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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

City University of New York – Graduate Center	2025 (expected)
PhD in Sociology (Candidate)	
<u>Dissertation</u> : “Rezoning New York: Class and Racial Inequalities in the Struggle for Space”	
<u>Committee</u> : Van Tran (chair), Carolina Bank-Muñoz, Philip Kasinitz, Sharon Zukin, Gianpaolo Baiocchi (New York University)	
<u>Master</u> Phil. in Sociology	2022
University of California, Berkeley	2018
Master of City Planning	
Pontifical Catholic University of Peru	2009
B. A. in Sociology	

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Urban Sociology; Political Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Social Theory; Governance and Citizen Participation; Social Movements; Housing Policy.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed papers

Bensus, Viktor (2021). “Improving local governance with citizen engagement? Quotidian participatory mechanisms in two middle-class districts in Lima, Peru.” *City*, 25(1-2), 88-107.

Bensus, Viktor (2018). “(Non)Planned densification of a metropolis. The case of the Metropolitan area of Lima 2000-2014”. *Revista INVI*, N° 92.

Dammert, Manuel & **Bensus, Viktor** (2017). “Border Cities and Urban Expansion: The Case of Zaramilla and Aguas Verdes on the Peru-Ecuador Border”. *Frontera Norte*, Vol. 29 N° 57.

Bensus, Viktor (2012). “Ideología de la inseguridad y segregación en el espacio público en Lima Metropolitana: el caso de la gestión 2007-2010 en Miraflores”. *Debates en Sociología*, 37, 2012. pp. 77-108.

Books

Vega Centeno, Pablo, Dammert, Manuel, Moschella, Paola, Vilela, Marta, **Bensus, Viktor**, Fernández de Córdova, Graciela, Pereira, Omar (2019). *Las Centralidades de Lima Metropolitana. Una aproximación Empírica*. Lima: Fondo Editorial PUCP.

Dammert, Manuel, **Bensus, Viktor**, Sarmiento, Katherine & Prieto, Guillermo (2017). *Una aproximación a las fronteras desde los mercados ilegales en el Perú*. Lima: Fondo Editorial PUCP.

Chapters in books

Dammert-Guardia, M., & **Bensus, V.** (2022). The Global Border System and Illegal Markets in Peru: Notes for a Research Agenda. In *Latin America's Global Border System* (pp. 16-38). Routledge.

Bensus, Viktor (2017). “Cambios y limitaciones de las nuevas dinámicas económicas en Huamachuco. ¿Piensan los residentes vivir toda su vida en la ciudad?”. In: Jose Canziani, Marta Vilela, Paulo

Dam & Jean Stillemans (Eds.) *Transversal. Acciones de integración en el espacio peruano.* Lima: Fondo Editorial PUCP. pp. 81-91.

Book reviews

Bensús, Viktor (2024). Lessons on urban planning post-growth. *Nature Cities* 1, 14–15.

Other

Bensús Talavera, V., & Loayza Reyes, N. (2019). Límites simbólicos entre antiguos y nuevos vecinos en dos distritos de clase media. *Investiga Territorios*, (4), 17-28.

Bensus, Viktor, Irene Calimlin, Anna Cash, Scott Chilberg, Reshad Hai, Eli Kaplan, and Aline Tanielian. (2018). "Punitive to Rehabilitative: Strategies for Live-Work Preservation in Oakland." UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning. Community Development Studio Final Report.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant	2024
Provost's Pre-Dissertation Research Awards for Humanities and Social Sciences, CUNY-GC	2022
Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Summer Travel Fellowship, CUNY-GC	2020
Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Summer Travel Fellowship, CUNY-GC	2019
Summer Research Fellowship, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley	2017
Vice Rectorship Financial Research Grant, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)	2016
Academic Directorate of Faculty Affairs Teaching Innovation Grant, PUCP	2015
Academic Directorate of Faculty Affairs Teaching Innovation Grant, PUCP	2014
Vice Rectorship Financial Research Grant, PUCP	2013
Vice Rectorship Financial Research Grant, PUCP	2012

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Rezoning New York: Racial and Class Inequalities in the Struggle for Space" ISA-RC21 Conference, "The politics and space of encounters," held in Santiago, Chile, on July 24-26, 2024

"Between clientelism and customer-citizenship: Middle Classes' Quotidian Participation in Lima, Peru" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Engagement Event: Aug 8-11, 2020.

"Limits and contradictions of participatory strategies in the Metropolitan Area of Lima in the context of a real estate boom. The cases of Miraflores and San Miguel" International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Barcelona, Spain: May 23rd-26th, 2018.

"Effects of the 'real estate boom' in the Lima Metropolitan Area: lack of planning and socio-spatial segregation." XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. New York, NY, USA: May, 26th and 30th, 2016.

"The (un)planned densification of a metropolis. The formal real estate market and changes in urban structure in Lima 2000-2014." XXX Latin American Congress of Sociology –ALAS. San José, Costa Rica: November, 29th- December 4th, 2015.

"Transformations and debates on the border system in Peru." With M. Dammert. International Seminar "Global frontier system in Latin America: illegal markets and violence". Quito, Ecuador: November, 24th and 25th, 2014.

“Mercantilization of Urban Development in the Lima Metropolitan Area. Formal Real Estate Market and Management of Urban Density from 2008 to 2012.” Second International Seminar “The Right to the City in Latin America: The Political of Urban Policies”. Lima, Peru: August, 21st and 22nd, 2014.

“Territorial dynamics of an intermediate city in a context of economic growth. The case of Huamachuco.” 8th International Conference of Territorial and Ecological Ordering. Cusco, Perú: August, 11th-15th, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Sociological Theory: Spring 2024, Fall 2024 (Hunter College)

Urban Sociology: Fall 2021, Fall 2022 (Brooklyn College), Spring 2024 (Hunter College)

Social Movements: Fall 2023 (Hunter College), Spring 2024 (Baruch College)

Introduction to Sociology: Fall 2023 (Baruch College)

Shaping the Futures of New York City: Spring 2022, Spring 2023 (Macaulay Honors College at Brooklyn College)

Field Practice: 2013-2015 (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)

Urban Management and Development: 2014 (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)

Teaching Assistant

The Urban Community: Spring 2018 (UC Berkeley)

History of City Planning: Fall 2017 (UC Berkeley)—Graduate level

Sociological Theory II: Spring 2017 (UC Berkeley)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2016

Title: Formal real estate production and community dynamics. Symbolic and social boundaries, and governance in two districts of Metropolitan Lima Area Center.

Role: Ethnographic research, interviewer, and statistical analysis.

IDRC -FLACSO Quito- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2015-2016

Title: Exploring the political economy of violence in Latin American frontier systems.

Role: Quantitative and qualitative methodology in the study of frontiers and violence.

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2012-2017

Title: A Transversal Project. Integration Actions in Peruvian Territory.

Role: Report writing, interviews, statistical analysis, action-research project in small cities of Northern Peru.

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2013-2015

Title: The Urban Densification in 21st Century as a Challenge for the Planning of Lima.

Role: Data Analyst, interviewer, participant observer.

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2013

Title: Local Management in Urban Densification in Lima: Challenges for the Governability of an Emergent Metropolis.

Role: Data Analyst, interviewer and archive researcher.

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru 2012

Title: Urban Management in the Districts of Lima: To the Service of the Citizens?

Role: Data Analyst, interviewer and archive researcher.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UC Berkeley Center for Community Innovation 2018

Research assistant: “Housing Inventory and Local Supply Study in Belle Haven, Fair Oaks and the City of East Palo Alto”.

Role: Fieldwork design and monitoring, IRB design, training of high school students in research methods.

Innova-PUCP 2015

Member of the Innova-PUCP consultancy team: “Characterization research and proposal for a recreational public space system in Desaguadero”. Desaguadero, Puno, Peru.

Role: Interviewer, statistical analysis, fieldwork monitoring and report writing.

Architecture Department -PUCP 2014-2015

Specialized professional services

Role: Research assistant, coordinator of the journal *Investiga Territorios*.

Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Peru 2013

Member of the General Office of Criminal and Penitentiary Justice Policy

Role: Research on criminal policy and measurements of criminality.

DESCO- Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo 2012

Assistant in the development of the Technical File for the Inscription of the Grouping of Municipalities of the South Coast of Lima

Role: Interviewer, statistical analysis.

Programa Urbano DESCO- Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo 2010-2011

Team Member of Local Economic Development.

Role: Awareness campaigns for work safety in carpenter’s workshops, monitoring and systematization of development project.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA), Community and Urban Sociology Section, Member (2020-Present)

Interdisciplinary Research Group for Innovation and Participation in Urban Development (IPDESUR in Spanish)— Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (2016-Present)

RESEARCH SKILLS

Ethnographic and Interview Methods

Data Analysis: ATLAS.ti, NVivo, R, STATA, ArcGIS, QGIS.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Spanish (Native speaker), French (DELF B2)

REFERENCES

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