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### Education

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- 2018- **Brown University**, Providence, RI  
Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology  
Committee: Nitsan Chorev (Chair), Patrick Heller, Jose Itzigsohn, and Daniel Hirschman (Cornell University).
- 2017-2018 **Columbia University**, New York, NY  
M.A. in Sociology
- 2015 **Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú**, Lima, Perú  
Licenciate in Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Thesis: “La construcción endógena del Estado: el caso de los inspectores laborales en Lima”. (“The endogenous construction of the State: a case study of the labor inspectors in Lima”).
- 2008-2013 **Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú**, Lima, Perú  
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### Research & Teaching Interests

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Sociology of Development, Culture, Labor and Labor Movements, Organizations, Urban Sociology, Science, Knowledge, and Technology, Qualitative Methods

### Publications

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#### a. Manuscripts

Cueto, Alejandra. “Mobilizing Expertise: The Role of Social Movements in State Knowledge Production.” Under Review.

Cueto, Alejandra. (2024). *Work Is Freedom: The Entrepreneurial Self Among Street Vendors*. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2363219>

Cueto, Alejandra. (2022). Calla Hummel (2021) Why Informal Workers Organize? Contentious Politics, Enforcement, and the State. *Global Labour Journal*, 13(3). <https://doi.org/10.15173/glj.v13i3.5248>

Cueto, Alejandra. (2019). “Field notes on first generation street vendors in upper Manhattan”. In: Milstein, Denise. *Dispatches from the Field: The American Dream*. New York: Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics. Columbia University. Issue 1: 12.20.

### Working Manuscripts

Cueto, Alejandra. “Slum-Hunters: The Use of Technology in the Identification of Informal Settlements.” Writing phase.

### **b. Book chapters**

Cueto, Alejandra. 2017. “De la solidaridad a la reforma estatal: identidades colectivas de los inspectores laborales en Lima”. (“From solidarity to public reform: a case study of labor inspectors in Lima”) In: Manky, Omar (Ed.). *Work and Society: A study of labor relations in Peru*. Lima: Fondo Editorial de la PUCP, (2017).

Cueto, Alejandra, Omar, Manky y Sergio Saravia. 2017. “Un balance de los estudios del trabajo en el Perú, 1990 – 2010”. (“A balance of labor studies in Peru, 1990 - 2010”) In: Manky, Omar (Ed.). *Work and Society: A study of labor relations in Peru*. Lima: Fondo Editorial de la PUCP, (2017).

### **c. Public sociology**

Cueto, Alejandra. 2023. “Leveraging Unexpected Opportunities while Doing Fieldwork Abroad”. *Sectors*, the Newsletter of the Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association.

### **Fellowships & Grants**

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2024	American Sociological Association, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG). The ASA DDRIG program funded through the National Science Foundation (\$ 13,730)
2023	Engaged Research Mini-Grant, Brown University (\$ 500)
2023	Summer Workshop on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness, organized by Professor Erin McDonnell, Temple University.
2023-2024	Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, (\$ 42,000)
2022	Global Mobility Research Fellowship, Brown University (\$ 16,500)
2022	Pre-dissertation Research Award – Center of Latina American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Brown University (\$ 2500)
2021	Hazeltine Fellowship Business Entrepreneurship and Organization, Brown University (\$ 4290)

- 2021-2022 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University (\$ 30,000)
- 2019-2020 Graduate Program in Development Fellowship – Watson Institute, Brown University (\$ 30,000)
- 2020 Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding – Watson Institute, Brown University (\$ 2000)
- 2018-2019 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University (\$ 30,000)

### **Teaching Experience**

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#### **Brown University, Sociology Department**

Teaching Assistant in:

- 2022 Market Research in Public and Private Sectors (Carrie Spearin)
- 2021 Social Forces: An introduction to sociology (Daniel Hirschman)
- 2021 Classical sociological theory (Patrick Heller)
- 2020 Organizations and society (Rachel Wetts)

#### **Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Department of Social Sciences**

Teaching Assistant in:

- 2016 Methods in Social Research 1 (Martin Benavides)
- 2015 Qualitative Methods (Jose Rosales)
- 2015 Academic Research (Julio Villa)
- 2014 Qualitative Methods (Jose Rosales)
- 2013 Academic Research (Julio Villa)

### **Visiting positions**

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- 2023-2024 Research Visitor at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2022-2023 Visiting Fellow, Innovation Center for Workers (CITRA), managed by the University for Education and Labor (UMET) and the National Council for Scientific Research (CONICET), Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **Professional Experience**

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- 2017 Consultant. Ministry of Labor. “Informality in small businesses in Lima for the Ministry of Labor”. Period: June – August.
- 2017 Consultant. Participation in phone interviews with communal leaders, elaboration of a document regarding the situation of communal leaders in charge of forced labor in Cuzco and Ucayali. OIT. Period: May-June.

- 2016 Project Officer. European Union. Program “Supporting Democracy – A Citizen Organizations Program”. Period: November – March.
- 2016 Program Assistant. Project “Estrategia ciudadana para mejorar la calidad de la política” (Citizen strategy to strengthen the quality of politics) of the Union Europea enforced by IDEA Internacional.
- 2015 Assistant Coordinator. Grupo Interdisciplinario de Investigación sobre Conflictos y Desigualdades. Interdisciplinary group on social conflicts and inequalities Social Science Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.
- 2014 Consultancy. Doctor’s Union in ESSALUD (National Public Service of Health). “Servicio de apoyo para la sistematización de los procesos de gestión presentados durante la huelga del gremio médico de EsSalud”. National Social Service of Health, Perú. Period: August – December.
- 2012 Internship in the Ministry of Labor in Peru, at the Dirección de Prevención y Solución de Conflictos y Responsabilidad Social Empresarial (“Direction of Prevention and Solution of Social Conflicts and Corporate Responsibility”).

### Conference Participation

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- 2024 Cueto, Alejandra. “Mobilizing Expertise: The Role of Social Movements in State Knowledge Production.” Sciences Po Political Economy and Economic Sociology Summer School (June 23-26), Menton, France.
- 2021 Cueto, Alejandra. “Narratives of Contradiction: The Experience of Latin American Street Vendors in New York City”. American Sociological Association 116<sup>th</sup> virtual Annual Meeting.
- 2019 Cueto, Alejandra. “Agency in question? The experiences of Latino immigrants in the formal and informal economy in New York”. At 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference 2019 (March 16<sup>th</sup>), Chicago, U.S.A.
- 2018 Cueto, Alejandra. “The “joy of the street” and the benefits of the employment agencies: the experiences of Latino immigrants in the formal and informal economy in New York”. Panel: Immigration & social capital. Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) (February 22 - 25). Baltimore, U.S.A.
- 2017 Cueto, Alejandra. “Las identidades colectivas de los inspectores laborales en Lima”. (“Collective identities of the labor inspectors in Lima”) Panel: Trabajadores frente a posibilidades nuevas de cultura política y legislativa. At Lasa 2017 “Dialogo de Saberes”. (20 April – 1 May). Lima, Peru.
- 2016 Cueto, Alejandra. “El crecimiento burocrático desde abajo: el caso de las Inspecciones Laborales en Lima 2006 – 2012” (*The bureaucratic growth from within: the case of the*

*labor inspectors in Lima 2006-2012*). Presented at the VIII Latin American Congress of Labor Studies: “La recuperación de la centralidad del trabajo en América Latina. Actores, perspectivas y desafíos”. Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios del Trabajo (*Latin American Association of Sociology and Labor Studies*). (3-5 August). Flacso, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2015 Cueto, Alejandra. “Construyendo Autonomía en un Entorno Adverso” (*Building autonomy in an adverse context*). Panel: "La (De)construcción de la Institucionalidad Estatal en el Perú Hoy". Presented at the VIII Latin American Congress of Science Politics. ALACIP. (22 -24 July). Lima, Perú.

### **Departmental Service**

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2020-2021 Student Representative on Social Committee.

2021-2022 Student Representative on Sociology Department Diversity Committee.

### **Disciplinary Service**

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2022- Reviewer for *Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, The Sociological Quarterly*.

2024-2025 Student Representative for the ASA Sociology of Development Section.

2021-2022 Student Volunteer in the Culture and Contemporary Life series – ASA Culture Section.

2018-2019 Peruvian representative before the Latin American Association of Sociology and Labor Studies (Alas T).

### **Community Service**

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2023- Elaboration of a survey about the housing conditions of Isla Maciel, Buenos Aires with the National Registry of Informal Settlements (ReNaBaP) in Argentina.

2017-2018 Volunteer in the New Sanctuary Coalition's accompaniment program in NYC. Accompaniment of people facing deportation during their immigration hearings.

2011 – 2012 Researcher. “Diagnóstico Social, Espacial y Legal del A.H. El Ayllu, Callao” (Social, Spatial and Legal Diagnostic of the El Ayllu Shantytown, Callao). Dirección Académica de Responsabilidad Social (Division of Social Responsibility), Representación Estudiantil ante la Asamblea Universitaria (University Assembly Student Representative). Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

## **Languages**

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Spanish: Native Proficiency

English: Speak, Read, and Write

Portuguese: Speak, Read, and Write

## **Relevant skills**

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