

# VIKTOR ANDRE BENSUS TALAVERA

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>City University of New York – Graduate Center</b>                                               | 2026 |
| 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, Sharon Zukin, Philip Kasinitz            |      |
| <b>University of California, Berkeley</b>                                                          | 2018 |
| Master of City Planning.                                                                           |      |
| <b>Pontifical Catholic University of Peru</b>                                                      | 2009 |
| B. A. in Sociology.                                                                                |      |

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (\* publications in Spanish or bilingual)

### Peer-reviewed articles

Bensus, Viktor. “Framing Struggles: How Race, Class, and Space Shape Perceptions of Rezoning Among Residents and State Actors.” (Under Review).

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. (Includes English translation).

Dammert, Manuel & **Bensus, Viktor**. 2017. “Border Cities and Urban Expansion: The Case of Zarumilla 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, 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*.

### Book chapters

Dammert, Manuel, & **Bensus, Viktor**. 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

Bensus, Viktor. 2024. Lessons on Urban Planning Post-Growth. *Nature Cities* 1, 14–15.

### Other publications\*

\*Bensus, Viktor, & Loayza, Nelly. 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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Doctoral Fellowship, Howard J. Samuels State and City Policy Center at Baruch College      | 2025 |
| Connect New York Summer Fellowship, CUNY-GC                                                | 2025 |
| 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 Research Grant, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)              | 2016 |

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Framing Struggles: How Race, Class, and Space Shape Perceptions of Rezoning Among Residents and State Actors.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago: August 8-12, 2025.

“Rezoning New York: Racial and Class Inequalities in the Struggle for Space.” ISA-RC21 Conference “The politics and space of encounters.” Santiago, Chile: July 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 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 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, 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

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

*Urban Sociology*: Fall 2021, Fall 2022 (Brooklyn College), Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (Hunter College)

*Social Movements*: Fall 2023 (Hunter College), Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (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

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**UC Berkeley Center for Community Innovation** 2018

*Project*: “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.

**Pontifical Catholic University of Peru** 2016

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

*Role*: Principal Investigator, ethnographic research, interviewer, and statistical analysis.

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

*Project*: 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

*Project*: 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

*Project*: 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

*Project*: 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

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

*Role:* Data analyst, interviewer and archive researcher.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **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.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association (ASA), Community and Urban Sociology Section; Race, Gender, and Class Section; Political Sociology Section

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

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## RESEARCH SKILLS

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Ethnographic and Interview Methods

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

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## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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Spanish (Native speaker), French (DELF B2)

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## REFERENCES

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