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EDUCATION

2020 – 2022 Masters in Cyber Defense and Cyber Security, Universidad de Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Thesis: *Contributions and recommendations to develop a regulatory framework for the cryptocurrency ecosystem as a security measure to protect critical infrastructures and prevent complex crimes in Argentina.*

2011 – 2016 Bachelor's Degree in International Relations, Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires. Tandil, Argentina.

Thesis: *An approach to Bitcoin, its use, and regulation in the context of the Financial and Monetary International System.*

2015 – 2016 Associate's Degree in Innovation and Technological Business Management, Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires. The university granted me a scholarship based on merit at a business competition.

2009 – 2010 Exchange student through Rotary International at Wooster, Ohio, United States. 1 year.

Language Skills: Bilingual (Spanish/English).

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

09/2023 Cajén, F. (2023). El Estado Virtual (The Virtual States). ISBN (Argentina): 978-987-88-9881-0. www.elestadovirtual.com.

A book that delves into the geopolitics and philosophy of an era dominated by Artificial Intelligence and questions what the role of the Nation-State will be.

07/2021 Neema, K. and Walcott, D. (2021). "Global Youth Advocating for COVID-19 Vaccines for All". [The Lancet](https://www.thelancet.com). See supplementary appendix.

WORK EXPERIENCE

07/2023 – 12/2023 Strategy Consultant at Voces de la Memoria, a Virtual Reality project aiming to protect Human Rights by showcasing the systematic torture occurring at El Helicoide in Venezuela by collecting testimonies from 30 people whom the Venezuelan Intelligence Service illegally imprisoned. Buenos Aires. Argentina.

06/2022 – 06/2023 Latin American Director at GainForest, a decentralized green fund linking machine learning and blockchain technologies with real-world climate action to fight deforestation. Zurich. Switzerland.

See the [episode for the series 'Update the system' from Coinbase](#).

03/2022 – 06/2022 Consultant on Open Government policies for Latin America at Open Gov Hub. Washington DC, United States.

06/2021 – 06/2022 Curator at Global Shapers Buenos Aires Hub. The Global Shapers Community is an initiative of the World Economic Forum. As the elected leader of the organization's local chapter, I led a group of 50 inspiring young professionals under 30 seeking to develop impact projects through social innovation. Before this role, I was the organization's Head of Alliances and a Project Leader.

See the [interview by Facundo Cajén and Natalie Pierce with Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum](#).

12/2017 – 06/2022 Political advisor at the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of Buenos Aires for the Provincial Deputy and former national president of the 'Coalición Cívica ARI' political party, Maricel Etchecoin Moro. Public Works and Budget and Taxes commissions. La Plata, Argentina.

09/2020 – 05/2022 Founder at Proponas, the first Argentinian online petition platform with more than 50.000 registered users, including 15 representatives from the National Congress. Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

03/2021 – 02/2022 Radio columnist on crypto, Web 3.0, and cybersecurity on the 'Feudale Café' show. FM La Cielo 103.5. La Plata, Argentina.

06/2019 – 02/2022 Member of the Steering Committee and Director of the Governance and Institutions working group of the Australia-Latam Emerging Leaders Dialogue. Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

12/2016 – 12/2017 Technology columnist on the radio show 'Desde el otro lado' FM Millennium 106.7. Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SCHOLARSHIPS, CONFERENCES, AND AWARDS

12/23 Declaration of Interest for Social Communication of the book, 'El Estado Virtual' by the Buenos Aires City Legislature. Bill 2590-D-2023.

03/2023 Fellow at Stanford GDPI-ICNL Tech Camp for Civic Space Defenders. Palo Alto, United States.

09/2022 World's Top 30 Youth Leadership Professionals for 2022 Award by Global Gurus.

06/2022 Fellow at the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative. Washington DC, United States.

06/2022 Civil society leader invited by the White House to the IX Summit of the Americas. Los Angeles, United States.

05/2022 Youth leader invited to the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum. Davos, Switzerland.

01/2022 Delegate at the World Youth Forum. Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

10/21 Declaration of Legislative Interest of the online petition platform Proponas by the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Province of Buenos Aires. Bill D- 2178/21-22.

02/2018 Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations. Boston. United States

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

01/2024 Director of Strategic Operations Ad Honorem at the Argentine Society of Artificial Intelligence (Sociedad Argentina de Inteligencia Artificial). Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.