Dr Isadora Borges Monroy

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctorate
Year of completion: 2023
Institution: McGill University
Department: Political Science
Fields: Comparative Politics (USA, Western Europe, advanced democracies) and International Relations; Public opinion
Thesis: "Immobilized or petrified? Explaining privacy concerns and the (de)mobilization against mass online surveillance in 21st century advanced democracies"
Supervisor: Dietlind Stolle; defense committee: Krzysztof Pelc (Oxford), Leonardo Baccini (McGill), Daniel Pemstein (North Dakota State University)

Master of Arts
Year of completion: 2014
Institution: University of Chicago
Department: Social Sciences
Thesis:"An Architecture of Control: Automatic Takedown Notices in Academic Digital Publishing"
Supervisor: Adrian Johns

Licenciatura/Bachelors *Summa Cum Laude*
Year of completion: 2013
Institution: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Department: International Relations
Thesis: "The Impact of the Web 2.0 Paradigm on the 21st Century International Political Economy"

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society affiliate, **Harvard University**	2022 - 2024
Visiting Ph.D. Student, Political Science Dept., **Simon Fraser University**	2023
Wolfe Chair Fellowship, **McGill University**	2021 - 2022
Student researcher **Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University**	2015 —2023

PUBLICATIONS

Reviewed Articles

Borges Monroy, Isadora. 2025. "The Surveillance Complex: Deputized Law and Order in Advanced Democracies." Information, Communication & Society, 1–23. 🔗Online access
Borges Monroy, Isadora, and Edana Beauvais. 2025. "Race and Confidence in the Police in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 59(3): 519–34. 🔗Online access

Book Chapters

Borges Monroy, Isadora, "Chapter 16: The Surveillance Complex: A Political Economy of Digital Mass Surveillance in Democracies." In *Handbook of Critical Data Studies*, edited by Ulises A. Mejias, Jasmine E. McNealy and Milagros Miceli. De Gruyter, September 2026. 🔗Online access, doi.org/10.1515/9783111373096-017

Borges Monroy, Isadora, "Institutional support for GDPR and its effect on European demand for privacy." In *Sustainability of Cybersecurity: From Technology and Practices to Regulations and Politics*, edited by Ijaz Ahmad, Jani Suomalainen and Erkki Harjula. IEEE/Wiley, December 2026.🔗Online access

Non-Reviewed Publications, miscellaneous

Dubois, Elizabeth, Stahl, Louise, Dommett, Katharine et al. *The Payment Trap: Social Media Influencers and the Limits of Election Laws and Regulations.* International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. November 2026. 🔗Online access

Harvard Law Cyberlaw Clinic, Innocence Project, Center on Privacy and Technology, and Borges Monroy, Isadora. April 2025. "Brief of Amici Curiae for the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in Commonwealth v. Rodriguez (SJC-13727, 🔗Online access)

Solomun, Sonja, Isadora Borges Monroy, Julia Bugiel, et al. *Climate Obstruction: On the State and Spread of Climate Disinformation in Canada.* The Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy. January 2025. 🔗Online access

Ross, Christopher, Jennie Phillips, Saewon Park, et al. *British Columbia Election Information Ecosystem Project: Baseline Report.* Media Ecosystem Observatory. September 2024. 🔗Online access

Borges Monroy, Isadora. "Biden Cannot Protect Privacy or Defend Democracy by Expanding Surveillance Powers", Tech Policy Press, July 3rd, 2024 🔗Online access

Co-authored research projects

PI Dietlind Stolle: *The politics of COVID compliance surveillance acceptance.* Coping with Crisis: A psychological investigation into democratic processes during COVID-19
Lead author of *Digital Privacy and trust: Lessons from Feminist Hacktivist Counterpublics*, co-author Dr. Edana Beauvais

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research Consultant, freelance
Time Period: 2026
Employer: Professor Elizabeth Dubois
Institution: University of Ottawa
I am contributing to a comparative project with research on the comparative legal regimes, analyzing election law and regulation of online influencers in Mexico, Colombia and contributing insights on the US.

Survey Consultant
Time Period: 2024 - 2025
Employer: Krzysztof Pelc
Institution: Oxford University
I designed question wording and responses, coded in Qualtrics, recruited online samples, launched and produced the datasets with data wrangling in R. The project is a multi-wave US and UK survey with experiments.

Survey Consultant and digital trace collector
Time Period: 2023-2024
Institution: Media Ecosystem Observatory at McGill's Max Bell School for Public Policy
Employer: PI Professor Aengus Bridgman, Director of MEO
I designed and coded a survey on the Canadian online media diet tracking project. I also collected digital trace data of online political activists in British Columbia. Co-authored 🔗*British Columbia Election Information Ecosystem Project: Baseline Report*
Lead survey designer, Researcher and temporary RA lead
Time Period:
Institution: Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy at the Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University
Employer: PI Sonja Solomun, Deputy Director of the CMTD
I lead a team of research assistants for 6 months. I then designed and coded a survey reflecting an original hypothesis testing the role of identity politics, economic incentives and Indigenous-Settler colonial relations in the Canadian context of digital debates on climate disinformation and the defense of fossil fuels in the voting public. The co-authored report is 🔗*Climate Obstruction: On the State and Spread of Climate Disinformation in Canada.* The Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy. January 2025.

Research Assistant for Big Data for Algorithmic Governance: Threats to Democracy?, and Visiting PhD Student
Time Period: March—August 2023, July 2025
Institution: Political Science Department Simon Fraser University
Employer: PI Dr. Edana Beauvais Assisted Dr. Beauvais in research for her SSHRC Insight Grant on AI and deliberative democracy. As a Visiting PhD student I also presented and gave a graduate workshop on online survey experiments.

TEACHING

Position: Tutor
Course Title: POLI 311: Introduction to Quantitative Political Science &
POLI 312: Intermediate Quantitative Political Science, McGill University
Term and Year Taught: Winter 2026
Number of Students: individual mentorship on an as-needed basis
Additional Course Information: R and statistics tutoring

Position: Grader
Course Title: Intermediate Quantitative Methods, Simon Fraser University
Term and Year Taught: Summer 2025
Number of Students: 20
Additional Course Information: Graded undergraduate exams and term papers for Professor Edana Beauvais at the Political Science Department of Simon Fraser University.

Position: Guest lecturer
Course Title: IS 365 Surveillance Capitalism in Global Context, Simon Fraser University
Term and Year Taught: Fall 2025
Number of Students: 35
Additional Course Information: Presented an undergraduate-level version of my original surveillance public opinion research for Professor Darren Byler at Simon Fraser University where students had read my ICS research article.

Position: Guest lecturer
Course Title: POLS 3154 Cyberspace and Politics
Term and Year Taught: Winter 2024
Number of Students: 15
Additional Course Information: Led a discussion of surveillance public opinion with Professor Benjamin Radford's undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Position: Guest lecturer
Course Title: POL390 Data Visualization and Political Analysis
Term and Year Taught: Winter 2023
Number of Students: 25
Additional Course Information: Taught undergraduates data wrangling with original Tidyverse code for Professor Edana Beauvais' class at Simon Fraser University (British Columbia)

Position: Guest lecturer
Course Title: Graduate Survey Experiment workshop, May 2023
Term and Year Taught: Winter 2023
Number of Students: 25
Additional Course Information: led an event explaining the theory, demonstrating coding and analyzing data for Political Science Department graduate students

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Institution: Political Science Department, McGill University
Course Title: POLI 210 Political Science Research Methods
Term and Year Taught: Fall 2019 & 2020, Summer 2021
Number of Students: $\approx 60 - 75$
Additional Course Information: Led lab sessions with live R coding, in addition to grading assignments, exams and final paper.

Course Title: R bootcamp
Term and Year Taught: Fall 2018, Summer 2018 - 2022
Number of Students: ≈ 70

Course Title: POLI 325 United States Politics
Term and Year Taught: Fall 2016-2018, Winter 2021
Number of Students: $\approx 60 - 75$
Additional Course Information: Led discussion sections in addition to grading participation, assignments and final paper.

Course Title: POLI361 Political Participation in Comparative Perspective
Term and Year Taught: Winter 2016
Number of Students: ≈ 50
Additional Course Information: Graded in-course participation and final presentations.

SKILLS

Software

R: ten years of R programming, seven years' experience teaching R
Qualtrics: coding and survey launch, including embedded experimental survey designs.
Latex: document production in LaTeX

Methodology

- Survey experiments
- Imputation
- Weighting
- Ethnographic methods

Training workshops' participation

Research Project Management Training, Canadian Association for Graduate Studies and Dr. P. Alison Paprica	January 2026
No, We Don't Live in a F%#ing Simulation, Center on Privacy and Technology, Georgetown Law	August 2023
Machine Learning Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods	April 2022
JSTOR's Constellate: Python Basics and text tokenization workshops	April 2022
Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (including background check and biometrics vetting)	2021
ICPSR at the University of Michigan	
Categorical Data Analysis, Causal Inference for the Social Sciences; Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models, Multivariate Statistical Methods: Advanced Topics	Summer 2018 & 2019
STAN for the people: introductory workshop on Bayesian modeling in R by Charles Margossian	January 2019
Introduction to content analysis using LEXICODER workshops led by Dr. Philippe Duguay	April 2017
Understanding Population-based Survey Experiments led by Dr. Diana Mutz	February 2017
Python and web scraping Methods, led by Dr. Denver McNeney	February 2017
Implicit Association Test on Inquisit software led by Colin Scott	September 2016
Text-Analysis ECPR Social Sciences Summer School at the University of Mannheim	Summer 2016

LANGUAGES

English: fluent
Spanish: fluent
French: 2026 certified intermediate (B-2 level) by France Education International's DELF testing and niveau 7 by the Québec Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration, Québec
Portuguese: translation certified UNAM 2012

Conference, workshop and working group presentations

Biden era privacy and surveillance preferences — May 6, 2025
American Civil Liberties Union, Massachusetts chapter

Measuring Privacy Concerns under the Surveillance Complex — April 25, 2025
Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto

Turbo-charging surveillance? Disclosure of the Use of AI and Facial Recognition in Policing — April 14, 2025
AI Hype Working Group, Harvard University

Surveillance or privacy? Public opinion and motivations juxtaposing surveillance and privacy — March 4, 2025
EthicalTech working group, Harvard University

Memo of findings from Facebook pricing study — July 9, 2024
None of Your Business (NOYB) European Center for Digital Rights

The European Union voters' privacy-security tradeoff preferences — July 4-6, 2024
European Political Science Association, Cologne

Surveillance or privacy? The spillover effects of public opinion on KKK surveillance on BLM — May 15, 2024
Race+Tech+Media Working Group, Berkman Klein Center

Confidence in the Police, Attitudes toward Surveillance, and Political Behavior in Canada — September 2, 2023
American Political Science Association, Canadian Politics Poster session

The politics of COVID surveillance acceptance: Civil liberties in the pandemic — May 16, 2023
Graduate Student Workshop Institute for the Study of Canada

Hands on Guide to Designing, Coding, and Analyzing Survey Experiments — May 12, 2023
Graduate Workshop, Simon Fraser University

Who is mass online surveillance for? — *multiple presentations*
ACRPS International Winter School on Social Media, Surveillance, and Societies of Control, Doha — January 8, 2024
Simon Fraser University — April 11, 2023
Berkman Klein Center for Internet Society, Harvard 🔗Online recording — November 21, 2022
APSA, Free Speech, Censorship, Self-Censorship Online panel — September 30, 2021

Throwing Bytes in Glass Houses: Defense and Western Fracture of Cybersecurity — *multiple presentations*
American Political Science Association meeting, Interstate Cyber Conflict panel — September 18, 2022
Digital Issues Discussion Group — March 23, 2022
Participedia Roundtable on the Perils and Promises of Digital Communication — September 16, 2022
American Political Science Association

The Surveillance Complex: deputized law and order in advanced democracies — May 2022
Max Weber Programme Legitimacy and Trust Challenges of Digital Governance

The politics of COVID compliance surveillance acceptance — March 18-19, 2021
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Student Conference

Surveillance of COVID compliance: acceptance, effectiveness and partisanship — June 19, 2020
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Online Research Slam

Canadians' Privacy Concerns under the Surveillance Complex: Chilling Effects for Political Participation? — June 2020
Canadian Political Science Association (postponed)

Privacy, Security, and Participation in Canada: An empirical investigation into online surveillance's 'chilling effect' poster — April 2020
Democracy and Diversity 2020 (postponed)

Digital Privacy and trust: Lessons from Feminist Hacktivist Counterpublics — June 6th 2019
Canadian Political Science Association conference

The European Voter Privacy-Security Choice during 2014 EU Elections — November 10, 2018
2019 NPSA/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper
Northeastern Political Science Association

TorrentFreak and political piracy — February 16, 2018
Gabriella Coleman's Bits Bots Bytes Workshop

Privacy attitudes and digital skills for online political participation poster — September 23, 2016
The state of democratic citizenship in Canada Conference at McGill University

SERVICE

Book review: International Journal: Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis — 2026

Peer review — 2025 – 2026
journal article: Journal of Quantitative Description
conference abstracts: World Association for Public Opinion Research
book chapter: Handbook of Critical Data Studies

Student member at the William Hingston Center (French school) Conseil d'établissement — 2025 – 2026

APSA Virtual Research Meeting: Information and Democracy session, discussant — February 9, 2024

CRDCN Strategic Consultation and Research Advisory Council participant — September 2023

Student Representative for McGill University members Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship — 2016 – 2018

Interests and past projects

Political economy, regulation and public opinion in US, Canada and Europe, Five Eyes. The intersection of internet and political engagement: attitudes towards and effects on political participation given the 21st century's environment of mass corporate and deputized surveillance; the role of advanced democratic states in bulwarking against or deregulating the technology sector and its impact on citizen's data collection and sharing.

Past projects: e-book publishing and copyright in academia; postmaterialist creative class and their political activism; political consumerism; ethnographic studies of digital technologies public libraries; analysis of European Pirate Political Parties; individual perception of surveillance and chilling effect on free speech.