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AMA es un politólogo que obtuvo su doctorado en la Universidad de Notre Dame (2004) y es actualmente profesor e investigador del Instituto de Estudios de Desarrollo (IDS), Universidad de Sussex. Su trabajo explora la forma en que las instituciones formales e informales han contribuido a producir reformas en América Latina y el Caribe. Su más reciente publicación "Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America" (New York: Routledge, 2009) explica los mecanismos usados por presidentes minoritarios en Ecuador para impulsar reformas económicas con un Congreso altamente fragmentado. Además, ha publicado extensamente sobre el funcionamiento de sistemas electorales, partidos políticos, política legislativa, procesos presupuestarios y gobernabilidad democrática. Actualmente dirige una investigación comparada sobre el manejo político de recursos naturales en la región Andina para el Centre for the Future State (IDS).

POSICIONES ACADÉMICAS

June 2006- Research fellow, Governance team, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK
June 2004- May 2006. Killam Post Doctorate Fellow. Department of Political Science. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

FORMACIÓN

1999-2004 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN.
1997-1999 M.A. in Government and International Studies, University of Notre Dame.
1991-1996 B.A. in Political Science, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City.
July 2002 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Seminar (EITM), National Science Foundation-Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
July 1994 Seminar on Multivariate Statistical Analysis, International Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

PUBLICACIONES RECIENTES

LIBROS

2009. 'Por el ojo de una aguja: la formación de políticas públicas en el Ecuador (editor), FLACSO: Quito, Ecuador.
2009. *Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America*. Routledge: New York.

- 2002 Gobernabilidad Democrática. Sistema Electoral, Partidos Políticos y Sistema Electoral en Ecuador: 1978-1998. Fundación Konrad Adenauer: Quito.

ARTICULOS EN REVISTAS Y VOLÚMENES EDITADOS

- Forthcoming 2010 'Parliamentary solutions to Presidential Crises' (with John Polga Hecimovich), in *Presidential Crises in Latin America*, edited by L. Marsteintredet and M. Llanos. Palgrave: Basingstoke.
- Forthcoming 2010 "Budget Coalitions and Municipal Spending in Ecuador" (with Vicente Albornoz), IDS Working Paper, Brighton: IDS
- 2009 'Las bases partidarias de la legislación particularista en Ecuador y Paraguay' (Anibal Pérez Liñán and Sebastián M. Saiegh) in *Selección de Candidatos, política partidista y rendimiento democrático*, Flavia Freidenberg and Manuel Alcántara (eds), Tribunal Electoral del Distrito Federal, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) y el Instituto de Iberoamérica de la Universidad de Salamanca: Mexico
- 2009 'The Political Economy of the Budget Process: The Case of Ecuador' (with Vicente Albornoz and Caridad M. Araujo), in *Who Decides the Budget? A Political Economy Analysis of the Budget Process in Latin America*, edited by C. Scartascini, E. Stein and M. Hallerberg. Harvard University Press: Cambridge.
- 2008 'Aid, Resource Rents and the Politics of the Budget Process' (With Paolo de Renzio), IDS Working Paper 311, Institute of Development Studies: Brighton.
- 2008 'La democracia asfixiadas en los Andes Altos: elecciones e inestabilidad en Bolivia, Ecuador y Perú' (with Juan Carlos Machado Puertas), in *Elecciones y Política en América Latina*, edited by Manuel Alcántara Sáez and Fátima García Díez. Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales y Fundación: Carolina.
- 2008 'Countries at the Crossroads: Ecuador,' in *Countries at the Crossroads 2007: A Survey of Democratic Governance*. Rowman and Littlefield: Maryland, Freedomhouse: New York.
<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=140&edition=8&ccrpage=37&ccrcountry=175>
- 2008 'Veto Players, Fickle Institutions and Low-Quality Policies: The Policymaking Process in Ecuador' (with Caridad Araujo, Anibal Pérez Liñán and Sebastian M. Saiegh) in P. Spiller, E. Stein and M. Tommasi (eds), *Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes and Policy Outcomes*, Harvard University Press: Cambridge.
- 2006 'Crafting Legislative Ghost Coalitions in Ecuador: Informal Institutions and Economic Reform in an Unlikely Case', in *Informal Institutions and Politics in Latin America*, edited by G. Helmke and S. Levitsky. Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore.
- 2006 'Thin Air for Democratic Governance in the Andes. *Harvard Review of Latin America* V(1). David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.
- 2005 'La ciencia política en Ecuador: un reflejo de su fragilidad democrática (1978-2005)' (Co-authored with Flavia Freidenberg and Simón Pachano) *Revista de Ciencia Política* 25 (1): 147-161. <http://www.scielo.cl/pdf/revcipol/v25n1/art11.pdf>

- 2004 'Ecuador: The Electoral System and the Search for Democratic Governance'. Administration and Cost of Elections Project - International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). http://www.aceproject.org/main/english/es/esy_ec.htm
- 2003 'Reelección Legislativa en Ecuador' in Fernando Dworak (ed.) *El legislador a prueba: Reelección legislative en perspectiva histórica y comparada*. Fondo de Cultura Económica: México.

EXPERIENCIA DOCENTE

- Course Co-convenor 'Democracy and Development', MaGov 09, Institute of Development Studies, Spring 2009
- Course Instructor (DPhil level) Research Methods seminar, Institute of Development Studies. Spring 2008.
- Lecturer (MA level) Governance and Development, Institute of Development Studies. 2006 – 2009.
- Course Instructor (600 level). Graduate Seminar: Analytical Methods for Political Science. Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences (FLACSO). Quito, Ecuador. June, 2005.
- Teaching Assistant (300 level). Course Title: Introduction to Comparative Politics. Department of Government and International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Spring 2002
- Teaching Assistant (200 level). Course Title: Presidential Leadership. Department of Government and International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Fall 2001
- Course Instructor (600 level). Graduate Seminar: Executive Legislative Relations in Comparative Perspective. Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences (FLACSO), Quito. March-April, 2001
- Visiting Scholar. Instituto de Estudios de Iberoamérica y Portugal. Universidad de Salamanca, Spain. June-July, 2000

PREMIOS Y BECAS

- Isaac Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship. Department of Political Science-Center for International Studies, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada. May 2004-2006.
- Kaneb Center Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher/TA Award. University of Notre Dame. 2003.
- Donald K. Dorini Dissertation Year Fellowship. The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. University of Notre Dame, 2002-2003.
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Fellowship, Harvard University, 2002.
- Dissertation Year Fellowship. Department of Government and International Relations. University of Notre Dame, 2001-2002.
- Tinker Foundation Travel Grant for Dissertation Research. Spring 2001. Quito, Ecuador.
- Summer Seed Money Award. The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Summer 1999.
- Latin America 2000 Fellowship. The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. University of Notre Dame, 1997-2001 (4-year fellowship for doctoral studies)

AFILIACIONES PROFESIONALES

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), member since 1998

American Political Science Association (APSA), member since 1998

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), member since 1999

TRABAJOS DE CONSULTORÍA

The Carter Center (www.cartercenter.org)

CitiGroup Global Markets (www.smithbarney.com)

Club de Madrid (www.clubmadrid.org)

Energy Intelligence (www.energyintel.com)

Eurasia Group (www.eurasiagroup.net)

EuroRed de Gobernabilidad (www.iadb.org/europe)

The Inter-American Development Bank (www.iadb.org)

The Inter-American Dialogue (www.thedialogue.org)

U.S. Congressional Research Service (www.loc.gov/crsinfo)