia ambiental y políticas de conservación en los programas REDD+ en Colombia](#). *Boletín Amazónico. Programa Amazónico Javeriano* 2(4).
- 2022 • Silva Diego. [“Trigo HB4: Realidades, Mitos y Relatos Sobre los Cultivos Transgénicos.”](#) Interview by: Lisandro Arelovich.
- 2021 • Silva Diego. [“Climate-Resilient Seed-Words”](#). *Weather Matters - Fall Series 2021*.
- 2011 • Yanez Ernesto. Rojas Ronald, Silva Diego. “The Juancito Pinto conditional cash transfer programme in Bolivia: Analysing the impact on primary education”? Policy Brief: Fondation Canadienne pour les Amériques (FOCAL).

Teaching Experience

| Summary | Courses: 9 (4 Graduate; 5 Undergraduate) | Guest lectures: 7 (Graduate) | Institutions: 5 |
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| Spring 2024 | Lecturer - Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies | | |
| 2023 | M.A. in International Development. Course: - <i>Anthropology of Climate Change</i> | | |
| Fall 2022 | Guest Lecturer – Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies | | |
| | M.A. in Anthropology and Sociology of Development. Courses: “Environment and Society” & “Agrarian Worlds”. Lectures: - <i>Climate Smart Agriculture</i> - <i>Genetically modified organisms: the case of climate ready crops</i> - <i>More-than-human ignorance and agricultural imaginaries of the future</i> | | |
| Spring 2022 | Guest Lecturer - Université de Genève (UNIGE) | | |
| 2021 | M.A. in Environmental Studies. Course “Development and the Environment – From the Local to the Global.” Lectures: | | |
| 2019 | - <i>Agricultural droughts and biotech adaptation technologies</i> | | |
| 2018 | - <i>Agricultural Futures</i> - <i>Fordist and post-Fordist agriculture: from mass production to customized agriculture.</i> - <i>Crisis management strategies: the historical context surrounding the introduction of agricultural biotechnologies.</i> | | |
| Summer 2017 | Lecturer - Kulturstudier Norway & Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. | | |
| 2016 | Exchange studies program from Scandinavian students. Course: - <i>Latin American Studies</i> | | |
| Spring 2014 | Teaching Assistant - Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. | | |
| 2013 | M.A. in Anthropology of Development. Courses: - <i>Sociocultural Foundations of the World Economy (Spring 2013)</i> | | |
| & Fall 2013 | - <i>Cultures of Capitalism (Fall 2013)</i> - <i>Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences (Fall 2013; Spring 2014)</i> | | |
| Spring 2008 | Lecturer - Politécnico Grancolombiano (POLI). | | |
| | B.A. in International Business. Courses: - <i>Microeconomics 1</i> - <i>Principles of Economics</i> | | |
| Fall 2005 | Teaching Assistant - Universidad Nacional de Colombia (UNAL). | | |
| & Spring | B.A. in Economics. Courses: - <i>Political Economy 1 (Spring 2004; Spring and Fall 2005)</i> | | |

2004 - *History of Economic Thought (Spring and Fall 2004)*

Additional professional Experience

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| Areas | Agricultural innovation; indigenous knowledge and livelihoods; education, health and employment; quantitative data collection, processing and analysis. |
| Jul. 2010 | Research Assistant for the Health and Education Programs |
| Apr. 2011 | Canadian Foundation for the Americas (Ottawa, Canada) |
| Jan. 2008 - Jun. 2008 | Assistant for the Annual National Grant Competition on Technological Innovation Colombian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development & International Centre for Tropical Agriculture CIAT (Bogotá, Colombia) |
| Jul. 2007 - Dec. 2007 | Fieldwork Research Assistant on Indigenous Crafts Markets TROPENBOS Colombia (Leticia, Colombia) |
| Jan. 2007 - Jun. 2007 | Database Manager - Potable Water and Sanitation Department Colombian Ministry of National Planning |
| Oct. 2006 - Dec 2006 | Fieldwork Supervisor for the National Unemployment Survey - ENCOPE Mexican Labor Secretariat and National Autonomous University (Oaxaca, Mexico) |

Institutional Services

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| Summary | Editorial teams: 2 journals | Expert Reviewer: 10 journals; 1 multilateral institution | Selection committees: 2 grants; 1 award; 2 hiring committees |
| Sep. 2020 - Present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founding and Managing Editor <i>Grassroots section - Journal of Political Ecology</i> | | |
| Jun. 2016 - 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Editorial Board <i>Alternautas - The Abdayala Chapter: (Re)searching development</i> | | |
| Jul. 2017 & Jul. 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project Evaluator for SERI's Seed Money Grant Seed Money Grant, Swiss Leading House for the Latin American Region | | |
| May. 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the selection committee for CALACS 2016 essay contest Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS). | | |
| Feb. 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewer of the "Trade and Green Economy Handbook." Third Edition UNEP - UN Environmental Program & IISD - Institute for Sustainable Development | | |
| Aug. 2013 & Apr. 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Selection Committee for New Professors in Anthropology Anthropology and Sociology Department, Geneva Graduate Institute | | |

Journal Referee

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| ○ <i>Journal of Peasant Studies</i> (May 2024) | ○ <i>Biosocieties</i> (Jan. 2020) |
| ○ <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> (Feb 2024) | ○ <i>Journal of Political Ecology</i> (multiple times) |
| ○ <i>Antipode</i> (Jul. 2021) | ○ <i>Agriculture & Human Values</i> (Jun. 2020) |
| ○ <i>Sustainability Science</i> (Jun. 2021) | ○ <i>Iconos - FLACSO</i> (Jul. 2020) |
| ○ <i>Science, Tech. & Human Values</i> (Jul. 2021) | ○ <i>Anuario de Historia - UIS</i> (Aug. 2020) |
| ○ <i>Etnografías Contemporáneas</i> (Mar. 2020) | |

Conferences, Workshops and Speaking invitations (Short Selection)

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| Summary | Conf. panels: 12 (4 organized) | Workshops: 8 (5 organized) | Invited talks: 7 |
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Selected Academic conference panels

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| Jun. 12 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latin American Studies Association Conference – LASA (Bogotá) Paper: "Safeguarding coloniality: REDD+ projects and the Colombian interpretation of the Cancun social safeguards" |
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- Sep. 24 2022 • Journal of Peasant Studies Climate Change and Agrarian Justice Conference – **JPS**
Paper: “The political life of mitigation initiatives in agrarian relations: from carbon accounting to climate accountability”
- Sep. 24 2020 • Political Ecology Network Conference – **POLLEN** (Virtual)
Paper: “Environmentally customized organisms: the Argentinean ECO Seed as a spectacular post-Fordist agricultural imaginary”
- Nov. 18 2019 • American Anthropological Association Conference – **AAA** (Vancouver, Canada)
Paper: “Keep calm and carry on: climate ready seeds and the genetic codification of climate ignorance.”

Selected Workshops

- Nov. 23-25 2022 • Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies. University of Hamburg (Germany)
Event: **Climate colonialisms** - mechanisms, epistemologies, and spaces of resistance.
Role: Presenter and co-organizer with Benno Fladvad, Martina Hasenfrazz, Laura Gutierrez, Nathalia Hernandez, and Nelsa de la Hoz.
- Oct. 24-26 2022 • CENIT - Universidad Nacional General San Martin (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Event: **Energy transitions** - establishing lithium battery global production chains
Role: Co-organizer with the “Green Dealings” research team
- Oct. 6 2018 • Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy - Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland)
Event: **Indigenous rights and ethno-racial mobilization** - Latin America in comparative perspective.
Role: Co-organizer with Christine Lutringer.
- May. 28-29 2018 • Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (Geneva, Switzerland)
Event: **Seed activism** - global perspectives.
Role: Presenter and Co-organizer with Shalini Randeria, Karine Peschard
Paper: Resistance to regulatory change in the Colombian cotton sector.

Selected Invited Talks

- Sep. 13 2024 • Carbon prospecting: navigating the landscapes of climate action in Colombia
Institute for Science, Innovation and Society
University of Oxford
- Apr. 27 2022 • The promise of environmental customization in novel industrial seed systems
Seminar: ‘Environnements, santés, biologies’ du programme ‘Sociétés, acteurs, gouvernement en Europe (SAGE)’
Université de Strasbourg, France
- Feb. 10 2022 • Accounting for Nature: Mitigation and Agriculture in the Era of Global Climate Change
Seminar: Land Management Assessment Research Knowledge Base.
Landmarc EU-Horizon project, Netherlands
- Mar. 3 2020 • The 2019 Colombian protests, neoliberal reforms in the post-conflict scenario.
Seminar: UCSB Latin American and Iberian Studies
University of California in Santa Barbara, USA
- Aug. 13 2019 • Estrategias legales y tecnológicas en la agricultura frente a las crisis del sistema mercantil.
Seminar: Grupo de Estudios Agrarios del Instituto de Altos Estudios Sociales (IDAES)
Universidad Nacional de San Martin, Argentina

| Languages | <i>Listening</i> | <i>Speaking</i> | <i>Writing</i> |
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| Spanish | Mother tongue | Mother tongue | Mother tongue |
| English | Fluent (C2) | Fluent (C2) | Fluent (C2) |
| French | Fluent (C1) | High (C1/B2) | High (B2) |