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Bio

BIO

Beatriz Magaloni is the Graham Stuart Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science. Magaloni is also a Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute, where she holds affiliations with the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) and the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC). She is also a Stanford's King Center for Global Development faculty affiliate. Magaloni has taught at Stanford University for over two decades.

She leads the Poverty, Violence, and Governance Lab (PovGov). Under her leadership, PovGov has innovated and advanced a host of cutting-edge research agendas to reduce violence and poverty and promote peace, security, and human rights.

She is the Co-director of the Democracy Action Lab (DAL). DAL advances action-oriented, cutting-edge research to understand the causes of democratic backsliding and identify effective pathways for its prevention and reversal. The Lab equips activists, journalists, policymakers, and scholars with rigorous and practical insights to improve the effectiveness of their response.

Magaloni's work has contributed to the study of authoritarian politics, poverty alleviation, indigenous governance, and, more recently, violence, crime, security institutions, and human rights. Her first book, Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico (Cambridge University Press, 2006) is widely recognized as a seminal study in the field of comparative politics. It received the 2007 Leon Epstein Award for the Best Book published in the previous two years in the area of political parties and organizations, as well as the Best Book Award from the American Political Science Association's Comparative Democratization Section. Her second book The Politics of Poverty Relief: Strategies of Vote Buying and Social Policies in Mexico (with Alberto Diaz-Cayeros and Federico Estevez) (Cambridge University Press, 2016) explores how politics shapes poverty alleviation.

Magaloni's work was published in leading journals, including the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Criminology & Public Policy, World Development, Comparative Political Studies, Annual Review of Political Science, Cambridge Journal of Evidence-Based Policing, Latin American Research Review, and others.

Magaloni received wide international acclaim for identifying innovative solutions for salient societal problems through impact-driven research. In 2023, she was named winner of the world-renowned Stockholm Prize in Criminology, considered an equivalent of the Nobel Prize in the field of criminology. The award recognized her extensive research on crime, policing, and human rights in Mexico and Brazil. Magaloni's research in this area was also

recognized by the American Political Science Association, which named her recipient of the 2021 Heinz I. Eulau Award for the best article published in the American Political Science Review, the leading journal in the discipline.

She received her Ph.D. in political science from Duke University and holds a law degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Affiliate, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Boris Mints Prize, The Boris Mints Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions to Global Challenges (2024)
- Stockholm Prize in Criminology, Swedish Ministry of Justice (2023)
- 2021 Heinz I. Eulau Award for the best article published in the American Political Science Review, American Political Science Association (2021)
- Leon D. Epstein Outstanding Book Award, American Political Science Association (2007)
- Best book award given by the Comparative Democratization section, American Political Science Association (2007)
- Best Paper in Comparative Politics, 96th American Political Science Association Meeting (with Alberto Diaz-Cayeros and Barry Weingast) (2001)
- Gabriel Almond Award — Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association (1998)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair of the Michael Wallerstein Award for the best paper on political economy published in the past two years, American Political Science Association Meeting (2012 - 2012)
- Organizer of the Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Section, American Political Science Association Meeting (2011 - 2011)
- Gabriel Almond Award Committee, Comparative Politics Division, American Political Science Association (2010 - 2010)
- Lubbert Award for Best Paper, Comparative Politics Division, American Political Science Association (2005 - 2005)
- Assistant to the editor, World Development (2013 - present)
- Research Scholars Group, World Justice Project (2013 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Latin American Studies
- Program in International Relations

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Duke University , Department of Political Science (1997)
- M.A., Duke University , Department of Political Science (1993)
- Licenciatura, ITAM, Mexico , Law (1989)

LINKS

- My Personal Site: http://bmagaloni.com/
- PovGov Lab: http://povgov.com/
- Democracy Action Lab: https://cddrl.fsi.stanford.edu/dal

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Latin American Politics

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Democracy and Dictatorship: POLISCI 244 (Spr)
- The Logics of Violence: Rebels, Criminal Groups and the State: POLISCI 245C, POLISCI 445C (Spr)
- Theories in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440A (Aut)

2025-26

- The Logics of Violence: Rebels, Criminal Groups and the State: POLISCI 245C (Aut)

2024-25

- Authoritarian Politics: POLISCI 244A, POLISCI 444A (Aut)
- The Logics of Violence: Rebels, Criminal Groups and the State: POLISCI 245C, POLISCI 445C (Win)
- Workshop in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440D (Win)

2023-24

- Democratic Backsliding - La Recaída Democrática: OSPMADRD 23 (Aut)
- Governance and Poverty: POLISCI 247G, POLISCI 347G (Spr)
- Policing, Violence and Migration in Latin America: Historical Origins and Contemporary Challenges: POLISCI 27SC (Sum)
- The Logics of Violence: Rebels, Criminal Groups and the State: POLISCI 245C, POLISCI 445C (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Daniel Astilla Muñoz

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Killing in the Slums: Social Order, Criminal Governance, and Police Violence in Rio de Janeiro** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Magaloni, B., Franco-Vivanco, E., Melo, V.
  2020; 114 (2): 552–72

- **Legislatures and Policy Making in Authoritarian Regimes** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
  Williamson, S., Magaloni, B.
  2020
- **Living in Fear: The Dynamics of Extortion in Mexico's Drug War** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
  Magaloni, B., Robles, G., Matanock, A. M., Diaz-Cayeros, A., Romero, V.
  2019
- **Public Good Provision and Traditional Governance in Indigenous Communities in Oaxaca, Mexico** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
  Magaloni, B., Diaz-Cayeros, A., Euler, A.
  2019; 52 (12): 1841–80
- **Authoritarian Survival and Poverty Traps: Land Reform in Mexico** *WORLD DEVELOPMENT*
  Albertus, M., Diaz-Cayeros, A., Magaloni, B., Weingast, B. R.
  2016; 77: 154-170
- **The Beheading of Criminal Organizations and the Dynamics of Violence in Mexico** *JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION*
  Calderon, G., Robles, G., Diaz-Cayeros, A., Magaloni, B.
  2015; 59 (8): 1455-1485
- **The Mexican War on Drugs: Crime and the Limits of Government Persuasion** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH*
  Romero, V., Magaloni, B., Diaz-Cayeros, A.
  2015; 27 (1): 125-137
- **Traditional Governance, Citizen Engagement and Local Public Goods: Evidence from Mexico** *World Development*
  Magaloni , B., Díaz-Cayeros , A., Euler , A. R.
  2013
- **The Game of Electoral Fraud and the Ousting of Authoritarian Rule** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Magaloni, B.
  2010; 54 (3): 751-765
- **Political Order and One-Party Rule** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VOL 13*
  Magaloni, B., Kricheli, R.
  2010; 13: 123-143
- **AIDING LATIN AMERICA'S POOR** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
  Diaz-Cayeros, A., Magaloni, B.
  2009; 20 (4): 36-49
- **Credible power-sharing and the longevity of authoritarian rule** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
  Magaloni, B.
  2008; 41 (4-5): 715-741
- **Partisan cleavages, state retrenchment, and free trade - Latin America in the 1990s** *Annual Meeting of the American-Political-Science-Association*
  Magaloni, B., Romero, V.
  LATIN AMER STUDIES ASSOC.2008: 107–35
- **Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico**
  Magaloni , B.
  Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics.2006
- **A la Puerta de la Ley: El Estado de Derecho en México (At the Threshold of the Law: Rule of Law in Mexico)**
  Magaloni , B., Rubio , L., Jaime , E.
  CIDAC - Cal y Arena.1993