Jorge Cano Febles

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EDUCATION

University of Virginia 2023 — Present
Ph.D. in Political Science & Government

University of Virginia 2025
M.A. in Political Science & Government

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) 2008 — 2019
B.S. in Business Administration (Minor: Political Science)

- Coursework completed: 2014
- Thesis defended: 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latin America, violence, corruption, populism, democratic erosion, authoritarianism.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- "Understanding Mexico's Post-Neoliberal State (2018-2024)" (forthcoming, *New Political Science*)

Book

- Cano Febles, J. (2025). *La procuración de justicia en la Ciudad de México y la transición democrática* (*Law Enforcement in Mexico City in the Context of Mexico's Transition to Democracy*). Mexico City: Editorial Fontamara.

WORKING PAPERS

"'Stay or Go:' A Formal Model of Total Democratic Erosion"

"'Killing or Not Killing:' A Formal Model of Electoral Violence"

"Can An Expansion of the Mexican Welfare State Reduce Violence in Mexico?" (R&R, *Latin American Research Review*)

"What Explains the Variation in the Homicide Rate in Mexico? On Cartels, Social Cohesion, and Extreme Violence"

"Happy or Unhappy Regimes? On The Political Economy of Subjective Well-Being"

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Opciona (Anti-corruption NGO) Mexico
Senior Researcher 2017 — 2020

Dharma Books + Publishing (Literary press) Mexico
Editor of the Essay Collection 2018

Horizontal (Journal of political analysis, journalism, and cultural criticism) Mexico
Managing Editor 2015 — 2017

Mexico's Secretariat of Welfare Mexico
Research Assistant 2014 — 2015

OTHER WRITING

Books

- Cano Febles, J. (2025). *Old and New Dissertations on the Power of Mexico City.* Mexico City: Editorial Gato Blanco.
- Cano Febles, J. (2024). *Black Velvet.* Mexico City: Editorial Gato Blanco.

- Cano Febles, J. (2022). *Bones Soup*. Mexico City: Red de Reproducción y Distribución.
- Cano Febles, J., and Portugal, A. (2020). *Letters to a Young Designer*. Mexico City: Red de Reproducción y Distribución.

Political Analysis, Political Essays, Op-Eds

- Cano Febles, J. (2024). Is Mexico Already an Authoritarian Regime?. *Animal Político*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). Why Should We Defend Mexico's National Electoral Institute?. *Reforma*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). Morena, the People, and the Mob (or on 'Voluntary Servitude'). *Replicante*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). AMLO: Power, Populism, and History. *Literal Magazine*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J., and Portugal, A. (2021). Identity is Crisis. *Counter-Signals 4*. Chicago: OtherForms.
- Cano Febles, J. (2018). On the Margins of the State: Emiliano Ruiz Parra's Obra Negra. *Literal Magazine*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2017). Democratization, Consolidation, and Failure: On Jose Woldenberg's Democracy. *Replicante*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2016). Brief History of Mexico's Anticorruption Boom. *Horizontal*. Mexico
- Cano Febles, J. (2016). On Teodoro Gonzalez de Leon: Architecture, Aesthetics, and the Mexican State. *Horizontal*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2015). Chapultepec Coalition: Citizen Activism in the Post-Transition Era. *Horizontal*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2015). Politics, Generations, and Activism: Where are the Young People?. *Horizontal*.

PRESENTATIONS

MPSA 2025, 2026
ITAM (CESIG Seminar) 2025

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Graduate Scholarship in Science and Humanities Abroad 2025-2028. Mexican Secretariat of Science, Humanities, Technology, and Innovation (SECIHTI).
Student Dialogue Fellowship 2024. UVA Karsh Institute of Democracy.
Research Excellence Award 2023. UVA's Department of Politics.
Doctoral Fellowship. Full Tuition & Stipend 2023-2028. UVA's Department of Politics.
Jóvenes Creadores 2023. Fellowship granted by the Mexican Ministry of Culture, through the Support System for Cultural Creation and Projects (SACPC), in the category of Essay. Generation 2023/2024.

TEACHING

International Relations. Teaching Assistant for Peter Furia, Fall 2026 (+50 students).
Politics of the Holocaust. Teaching Assistant for Gerard Alexander, Spring 2026 (+50 students).
The Politics of Western Europe. Teaching Assistant for Gerard Alexander, Fall 2025 (+50 students).
The Politics of Western Europe. Teaching Assistant for Gerard Alexander, Spring 2025 (+50 students).
Politics and Political Economy of the Welfare State. Teaching Assistant for Herman Mark Schwartz, Fall 2024 (+40 students).

LANGUAGES

English (full proficiency), Spanish (native).

SKILLS

R, LaTeX.

REFERENCES

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