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Personal Information:

- Nationality: American-Chilean
- Languages:
 - English (Native Language)
 - Spanish (Fluent)
 - Dutch (Basic)

Professional Summary: I am a Political Scientist who specializes in International Relations. My areas of interest are Conflict studies and Diplomacy. My academic background and professional experiences have equipped me with strong analytical and interpersonal skills.

Education:

- 2019 – 2023:
 - Bachelor's in political science and International Relations | Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile. | Faculty of Social Sciences
 - Graduated with Honors: Valedictorian – Magna Cum Laude
- 2014 - 2017:
 - High School Diploma - Colegio Pedro de Valdivia, Campus Agustinas, Santiago, Chile.
- 2013 - 2014:
 - Academy of Mount Saint Ursula, New York, United States.

Professional Experience:

- 2020 - 2023: Teaching Assistant
 - Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile.
 - Assisted professors in various subjects related to Political Science and International Relations, including Introduction to International Relations, Microeconomics, Theories of International Relations, Comparative Foreign Policy, Data Analysis II, and Comparative Political Regimes.
 - Responsibilities included conducting tutorials, grading assignments, and providing academic support to students.
 - In total, I was a Teaching Assistant on 11 occasions.
- 2017 - 2018: Interpreter and Translator
 - Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Catholic University, Santiago, Chile.
 - Institute of Health Sciences, University of O'Higgins, Rancagua, Chile.
 - Responsibilities included simultaneous translation at conferences, field visits, meetings with government representatives, and acting as a guide for post-conference activities.
 - Notable Conferences:
 - Department of Public Health, Catholic University: Stigma towards Mental Illness among Primary Care Professionals in Chile.
 - Institute of Health Sciences, University of O'Higgins: OnTrack Chile for First Episode of Psychosis

Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent knowledge of technology.
- Effective communicator with individuals and groups.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Responsible, outgoing, proactive.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Operation COP 29
- Model United Nations (NMUN) Washington DC. 2023
 - Represented Sweden as a solo delegate in General Assembly 1, winning the Best Delegate award for that committee.
 - I assumed a leadership role in orchestrating the drafting process of my team's resolution, overseeing the formulation and revision of the document.
 - I engaged in dialogues with delegates from diverse backgrounds to facilitate the acceptance of my team's resolution paper.
 - I had the opportunity to deliver an acceptance speech for the award, during which my proficiency in public speaking was acknowledged
- Model United Nations of Latin America (MONULAC) Ecuador 2022.
 - Represented Japan, winning Best Delegation and Best Position Paper from the UN Women committee.
 - Actively participated in debates and negotiations, improving public speaking, argumentation, and diplomacy skills.
 - Conducted in-depth research on policies and positions, drafted speeches, and resolutions in collaboration with other delegates.
- Academic Advisor for the Political Science and International Relations major for the year 2022 - 2023.
 - Provided academic advice to students, organized student activities, attended faculty meetings, and advocated for students in cases of grounds for removal.

Internship Experience:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile; Pacific Asia Division (DIRAPAC): Internship Duration: September - December 2023
 - During my internship at DIRAPAC I was primarily involved in data collection, analysis, and report presentation. My responsibilities included conducting detailed political and economic analyses, focusing on key events and trends in the region during the last quarter. My role was crucial in providing informed insights to support strategic decision-making within the Ministry. Additionally, I worked updating Excel spreadsheets regarding heads of states, governments, and foreign ministers of countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Fundación Democrática Participativa (FUDEPA): Internship Duration: August - December 2021.
 - Responsibilities included researching the contents of various Latin American congresses to generate databases, categorizing papers, and contributing to research on the state of thought in Political Science in Latin America.

Thesis:

- Symphonies of War: A Comparative Study of the Structures, Roles, and Dynamics of the Wagner and Mozart Private Military Companies in the Ukraine War between March of 2022 and January of 2023.
 - I researched the involvement of Private Military Companies (PMCs) Wagner and Mozart in the Russo-Ukrainian War from March 2022 to January 2023. Utilized qualitative methods to analyze internal factors such as structures, roles, and dynamics of these PMCs, revealing how the nature of each decided their effectiveness in the conflict. Emphasized the

significance of comprehending PMC presence in modern warfare and its implications on global security as non-State actors.

- I successfully defended my thesis with a remarkable score of 6.8 out of 7, showcasing a comprehensive understanding of the topic and proficient presentation skills. Achieved an outstanding overall score of 6.6 out of 7 for said thesis.

Journalistic Publications:

Spielberger, S. (2024, April 30). The First Global War? A New Era of Conflict - *El Clarin de Chile*. <https://www.elclarin.cl/2024/04/30/la-primera-guerra-global-una-nueva-era-de-conflicto/>

Spielberger, S. (2024, May 10). UN endorses Palestine's membership: A key step towards international recognition - *El Clarin de Chile*. <https://www.elclarin.cl/2024/05/10/la-onu-endosa-la-afiliacion-de-palestina-un-paso-clave-hacia-el-reconocimiento-internacional/>

Spielberger, S. (2024, May 28). Hell in Gaza: The Price of International Indifference to Palestinian Tragedy - *El Clarin de Chile*. <https://www.elclarin.cl/2024/05/28/infierno-en-gaza-el-precio-de-la-indiferencia-internacional-ante-la-tragedia-palestina/>

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Spielberger, S. (2025, February 28). *Pelear para la Paz: El fracaso de la diplomacia de trump*. *El Clarin de Chile*. <https://www.elclarin.cl/2025/02/28/pelear-para-la-paz-el-fracaso-de-la-diplomacia-de-trump/>

References:

- Jose Luis Paine, Political Advisor - General Secretariat for Foreign Policy (SEGEN) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, jpaine_torres@yahoo.com
- Isaac Caro, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Director of the Department of Politics and Government, icaro@uahurtado.cl
- Constanza Jorquera Mery, Universidad de Santiago, Analyst in Politics and International Affairs, master's in International Studies and Ph.D. in American Studies, constanza.jorquera@usach.cl
- Dr. Jaime Sapag, Universidad Católica, Department of Public Health, jsapag@med.puc.cl