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Education **Federal University of Pernambuco**
Ph.D., Political Science, 2020.
Fields: Democracy and Institutions
Catholic University of Pernambuco
Master's in Law, 2016.

Catholic University of Pernambuco
B.A., Law, 2010.

Research **Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning**
(Centro Brasileiro de Análises e Planejamento, Cebap)

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Project 1: Judicialization of a pandemic

Did municipal mayors and cities' Council Chambers judicialize the debate over covid-19 policies in Brazil? This project aims to build a comprehensive analysis of the scenario of covid-19 related lawsuits distributed during the years of 2020 and 2021 to state level courts around Brazil. Given the decentralization of the decisions on public health related to the virus, and increased polarization, municipalities' policies potentially will lead to judicialization in state-level courts if the Legislative and Executive branches do not agree during the policy-making process.

Project 2: Environmental racism and the threat to Quilombos

Quilombos are communities founded by freed people resisting bondage in Brazil. The Quilombo Povoação of São Lourenço, located in the city of Goiana/PE, is one of the many quilombos that still fight for the recognition of their existence and their way of living. People from quilombos, quilombolas, live in freedom, peace and in balance with the environment. However, the advancement of industrialization has put the quilombos in danger. The Quilombo Povoação of São Lourenço has been fighting for decades to protect the estuary where they extract shellfish. This project aims to investigate how the state's policy of investing in the development of industries in the region has impacted the Quilombo.

Dissertation “THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT AND SOCIAL SECURITY POLICIES: an analysis of the judicial review of social reforms in post-1988 Brazil”

This research is based on the premise that courts seek a balance between the costs of the actors involved in order to decrease their own costs. It observes which approach is most used in social security cases in order to understand the opinion of the Brazilian Supreme Court (STF) when deciding this type of conflict. Hence, the use of the tactical balancing account thesis (Kapiszewski, 2012) which understands that the courts take into account several considerations when deciding, as the leading theory for the analysis. The content of 52 final decisions of appeals to the STF (recurso extraordinário) and direct actions of unconstitutionality (ADI) were analyzed. This research has concluded that the STF acts as validator of Executive’s and Legislative’s policies most of the times when it is provoked to decide about social security policies and the institutional context, the procedural rules and the Justices background contribute to this position of the Court. However, the court may have different understandings depending on the considerations it takes into account when it decides on social security rights.

Teaching

**Dept. of Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies
SUNY at Albany**

Lecturer - current

Environment and Sustainability, Fall 2022

Globalization in the Americas, Fall 2022

Brazil, 1985-present, Spring 2022

Law, Maurício de Nassau University

Professor

International Law, 2019-2020

Sociology of law, 2019-2020

4 classes per semester (Morning and Night).

Law, Joaquim Nabuco University Recife

Professor

Civil Procedure II, III and V, 2017-2018

Political Science 2017-2018

8 classes per semester (Morning and Night)

Law, Joaquim Nabuco University Paulista

Professor

Constitutional Law III and IV, 2014-2015

Research Methods, 2014-2015

6 classes per semester (Morning and Night)

Tourism, Faculdade Metropolitana

Professor

Tourism legislation, 2011-2012

Awards, Grants and Fellowships **Participant of Summer Institute, National Endowment for Humanities**
The Making of Modern Brazil (SDSU), 2022

APSA Travel Grant

APSA Meeting 2021 (Seattle)

Capes Visiting Scholar Scholarship

Albany/NY, United States, 2018-2018

Visiting Scholar at SUNY at Albany supervised by Matthew Ingram, Ph.D., professor at the Political Science Department.

Capes Full Doctorate Scholarship

Federal University of Pernambuco

Political Science Ph.D. Program

Recife/PE, Brazil, 2016-2020

Publications **Articles in Journals - Peer Reviewed**

CAVALCANTI, D. B.; BRINGEL, E. P. B.; OLIVEIRA, T. M.; ZUCCOLOTTO, V. R.; JARDELINO, F. Digital Activism and Indignation Nets in Brazil: the pressure groups. *JOURNAL OF POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA*, v. 11, p. 109-130, 2019.

LIMA, F. D. S.; GOMES NETO, J. M. W.; OLIVEIRA, T. M. Between Individual Decisions and Collegiate Deliberation: Deciding How To Decide Influencing The Outcome. *SEQUENCIA*, v. 40, p. 10-31, 2019.

LIMA, F.D.S.; OLIVEIRA, T. M. The judicialization of social security reforms in the jurisprudence of the STF: a Court that is friendly to financial and actuarial balance. *Brazilian Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*. v.4, p.176-193, 2017.

LIMA, F. D. S.; ANDRADE, L. D; OLIVEIRA, T. M. Emperor or President? Understanding the (almost) unlimited power of the Brazilian Supreme Court's President. *REVISTA BRASILEIRA DE DIREITO IMED.*, v.13, p.161-176, 2017.

LIMA, F. D. S.; OLIVEIRA, T. M. Who imposes limits on pension reforms? The STF as protector of the public budget. *REVISTA DA AGU.*, v.16, p.193-218, 2017.

OLIVEIRA, T. M.; ARAÚJO, M.L.C. Judicialization of Judicial Policy and Activism: concepts and the Brazilian framework. *Direito e Justiça (URI)*, v.16, p.119-136, 2016.

Publications **Chapters in edited volumes**

OLIVEIRA, T.M; GOMES, J.M.W; BARROS, A.T.D.L. The highest caste on the defendants seat: comparative institutional analysis of jurisdictional privileges in Latin America. In: MENON, G.; PALMA, M.; ZAIDAN, D. (Orgs.) Sociologia do Novo Constitucionalismo Latino-Americano. Each, ed. (Forthcoming).

OLIVEIRA, T. M. The myth of the caretaker woman: female leaders against Covid-19. In: Fabiana Leite Domingues da Silva. (Org.). Gênero, Direito e as Múltiplas Vulnerabilidades e Violências contra a Mulher. 1 ed. Salvador: Studio Sala de Aula, 2021, v. , p. 5020-5186.

LIMA, F.D.S ; OLIVEIRA, T. M . In: David Oliveira; Artur Stamford da Silva; Paulo Carvalho; Carolina Leal Pires.. (Org.). A Sociologia do Direito entre discurso e ação. 1 ed. Porto Alegre: ABRASD, 2016, v. 1, p. 360-373.

Publications **Articles in Newspapers/Magazines/Websites**

OLIVEIRA, T.M. Climate Change, Environmental Racism and Flooding in Brazil. Kilomba Collective Blog, 01 jun. 2022.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. The Strength of Civil Society – the Positive Outcomes of COP 26 Autossustentavel.com, 18 nov. 2021.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. Why is it urgent to talk about the COP 26 Autossustentavel.com, 1 nov. 2021.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. How can we end illegal logging in the Amazon until 2030? Autossustentavel.com, 17 sep. 2021.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. How the presidential election in the US can interfere with Brazil's environmental policies? Autossustentavel.com, 18 nov. 2020.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. Decolonizing the point of view: the way to protect native peoples. Autossustentavel.com, 22 sep. 2020.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. Pandemic and the worsening of inequalities Autossustentavel.com, 3 aug. 2020.

OLIVEIRA, T.M. Learn how Social Sciences are an important resource to understand and combat the pandemic crisis Autossustentavel.com, 18 may. 2020.

Michelle Fernandez ; OLIVEIRA, T. M. . Retirement rights reform: different proposals, same winners. Estadão, Brasil, 12 fev. 2019.

Events

Most recent

Conference Participation

2022 American Political Science Association Meeting
Law and Courts in the Time of Covid (Virtual Panel)
Judicialization of Covid-19 policies: Brazilian Subnational Judiciary
Paper Presentation (Forthcoming)

2021 American Political Science Association Meeting
Gender and Judging: court decision-making in new contexts (Panel)
Chair and Discussant
Judicial Independence and Judicialization (Panel)
Brazilian Supreme Court and Social Policies: A Judicial Review Analysis
Paper Presentation

2021 National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Brazilian Supreme Court and Social Security Policies: an analysis
of the amendment's judicial review
Paper Presentation

Academic Advisory

Current

Master's Thesis

Elaine Alves Silva de Santana. Begin: 2022.
Racial Consciousness in Restorative Justice: a critical analysis of the
training promoted by the Brazilian National Council of Justice.
(Master's in Law)
Catholic University of Pernambuco (Co-advisor)

Languages and Skills

English (fluent), Portuguese (native)
SPSS, L^AT_EX, NVivo, Blackboard Learn