

Daniel Capistrano

Social Researcher

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Formal education

PhD Social Sciences

University of Brasilia (2013)

Thesis about values and attitudes towards the role of the State in Latin America

Certificate Data Science

University of Toronto (2025)

Course designed for professionals migrating to the Data Science industry

BSc Sociology

University of Brasilia (2006)

Specialisation in research methods and education policy

I am a social researcher interested in diverse topics such as public policy, social equality and research methods. For more than 10 years, I have been collaborating in academia and government with statisticians, data scientists and policy makers to produce information and knowledge with high social impact.

Experience

Researcher

2025 / present

The Economic and Social Research Institute

As a career research officer, I am responsible for conducting social research on inclusion, equality and discrimination.

Researcher

2023 / 2024

UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy

Working directly with the PI of the Horizon Europe project EqualStrength, I coordinated research teams working across eight European countries investigating cumulative and structural forms of discrimination.

Assistant Professor

2021 / 2022

UCD School of Education

I taught graduate and undergraduate modules on Research Methods and Development Education. I also worked in mixed methods research projects in Ireland and Sierra Leone, producing quantitative data analyses and reports

Postdoc Researcher

2018 / 2021

UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy

I was responsible for supervising the data collection, analyses and reporting of the European Social Survey in Ireland.

Researcher

2008 / 2017

Ministry of Education

I coordinated the provision of Brazilian educational data to international organisations. I also managed the Ministry's participation in UNESCO, OECD, OEI and Unicef projects related to education statistics in Brazil.

Projects

Researcher

2026 / current

Research Programme on Integration, Migration and Equality (RIME)

I am involved in the coordination of research projects related to inclusion and integration in Ireland funded by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

Deputy Principal Investigator

2016 / 2024











World Values Survey

I was involved in the administration of the WVS in Brazil from wave 5 until wave 7. I participated in the funding application, managed the questionnaire translation and adaptation, as well as data analyses.

Languages

- ▶ Portuguese (native)
- ▶ English (fluent)
- ▶ Spanish (proficient)

Research skills

-  Content analysis ★
-  Dataviz (ggplot) ★★★★★
-  Interviewing ★★
-  Machine learning ★
-  Mixed methods ★★
-  Python ★★★★★
-  Questionnaire Design ★★
-  R / Tidyverse ★★★★★
-  Statistics / Inference ★★★★★
-  Survey data analysis ★★★★★

Co-Principal Investigator

2021 / 2023

University Climate Change Challenge

Together with two colleagues, we secured funding and conducted a research on attitudes and knowledge about climate change among university students.

Consultant

2018 / 2021

Monitoring of the SDG4

I participated in the data analysis and preparation of several publications related to the SDG4 for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics since 2018.

Selected publications

[Debates en Sociología \(2025\)](#) 

El medioambiente como objeto político (with Vizcarra S, Santos M)

[SocArXiv \(2025\)](#) 

Ethnic and gender bias in Large Language Models across contexts (with Creighton M, Fernández-Reino M)

[Scientific Data \(2025\)](#) 

The Perception of Names in Experimental Studies on Ethnic Origin: A Cross-National Validation in Europe (with Ghekiere A, Martiniello B, Kuhnle J, Sprong S, Atay P, Cebolla Boado H, Creighton M, Di Stasio V, Fernández-Reino M, Hildebrandt J, Ketevani K, Lachkovska V, Lancee B, Bueno IL, Montag J, Simonovits B, Steinmetz S, Strömberg S, Suárez-Vergne A, van Oosten S, Vass-Vigh V, Veit S, Zschirnt E, Verhaeghe P)

[Social Indicators Research \(2024\)](#) 


'I guess we are from very different backgrounds': Attitudes towards Social Justice and Intergenerational Educational Mobility in European Societies (with Creighton M, Iskli E)


[Comparative Sociology \(2022\)](#) 

Statistical innovation in the Global South: Mechanisms of Translation in Censuses of Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana and Sierra Leone (with Villacis B, Thiel A, Carvalho C)

Additional information

Full list of projects and publications available on my website (www.danielcapistrano.com)

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