

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

- 2018-2024 **London School of Economics and Political Science. United Kingdom**
PhD in Anthropology
Academic advisors: Dr. Gisa Weszkalnys and Dr. Andrea Pia.

Dissertation title: “Energy as the work of nature: the quandaries of sacrificial productivism in Chiloé, south of Chile”.
- 2019 **ICTA Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (University of Barcelona) and Research & Degrowth**
Summer School on Degrowth and Environmental Justice.
- 2019 **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences**
Summer School on Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS).
- 2017-2018 **London School of Economics and Political Science. United Kingdom**
MSc in Social Anthropology (with distinction).
- 2016 **Universidad de Santiago, Chile; NGO Chile Sustentable**
Diploma in Political and Social Ecology.
- 2009-2014 **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile - Faculty of Social Sciences**
B.A (Hons) in Sociology.

Academic experience

- 2025 **Lecturer**
Teoría y Conceptos de Política Pública – Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2022, 2023 **Guest teacher**
Title of the lecture: “Green extractivism: new varieties of colonialism and how to dismantle them” in the course *De/growth: Human Ecology, Economy, Community* (Enough Scotland and Centre for Human Ecology).
- 2022, 2023 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
AN101: A History of Anthropological Theory - London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 2022-2024 **Guest teacher**
Title of the lecture: “Decrecimiento” at the postgraduate course *Programa Introducción a las Nuevas Economías*, Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina.
- 2022-2023 **Postgraduate Teaching assistant (tutor)**
Year 2, BA in Archaeology and Anthropology – University College London.
- 2021 **Lecturer**
Antropología y Políticas Públicas – Universidad Alberto Hurtado

- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**
Políticas Públicas – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2016 **Lecturer**
Teoría Antropológica – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-2025 **Researcher (Fundación Tantí)**
Responsible for preparing a report on the green hydrogen industry in the Antofagasta region from a watershed perspective, moving towards a comprehensive analysis of energy systems. The methodology includes documentary and field work with Atacameño communities in the region.
- 2023 **Research Associate**
Systematic search and thematic analysis on green extractivism in Colombia. Research led by Dr. Katharina Richter (University of Bristol).
- 2022 **Consultant for Policy Brief “Diálogos sobre el desarrollo del hidrógeno verde en Antofagasta y Magallanes, Chile”** [Dialogues on the development of green hydrogen in Antofagasta and Magallanes, Chile]
Report written for the Heinrich Böell Foundation. Work included analysing interviews and focus groups of different key actors and organisations in Chile, a critical analysis of the current Chilean approach to hydrogen, and suggesting guidelines for the just implementation of green hydrogen initiatives. Done with first author Ignacio Sánchez.
- 2022 **Research Assistant**
Elaboration of literature review for a themed issue proposal ‘Timely matter. Temporalities of extractive capitalism’ led by Dr. Gisa Weszkalnys and Kärger Kama. Work included creating a brief summary of findings.
- 2021 **Researcher for “Hidrógeno ¿verde?” (Centro de Análisis Socioambiental)** [is green hydrogen “green”?]
Research project funded by the Heinrich Böell Foundation. It consisted of measuring the material footprint of hydrogen taking as a reference the potential implementation of the 2020 Green Hydrogen National Strategy. Coordinated the creation of a methodology for measuring renewable energy spatial and material impact, including the selection of useful reference points in terms of mineral and surface use. Collaborated in the creation of a visualization platform to share the results with the public. Done as a team with Benjamin Leiva, Pedro Glatz, Felipe Mascaró and Mario Díaz.
- 2019 **Research Assistant**
Participation in the project *Fighting inequality at the local level: what works?* Led by Dr. Luna Glucksberg from the International Inequalities Institute, LSE. My work was compiling and grouping existing research on cooperatives in Basque Country.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Cabaña, G., & Richter, K. (2026). Green extractivism in Colombia: A scoping review on indigenous rights and livelihood impacts, and policy and social movement responses. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 25, 101808. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2025.101808>

Cabaña Alvear, G. (2024). Freiheit in der Anthropologie finden: Über David Graeber. In L. Burger, T. Burger, & D. Sumerauer (Eds.), *Inspirationen: Über die Entstehung ethnologischen Denkens. [Inspirations: On the Formation of Anthropological Thought]*. Wuppertal: edition Trickster im Peter Hammer Verlag.

Cabaña, G., Vandana. (2023). Only for the Global North? Questioning the who should degrow issue. *Degrowth Journal*, pp 1-11.

Cabaña, G. (2022). Desmantelar el paradigma fósil: algunos puntos para re-imaginar el futuro de la movilidad más allá del crecimiento económico. *Revista Estudios del Transporte*, 23, 1-21.

Cabaña, G. (2022). “Decrecimiento: una propuesta realista para Chile” in *Economía en tiempos de crisis: perspectivas para la transición socioecológica en Chile*, pp- 22-46.

Cabaña, G. (2022). “A case in the field of energy: the struggle against energy extractivism in Southern Chile”. In *Degrowth and Strategy*, pp. 283-290.

Cabaña, G. & Linares, J. (2022). Decolonising money: learning from collective struggles for self-determination. *Sustainability Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-022-01104-3>

Cabaña, G. (2021). Review of the book The Case for Degrowth | Estudios Avanzados. *Revista Estudios Avanzados*, 34, 99–101.

Cabaña, G., & Roy, B. (2020). Review of Gibbs, J.(dir.). 2020. Planet of the Humans. Documentary film. *Journal of Political Ecology*, 27(1).

Aedo, M. P., & Cabaña, G. (2020). Affects, activisms and resistances facing the impacts of Capitalocene: An embodied learning experience in Chile. *Matter: Journal of New Materialist Research*, 1(2), 97–122. <https://doi.org/10.1344/jnmr.v1i2.31971>

Cabaña, G. (2020). Dignidad es cuidado. Hacia una nueva forma de integración social. *Intervención*, 9(2), 5-24.

Murray, M. & Cabaña, G. (2018). “Beyond cash, beyond conditional: Ingreso Ético Familiar and the senses of poverty in a group of Mapuche women”. In *Money from the Government in Latin America Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Rural Lives*, edited by Maria Elisa Balen and Martin Fotta. Routledge, pp.162-177.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Chaparro Hernández, S., Segnini, A., & Cabaña Alvear, G. (2025). *A Latin American People’s Green Deal: What role can collaborations between academia and activism play?* International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science. https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/126590/5/AcPrac_Case_Study_Chaparro_Segnini_and_Caba_a.pdf

Cabaña, G., & Balcázar M., R. (2025). Green Sacrifice Zones in Antofagasta: Chile’s energy transition promises decarbonization, but in the north of the country, a growing extractive frontier threatens water, land, and Indigenous ways of life. *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 57(3), 286-294. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10714839.2025.2542080>

Cabaña, G. (2024) Modelo industrial del hidrógeno proyectado para Chile [Position document commissioned]. Chile Sustentable, Ecosistemas, Energía Colectiva, Fundación Ecosur, Greenpeace, Manomet Conservations Sciences, ONG Fima, Fundación Terram, Red Ecofeminista por la transición energética. https://chilesustentable.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/hidrogeno-verde_2024.pdf

Cabaña, G & Balcázar, R. (2024). ¿Zonas de sacrificio verde en Chile? Amenazas y riesgos de la expansión minera y energética en territorios y ecosistemas del Desierto de Atacama. Fundación Tantí.

Cabaña, G. (2024) *Ecologismo y desarrollo: dilemas de los progresismos latinoamericanos*. Serie Análisis Carolina. Fundación Carolina, Madrid.

Cabaña, G. (2022). [*Las mil promesas del hidrogeno verde*](#). In *Revista Nueva Sociedad*, digital edition. [The thousand promises of green hydrogen].

Aedo, M.P. & Cabaña, G. (2022). Del ecomodernismo al entramado vital: Narrativas e imaginarios sobre participación en proyectos de energía. In *Energía y Equidad N°4 “Somos la energía. Encrucijadas de la emancipación”* pp.18-25. [From ecomodernism to the web of life. Narratives and imaginaries around participation in energy projects].

Cabaña, G. (2022). [*In Chile, we have the opportunity to build economy to overcome fear*](#). In Medium (part of my Post Growth Institute fellowship).

Cabaña, G. (2022). [*Degrowth: taking the debate beyond GDP*](#). In Medium (part of my Post Growth Institute fellowship).

Cabaña, G., Velotti, Lorenzo & Aedo, María Paz (2022). [*A favor del decrecimiento*](#). Column in CIPER. [The case for degrowth].

Cabaña, G. & Glatz, P. (2021). *Renta Básica Universal como una política posible y emancipatoria para Chile. Impactos sociales y ecológicos de su implementación*. Policy paper prepared for Friederich Ebert Foundation. [Universal basic income as a possible and emancipatory policy for Chile. Social and ecological impacts of its implementation].

Cabaña, G. & Aedo, M.P (2021). [*Hidrógeno...¿verde?*](#) Column in CIPER. [Is “green” hydrogen really green?].

Cabaña, G., Rabi, V., Aedo, M.P., Calcagni, M. (2021). Handbook of the course “*Decrecimiento. Introducción desde una perspectiva Latinoamericana*”. [Degrowth. Introduction from a Latin American perspective].

Cabaña, G. & Díaz, M. (2021). [*The limits of Europe’s Corporate-led Hydrogen Project*](#). In Green European Journal.

Aedo, M.P, Cabaña, G., Calcagni, M. Corvalán, C., Glatz, P., Leiva, B., Pasarín, V., Rabi, V. (2021). [*Semillas de transformación. Aportes al proceso constituyente en Chile*](#). Published by Centro de Análisis Socioambiental. [Seeds of transformation. Contributions to the constitutional process in Chile].

Grants and Awards

2023	RAI /Sutasoma Award Given by the Royal Anthropological Institute (United Kingdom).
2022-23	Alfred Gell Studentship Awarded by the LSE Anthropology department.
2018-2022	CONICYT – Programa de Formación de Capital Humano Avanzado “Becas Chile” Scholarship for PhD studies.
2017-2018	CONICYT – Programa de Formación de Capital Humano Avanzado “Becas Chile” Scholarship for MSc studies.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2022-	Grupo de Trabajo Energía y Equidad Member.
2021-2022	Post-growth Institute Fellow.
2020	Red Chilena de Ingreso Básico Universal

	Founder and member.
2020-21	Centro de Estudios Sociales de Chiloé Researcher.
2019-	Centro de Análisis Socioambiental Founder and member.
2024-	Pacto Ecosocial e Intercultural del Sur Member.
2024-25	LSE Visiting Fellow At the Anthropology Department