

Luis Valverde Ramos

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Professional Profile

Political scientist graduated with distinction from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú — PUCP, with an academic exchange at Ghent University, Belgium. I combine training in political science and public management with advanced capabilities in quantitative analysis, large-scale administrative data processing, and the production of evidence-based inputs for public policy decision-making. I have collaborated with State institutions, international cooperation-funded research centres and the private sector, working in multidisciplinary teams and coordinating with national and international institutional stakeholders. I am experienced in translating complex technical analysis into clear, actionable outputs for diverse audiences, with strong written and oral communication skills.

Education

- 2019–2024 **Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Government**, *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Lima, Peru*
First in cohort. Thesis with highest honours on implementation gaps in post-disaster public infrastructure. Coursework: Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Public Management, Political Economy.
- 2024 **Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences**, *Ghent University, Belgium*
Quantitative Methods for Social Research, Public Management, Innovation Management, European Policy.
- 2016–2018 **International Baccalaureate Diploma**, *Colegio de Alto Rendimiento (COAR), Amazonas, Peru*
Outstanding graduate

Professional Experience

Research & Consulting

- Feb. 2026 – Present **Researcher (part-time)**, *Liga Peruana de Debate Escolar (LPDE) — Lima, Peru*
- Lead the design and implementation of the first National Survey on School Debate in Peru, establishing the first national evidence base on the state of school debate.
- Oct. 2025 – Feb. 2026 **Research Assistant**, *CISEPA PUCP, under supervision of José Incio (Ph.D.) and Zarái Toledo (Ph.D.), Lima, Peru*
- Contributed to the econometric analysis of five projects — subnational re-election and corruption, media coverage in elections, perceived insecurity and migration, and district-level HDI estimation using VIIRS satellite data — implementing ITS models, two-way fixed effects, and shift-share instrumental variables in R, with papers submitted to journals such as *Public Choice*.
 - Measured the media visibility of five illicit economies in Peru by scraping and analysing 747,836 unique headlines from *El Comercio* and *La República* (2016–2024) via a multi-channel pipeline and a proximity-search dictionary in R.
- Nov. 2025 – Dec. 2025 **Consultant**, *ProDiálogo — commissioned by the National Elections Jury (JNE), Lima, Peru*
- Designed three behavioural measurement instruments for the Peruvian electoral context: the 2026 Electoral Profile Survey, two survey experiments, and a behavioural map, providing strategic inputs for JNE institutional policy.
 - Segmented the Peruvian electorate applying clustering to survey data from three electoral cycles (2011, 2016, 2021), generating typological voter profiles as inputs for civic education policies.
- Sep. 2024 – Sep. 2025 **Research Assistant**, *Q-LAB — Laboratory of AI and Computational Methods in Social Sciences, PUCP, Lima, Peru*
- Analysed implementation gaps across more than 60,000 municipal public works (2018–2024) for a project funded by the Swiss Cooperation Agency, applying supervised machine learning (XGBoost, SHAP values) to predict subnational execution shortfalls and identify key drivers of underperformance.
 - Built and cleaned district- and regional-level datasets integrating administrative records from the MEF, RENAMU, and INEI for research on corruption, municipal performance, and migration.
- Jul. 2025 – Sep. 2025 **Data Analysis Consultant**, *Sapienza — project for Roche Pharma Peru, Lima*
- Analysed administrative records on rare eye diseases, cancer, and high-cost medicines in Peru (2019–2025), identifying regional prevalence patterns and public procurement trends, and produced 3 analytical reports as strategic inputs for Roche Peru's market access decisions.

- May 2024 – **Research Assistant**, *Daniel Encinas (Ph.D. Candidate, Northwestern U) and Rodrigo Barrenechea (Ph.D.)*
 Aug. 2024
- Identified geographic patterns of populist voting in Peru analysing district-level results across 10 presidential elections (1980–2021), and produced descriptive analysis of Andean electoral behaviour using LAPOP data, as inputs for articles submitted to international indexed journals.
- Feb. 2023 – **Research Intern — Academic and Research Division**, *Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, PUCP*
 Dec. 2023
(IDEHPUCP), Lima, Peru
- Participated in the design and implementation of research projects on human rights, democracy, and migration, coordinating with international organisations, and supported the editorial process of the commemorative volume for the 20th anniversary of Peru’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report.
 - Authored 7 opinion columns for the IDEHPUCP’s bulletin on migration, climate change and democracy.
- 2024 – Present **Research Member**, *Research Group on State and Society (GIES — PUCP), Lima, Peru*
- Systematised congressional votes and built legislative tracking databases for the civic portal hechosynopalabras.pe, documenting gender and higher education reforms ahead of Peru’s 2026 elections.

Publications

- 2025 Valverde, L. (2025). *Disasters and implementation gaps: The reconstruction of educational infrastructure in Piura after the Coastal El Niño phenomenon, July 2020–January 2023* [Bachelor’s thesis with highest honours, PUCP]. PUCP Institutional Repository.
- 2023 Cabrales, S., Quiroz, S. J., Mamede, T., Barbosa, I. & Valverde, L. (Eds.). (2023). *Climate emergency and human rights: Essays on the advisory opinion to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*. Alliance of Environmental Law Clinics of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Awards & Recognition

- 2024 **First Place — Student Research Competition, Faculty of Social Sciences, PUCP**
 Research on implementation gaps in post-disaster prevention projects in Piura.
- 2024 **International Mobility Fellow — DARI-PUCP**
 Competitive scholarship to study at Ghent University, Belgium.
- 2022 **Semi-finalist — World Universities Debating Championship in Spanish**
 Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain.
- 2019–2024 **Scholar — Beca 18, PRONABEC**
 Merit-based scholarship from the Peruvian State covering the full undergraduate programme at PUCP.

Specialised Training

- 2025 Recent Advances in Regression Discontinuity for Causal Inference in Social Sciences, *Q-LAB — PUCP*.
- 2025 Recent Advances in Time Series Forecasting with M. Learning applied to Economics and Investment, *Q-LAB — PUCP*.
- 2025 Transformers in Large Language Models for Social Sciences and Public Policy, *Q-LAB — PUCP*.
- 2024 Introduction to ML for Social Sciences and Public Management / Advanced Applied Econometrics, *Q-LAB — PUCP*.

Languages & Technical Skills

Languages	Spanish (native) • English (full professional proficiency)
Programming	R (advanced), Python (advanced), LaTeX (intermediate)
Econometrics	ITS, fixed effects, diff-in-diff, regression discontinuity — fixest, rdrobust
M. Learning	XGBoost, SHAP values, K-means clustering, classification — scikit-learn, tidymodels
Data	Web scraping (Selenium, APIs), text processing, fuzzy matching — pandas, stringdist
Visualisation	ggplot2, matplotlib, seaborn, choropleth mapping
Tools	Git/GitHub, Microsoft Office (Excel advanced), Google Workspace

References

- **José Incio** — Ph.D., Researcher and Professor, PUCP — jincio@pucp.pe
- **Alfonso Rodríguez** — M.Sc., Head of Q-LAB, PUCP — alfonso.rodriguez@pucp.pe
- **Ramiro Rodrich** — Head of Public Policy, Roche Pharma Peru — ramiro.rodreich@roche.com