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EDUCATION

- 2019 - (exp. 12/2023) **University of Brasilia (UnB)**, Brasília, Brazil
Ph.D. candidate in International Relations, GPA: Other (Estimate - 3.92/4.0)
 - Dissertation title: "Understanding Agency within Systemic Dependency: Brazil from Lula to Bolsonaro"
- 2014 - 2016 **Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC)**, Florianópolis, Brazil
M.A. in International Relations, GPA: 3.67/4.0
 - Thesis title: "The Agency-Structure Problem: Building Bridges between Marxist Dependency Theory and Neo-Gramscian Critical Theory"
 - Thesis nominated for the Brazilian Association of International Relations Best Master's Thesis Award.
- 2002 - 2005 **University of the Pacific**, Stockton, United States
B.A. in International Relations & Political Science, GPA: 3.58/4.0 (cum laude)
 - Semester abroad at Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India (2003).
 - National Security Education Program (NSEP) Scholar

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Teaching Experience

- 2023 - Fall Assistant Professor in Political Science (LMS: Canvas)
The College of Saint Rose, Albany NY
Comparative Politics and Critical Analysis of US Politics
- 2022 - 2023 Adjunct Instructor in Political Science (LMS: Canvas)
Le Moyne College, Syracuse NY
American National Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Politics of the Middle East
- 2020 - Spring Teaching Assistant (online/synchronous due to coronavirus pandemic)
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília
Inequalities, Historical Capitalism, and Alternatives to Development
- 2019 - Fall Teaching Assistant
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília
International Political Economy I
- 2015 - Fall Teaching Assistant
Dept. of Economics and International Relations, Federal Univ. of Santa Catarina
International Political Economy

Teaching Workshops

- 2022 ISA-NE Pedagogy Workshop
- 2020 ISA-NE Pedagogy Workshop; ISA-IPC Pandemic Pedagogy Workshop

Research Experience

- 2019 - current Researcher, Research Group on Latin America, P. I. Dr. Roberto Goulart Menezes
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília, Brazil

2021 - 2022

Virtual Student Federal Service Intern, Project: “How do black lives matter globally?”, US Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed chapters, books and articles

Temístocles, Poliana G., and **Rafael A. Mello**. 2023. “The Maquiladora Industry in Mexico’s Northern Border: Impacts on Wage and International Labor Mobility.” *Brazilian Journal of Labour Studies* 22(1): 1-19. <https://periodicos.ufpb.br/ojs/index.php/abet/article/view/54891>

Mello, Rafael A. 2022. “Building Bridges between Dependency Theory and Critical Theory: Meta-Theory as a Starting Point.” *Contexto Internacional: Journal of Global Connections* 44, no. 1 (Jan/Apr): 1-22. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/S0102-8529.20224401e20200109>.

Menezes, Roberto G., Patricia de Vasconcellos, Marina Scotelaro, and **Rafael A. Mello**. 2022. “Inequality, Expulsions and Social Resistance: The local and the global. *Caderno CRH* 35: 1-17. <http://dx.doi.org/10.9771/ccrh.v35i0.48419>.

Menezes, Roberto G., and **Rafael A. Mello**. 2021. “Neoliberalism, State and Welfare: What Does the Pandemic Interrupt or Reinforce in Brazil?” In *Impactos de la covid-19 en el sistema internacional y en la integración regional*, edited by E. Vieira Posada and F. Peña (vol. 7: 151-173). Bogotá: Ediciones Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia. <https://doi.org/10.16925/9789587602937>.

Davi Ferreira, Mariana, and **Rafael A. M. Mello**. 2020. *Ruy Mauro Marini: The Trajectory of a militant-intellectual* [original title: *Ruy Mauro Marini: Trajetória de um intelectual militante*]. Penápolis, São Paulo: Ed. Funepe. E-book.

Editor-reviewed publications

Dossier Introduction: Bugiato, Caio; Luana Forlini; Mariana Davi Ferreira; **Rafael A. Mello**. 2022. “Marxism and Knowledge Production in International Relations: Introduction” [original: Marxismo e produção de conhecimento em relações internacionais: introdução]. *Cadernos Cemarx*, Campinas, SP, v. 16, n. 0, <https://econtents.bc.unicamp.br/inpec/index.php/cemarx/article/view/17488>.

Interview: Davi Ferreira, Mariana; **Mello, Rafael A.** 2022. “Dialogue between Marxism and International Relations in Brazil: An interview with Luis Manuel Rebelo Fernandes. [Original: Diálogos entre marxismo e a área acadêmica de relações internacionais no Brasil: entrevista com Luis Manuel Rebelo Fernandes]. *Cadernos Cemarx*, Campinas, SP, v. 16, n. 0. <https://econtents.bc.unicamp.br/inpec/index.php/cemarx/article/view/17485>.

Translations published

Book: Traverso, Enzo. 2021 *As Novas Faces do Fascismo: Populismo e a Extrema Direita* [original title: *The New Faces of Fascism: Populism and the Far Right*], Editora Âyiné. Translated by **Rafael Mello**, M. Fernandes, & R. Seabra.: <https://ayine.com.br/catalogo/as-novas-faces-do-fascismo/>.

Article: Inoue, Cristina. 2020. “Abordagem dos Muitos Mundos Aplicada ao Estudo da Política Ambiental Global no Antropoceno: Vozes Indígenas na Amazônia” [original title: *Worlding the Study of Global Environmental Politics in the Anthropocene: Indigenous Voices from the Amazon*], *Monções: Revista de Relações Internacionais da UFGD* 9, no. 18: 435-460. Translated by **Rafael A. Mello**, revised by João Nackle Urt. <https://doi.org/10.30612/rmufgd.v9i18.13640>.

Article: Tavares, Enzo. 2019 “Do Fascismo ao Pós-Fascismo” [original title: *From Fascism to Post-Fascism*], *Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas* 13, no. 2. Translated by M. Fernandes and **Rafael A. Mello**. <https://doi.org/10.21057/10.21057/repamv13n2.2019.26801>.

Article: Kay, Cristobal. 2018 “A questão agrária e a transformação rural neoliberal na América Latina” [original title: *The Agrarian Question and the Neoliberal Rural Transformation in Latin*

America], *Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas* 12, no. 3. Translated by **Rafael M. de Mello**. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.21057/repamv12n3.2018.31201>.

Works in Progress

Mello, Rafael A. “Dependency Theory as Complexity Thinking: A Meta-Approach for Global and Planetary Analysis.”

Mello, Rafael A., Christina Yumie Aokie Inoue, Maurício Kenyatta and Ana Luci Lopes. “Teaching Doctoral Students” for *The Handbook on the Pedagogy of International Relations Theory*, Palgrave MacMillan.

Salgado, Pedro and **Mello, Rafael A.** “Agency in the Global Periphery: Contributions from the Cardoso-Marini Debate.”

Mello, Rafael A. and Rodrigo Fuhr. “Soy Dependency and Peripheral Agency in the Plantationocene.”

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Academic Service

- 2023 (Spring) **Co-Mentor**, The Manresa Program
Become You (for First-Year students), Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY
- 2021 - 2023 **Co-convener, International Relations as a Social Science Working Group**
British International Studies Association, United Kingdom
- Seminar Series: Understanding IR as a Social Science, Nov 2022-May 2023
 - Event: BISA 2022 Conference, organizing panels/roundtables, June 2022
 - Event: *Meet the new IRSS conveners*, online, November 2021
- 2022 **Co-editor, Special Dossier: Marxism and Knowledge Production in International Relations**
Cadernos Cemarx (academic journal), University of Campinas, Brazil
- 2016 - 2017 **Managing Editor, RARI - Academic Journal of International Relations**
(journal for undergraduate student publications)
UFSC, Florianópolis, Brazil
- Coordinated general activities within editorial team. Responsible for blind peer review process. Pre-evaluation of submissions. Primary institutional contact.
- 2016 - 2017 **Technical Editor, AGRIES-Environmental Sciences**
State University of Tocantins, Palmas, Brazil
- Revised manuscripts and abstracts in English: Vol. 2, no. 1-2; Vol. 3, no. 1-2.

Academic & Other-Than-Academic Community Service

- 2023 **Chair**, Panels: “Technicity in International Relations” and “Contestation of International Order”
BISA 2023 Conference, British International Studies Association, UK
- 2022 **Chair**, Virtual Roundtable: “Brazilian IR and Marxist Research”
BISA 2022 Conference, British International Studies Association, UK
- 2019 - 2022 **PhD student representative** in IR Graduate Council & Graduate Collegiate Body
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília, Brazil
- 2021 **Organizer and discussant**, 2nd Seminar on Studies about the Global South
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília, Brazil
Available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8grX80s-w0>

- 2020 **Organizer and discussant**, Cycle of Debates, Research Group on Latin America
Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília, Brazil
Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO2WtQNuLjpcgNp9RkieBnQ>
- 2014 - 2015 **MA student representative** in IR Graduate Collegiate Body
Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
- 2011 - 2014 **LGBTQ+ Activist**, Identidade: Grupo de Luta pela Diversidade Sexual
Campinas, Brazil
- 2011 - 2014 **Youth Activist**, Juntos!
Campinas, Brazil
- 2011 - 2012 **Volunteer English Teacher & Local Co-Coordinator**
Rede Emancipa, Campinas, Brazil (university prep course for low-income youth)
- 2001-2002 **Peer Educator**, *Safe Schools Project*, GLSEN/Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Concord, CA, United States

PRESENTATIONS: CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“Neoliberalism, State, and Global Inequality: What does the Pandemic Interrupt or Reinforce in Brazil.” Paper presented with Roberto G. Menezes at the **International Studies Association** 2023 Annual Conference, Montreal, March 2023.

“Dependency Theory as Complexity Thinking: A Meta-Approach for Global and Planetary Analysis”, presented at the *International Theory* and Cambridge University Press Workshop, **International Studies Association** 2023 Annual Conference, Montreal, March 2023

“The veins of dependency exposed? What pandemic politics has exacerbated in the developed-underdeveloped relation.” Paper presented at the Summer School of the Standing Group on International Relations, **European Consortium for Political Science**, Barcelona, 12 – 15 July 2022

“Agency in the Periphery: the controversy between Marini and Cardoso in Geopolitical terms.” Paper presented with Pedro Salgado at the **Historical Materialism** Annual Conference, November 2021.

“Dependency Theory as Complexity Thinking: A Meta-Approach for Global and Planetary Analysis.” Paper presented at the **Millennium Journal of International Studies** 2021 Online, October 2021.

“Paths for Brazil: Considerations around limited hegemony and sub-imperialism” and “Dependency in the Anthropocene: an essay on a peripheral contribution.” Papers presented at the 14th Pan-European Conference, **European International Studies Association**, online, September 2021.

“Neoliberalism, State, and Welfare: Pandemic politics in Brazil.” Paper presented with Roberto G. Menezes at the 11th Annual Conference in Political Economy, of the **IIPPE**, online, September 2021.

“Foreign Policy Analysis in Brazil: a brief look at agency and structure” and “Dependency and the Anthropocene.” Papers presented at the 8th National Encounter of the **Brazilian Association of International Relations**, online, July 2021.

“Bridge Building: Marxist Dependency Theory and Neo-Gramscian Critical Theory.” Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference in Political Economy, of the **IIPPE**, in Berlin, Germany, 2017.

“Brazil’s Engagement as an Emerging Country: An analysis of the BRICS Development Bank in Marxist Dependency Theory.” Paper presented with Jorge Juan Robles at the 2nd International Relations Seminar, **Brazilian Association for International Relations** in João Pessoa, Brazil, 2014.