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Research Areas

Areas of Specialization: Science and Values; Values in Economics; Logical Empiricism; Alternatives to Scientific Realism.

Areas of Interest: General Philosophy of Science; Formal Social Epistemology; Philosophy of Economics.

Current Research: Philosophical foundations of science funding, with particular emphasis on the relationship between scientific knowledge, public institutions, values, and democratic decision-making.

Education

M.A. in Philosophy, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC) 2026–Present
Concentration in Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science. Advisor: Prof. Ivan Ferreira da Cunha. Graduate scholarship from the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq).

B.A. in Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile 2022–2026

Minor in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile 2022–2025

Publications

Journal Articles

1. Barra-Acuña, Martín. “Una defensa filosófica de la economía mainstream.” *Revista Culturas Científicas* (2025).

Forthcoming Book Chapters

1. Barra-Acuña, Martín, and Constantino Contreras. “¿Qué es el cientificismo?” In *Artículos sobre Naturalismo y Cientismo*, edited by Constantino Contreras. Forthcoming.

Manuscripts Under Review

Articles

1. Barra-Acuña, Martín. “A Neurathian Dream: Game Theory and Values in Science.” Manuscript under review.
2. Barra-Acuña, Martín. “Elements for a Philosophy of Science Funding in Latin America.” Manuscript under review.
3. Barra-Acuña, Martín, and Cristian Navarrete. “There Is No Such Thing as a Value-Free (Social) Science: How Sociologists Do Things with Values and Data.” Manuscript under review.

4. Barra-Acuña, Martín, and Carlos Romero. “Ontic Structure as Constraint: The Case of Microeconomics.” Manuscript under review.

Edited Volume

1. Arancibia, Fernando, Lucas Miranda, and Martín Barra-Acuña, eds. *Rethinking Economics from Philosophy*. Book proposal/manuscript under review.

Book Projects

1. *Latin American Perspectives for Political Philosophy of Science*. Editor.

Edited volume in preparation examining the social, political, epistemic, and economic dimensions of science from Latin American perspectives. The volume focuses on Indigenous knowledge and value-laden scientific objectivity, science and territory in Latin America, and the political economy of science funding.

Planned for submission to the *Coleção Rumos da Epistemologia*, Núcleo de Epistemologia e Lógica (NEL), Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina.

2. *Formal Tools for Formal Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*. With Matheus Rui.

Book manuscript introducing mathematical tools relevant to contemporary analytic philosophy, including probability theory, decision theory, social choice theory, and game theory, with applications to formal epistemology and philosophy of science.

Planned for submission to the *Ponto de Partida* series, Núcleo de Epistemologia e Lógica (NEL), Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina.

Translations

1. Longino, Helen. “Las dimensiones sociales del conocimiento científico.” Spanish translation of “The Social Dimensions of Scientific Knowledge,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Published in *Revista de Filosofía Homónima*, 2026.

2. *Para todo x: Santiago*. Spanish translation and adaptation of *forall x: Calgary*. Asociación Chilena de Estudiantes de Filosofía Analítica (AChEFA).

GitHub repository.

3. *Biographies of Logicians*. Spanish translation of the biographical appendix of the *Open Logic Project*.

GitHub repository.

Research Experience

Undergraduate Thesis Researcher, FONDECYT Project No. 1241862 2025
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Supervisor: Prof. Felipe Schwember.

Research Assistant, *Bien Común y Eficiencia Económica* 2023–2024
Instituto de Ética Aplicada, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Research Assistant, PIA Fund Project 2022–2023
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Teaching Experience

Critical Thinking and Social Sciences, Faro UDD 2025

Ethics, Economics, and Business , Instituto de Ética Aplicada, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2023–2025
Theory of Knowledge , Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2024
Introduction to Philosophy , Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2023
Methodological Seminar , Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2023
What Is Philosophy For? , Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2022

Conference Presentations

I Congresso Brasileiro de Filosofia da Ciência , Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil	2026
MEQA I: Metafísica, Quântica e Abstração , Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil	2026
III Workshop on Interdisciplinary Topics in Consequence and Hypothetical Reasoning (WITCH III) , Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil	2026
XXV Rolando Chuaqui Kettlun Conference on Philosophy and Science , Universidad de Concepción, Concepción, Chile	2025
14th Principia International Symposium , Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil	2025
XI Colloquium on Language and Cognition , Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2025
XIII Meeting on Philosophy and History of Science , UNIOESTE, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil	2024
VIII Colloquium of Students of Analytic Philosophy , Universidad de Santiago de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2024
Latin American Conference of Analytic Philosophy , Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay	2023
Congreso Nacional de Filosofía , Santiago, Chile	2023
VI Congreso de Estudiantes de Filosofía , Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2023
V Congreso de Estudiantes de Filosofía , Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2023
Philosophy Colloquium , Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2022

Editorial Experience

Associate Editor , <i>Revista de Filosofía Homónima</i> (ISSN 3087-260X) Editorial project affiliated with Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile. Responsibilities include manuscript evaluation,	2025–Present
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editorial decision-making, and coordination with editors and reviewers.

Academic Service and Leadership

Founder and President , Asociación Chilena de Estudiantes de Filosofía Analítica (AChEFA)	2023–Present
Co-organizer , First Workshop on Philosophy of Economics	2024
General Coordinator , VII, VIII, IX, and X Colloquium of Students of Analytic Philosophy	2023–2026
Organizer , <i>Filosofía Analítica 101</i>	2024
Founder and Coordinator , GEFA UC (Analytic Philosophy Study Group), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2023
Second Vice President , Student Government, Faculty of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2023–2024

Additional Academic Training

Workshop: Foresight and Intelligence for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy , Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/UN)	2026
Organized by the Productive Development and Business Division (DDPE) and the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES).	
Latin American School of Development (ELADES) , Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/UN)	2025

Academic Affiliations

- **Núcleo de Epistemologia e Lógica (NEL)**, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil.
- **Research Group in Logic and Foundations of Science (CNPq)**, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil.
- **Asociación Chilena de Estudiantes de Filosofía Analítica (AChEFA)**, Founder and President.

Languages

Spanish	Native
Portuguese	Fluent
English	Fluent

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