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Juan holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Economics from New York University and will begin the Master's in International Policy program at Stanford University in 2026. Born and raised in Colombia, his broader interests lie in political economy, international development, and the application of normative political theory to institutional design and governance.

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