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Positions

Syracuse University

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs
Department of Public Administration & International Affairs
Assistant Professor
August, 2023 - Present

Center for Policy Research
Senior Research Associate
August, 2023 - Present

Center for Policy Design and Governance
Senior Research Associate
August, 2023 - Present

Florida Atlantic University

School of Public Administration
Assistant Professor
January, 2020 - July 2023

University of California Los Angeles

Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
Postdoctoral Scholar
November, 2017 - December, 2019

Education

University of Arizona

School of Government and Public Policy
Ph.D., Government and Public Policy, August 2017
Field: Public Policy; Environmental Policy
M.A., Government and Public Policy, 2014.

Universidad Católica de Córdoba, Argentina

Facultad de Ciencia Política y Relaciones Internacionales
B.A., Political Science, 2011.

- Dissertation **“Design and adaptation in regional-scale Common-Pool Resource Institutions: Securing access to High-Quality drinking water in Boston, New York, San Francisco, and Portland.”**
Committee: Edella Schlager (Chair), Ramiro Berardo, Craig R. Smith, H. Brinton Milward
- Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals
- Olivier, Tomás**, Emily Bell, Martín Ignacio García Asorey, and Alejandra Rodas-Gaiter. (2023) “Press, pulse, and public perceptions: how well does media attention to water crises signal shifts in agenda and response across local governments?” *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*. [Link to DOI](#).
- Bell, Emily, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2022). “Following the paper trail: Systematically analyzing outputs to understand collaborative governance evolution.” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*, 32(4):671-684. [Link to DOI](#).
- Trimble, Micaela, **Tomás Olivier**, Pedro R. Jacobi, Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Lara Mac Donnell, Gabriel Giordano, Rosana Laura, Natalia D. Tadeu, Franco Salvadores, Pedro H.C. Torres, Néstor Mazzeo, and Miguel Pascual. (2022). “Assessing the role of Basin committees and multilevel coordination in response to water crises in South America.” *Ecology & Society*, 27(2):42. [Link to DOI](#).
- Olivier, Tomás**, and Edella Schlager. (2022). “Rules and the ruled: understanding patterns of institutional design and behavior in complex polycentric systems.” *Policy Studies Journal*, 50(2): 340-365. [Link to DOI](#).
- Olivier, Tomás**, and Ramiro Berardo. (2022). “Birds of a Feather Fight Together: Forum Involvement in a Weakly Institutionalized Ecology of Policy Games.” *Policy Studies Journal*, 50(1): 176-198. [Link to DOI](#).
- Olivier, Tomás**. (2021). “Mechanism design in regional arrangements for water governance” *International Journal of the Commons*, 15(1): 354-367. [Link to DOI](#).
- Schlager, Edella, Laura Bakkensen, **Tomás Olivier**, and Jeffrey W. Hanlon. (2021). “Institutional design for a complex commons: variations in the design of credible commitments and the provision of public goods.” *Public Administration*, 99(2): 263-289. [Link to DOI](#).
- Hanlon, Jeffrey W., **Tomás Olivier**, and Edella Schlager. (2019). “Suspicious Collaborators: How governments in polycentric systems monitor behavior and enforce public good provision rules against one another.” *International Journal of the Commons*, 13(2): 977-992. [Link to DOI](#).

Olivier, Tomás. (2019). “How do institutions address collective-action problems? Bridging and bonding in institutional design.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 72(1): 162-176. [Link to DOI](#).

Hanlon, Jeffrey W., **Tomás Olivier**, and Edella Schlager. (2017). “Institutional adaptation and effectiveness over 18 years of the New York City watershed governance arrangement.” *Environmental Practice*, 19(1): 38-49. [Link to DOI](#).

Berardo, Ramiro, **Tomás Olivier**, and Anthony Lavers. (2015). “Focusing Events and Changes in Ecologies of Policy Games: Evidence from the Paraná River Delta.” *Review of Policy Research*, 32(4):443-464. [Link to DOI](#).

Berardo, Ramiro, Marcos Meyer, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2013). “Adaptive Governance and Integrated Water Resources Management in Argentina.” *International Journal of Water Governance*, 1(2-3): 219-236. [Link to DOI](#).

Book Chapters

Olivier, Tomás, Juana Aigo, Miguel Pascual, and Peter Kareiva. (in press). “Identifying collaboration gaps as key to more accurate science-based assessments of ecosystem service actions in watershed management: application to the Lower Chubut River Valley (Argentina).” In Alka Sapat (Ed.) “Routledge Handbook of Environmental Governance.”

Trimble, Micaela, Pedro H. C. Torres, Pedro R. Jacobi, Natalia Dias Tadeu, Franco Salvadores, Lara Mac Donnell, **Tomás Olivier**, Gabriel Giordano, Lidiane Alonso, Igor Chaves, Miguel Pascual, Néstor Mazzeo, and Esteban Jobbágy. (2021). “Towards Adaptive Water Governance in South America: Lessons from Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay.” In Leal Filho, Walter, Ulisses M. Azeiteiro, and Andreia F.F. Setti (Eds.). “*Sustainability in Natural Resources Management and Land Planning*”. Springer, Cham. [Link to DOI](#).

Trimble, Micaela, Pedro Jacobi, **Tomás Olivier**, Cristina Zurbriggen, Miguel Pascual, Lydia Garrido, and Néstor Mazzeo. (2021). “Reconfiguring water governance for resilient social-ecological systems in South America.” In Julia Baird and Ryan Plummer (Eds.). “*Water Resilience: Management and Governance in Times of Change*”. Springer, Cham. [Link to DOI](#).

Olivier, Tomás, Tyler Scott, and Edella Schlager. (2020). “Institutional design and complexity: protocol network structure in response to different collective-action dilemmas.” In Fischer, Manuel and Karin Ingold (eds). *Networks in Water Governance. Palgrave Studies in Water Governance: Policy and Practice*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. [Link to DOI](#).

Book Reviews

Olivier, Tomás (2023). Review of “Advanced Introduction to Water Politics.” *Water Economics and Policy*. [Link to DOI](#).

Olivier, Tomás (2020). Review of “Water Crises and Governance: Reinventing Collaborative Institutions in an Era of Uncertainty.” *Water Alternatives*. [Link](#).

Other Publications

Olivier, Tomás, Natalia Diaz Tadeu, and Lara Mac Donnell. (2022). “Crisis de agua en el Cono Sur: aprendizajes desde Argentina, Brasil y Uruguay.” *Diálogos Socioambientais*, 1(1):20-27. (In Spanish & Portuguese) [Link](#).

Pessacg, Natalia, Ana Liberoff, Alejandro Cannizzaro, Lucas Díaz, Marcos Hernández, Lara Mac Donnell, **Tomás Olivier**, Miguel Pascual, Daniela Raguileo, and Franco Salvadores. (2020). “Un río, todas las aguas: Impactos del Cambio Climático en el Río Chubut, cambios, percepciones, y perspectiva de género” (In Spanish). [Link](#).

Liberoff, Ana, Natalia Pessacg, Alejandro Cannizzaro, Lucas Díaz, Marcos Hernández, Lara Mac Donnell, **Tomás Olivier**, Miguel Pascual, Daniela Raguileo, and Franco Salvadores. (2020). “Un río, todas las aguas: El Río Chubut, nexa entre ambiente y sociedad. Resumen de Investigaciones” (In Spanish). [Link](#).

Mac Donnell, Lara, **Tomás Olivier**, Franco Salvadores, and Miguel Pascual. (2020). “Análisis de la Gobernanza y Aprendizaje de la Crisis en la Cuenca del Valle Inferior del Río Chubut.” (In Spanish). [Link](#).

Pascual, Miguel, **Tomás Olivier**, Laura Brandizi, Pablo Rimoldi, H. Andrés Malnero, and Gabriel Kaless. (2020). “Cuenca del Río Chubut. Análisis de Situación para Fondos de Agua. Fase de factibilidad: Versión 1.” Alianza Latinoamericana de Fondos de Agua. 180pp. (In Spanish). [Link](#).

Brady, Ute, Xavier Basurto, Abigail Bennett, David P. Carter, Jeffrey Hanlon, Tanya Heikkila, Aaron Lien, Sara Miller Chonaiew, **Tomás Olivier**, Edella Schlager, Saba Siddiki, and Christopher Weible. (2018). “Institutional Analysis of Rules-In-Form Coding Guidelines.” CBIE Working Paper Series No. 2018-006: Center for Behavior, Institutions and the Environment, Arizona State University. [Link](#).

Olivier, Tomás, Juana Aigo, and Miguel Pascual. (2018). “Reporte Ejecutivo. Gobernanza hídrica en el Valle Inferior del Río Chubut. Encuesta 2017-2018.” (In Spanish). [Link](#).

Hanlon, Jeffrey W., Edella Schlager, **Tomás Olivier**, and Brittany Volz. (2016). “New York City Catskill and Delaware Watershed Survey. Survey Results: Selected Data.”

Berardo, Ramiro and **Tomás Olivier**. (2011). “Sistemas socio-ecológicos y gestión de recursos naturales” in *Revista Hydria*, 37:21-26. (In Spanish).

Berardo, Ramiro, Micaela Cerezoli, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2011). “Resultados de la Encuesta sobre Gestión de Recursos Hídricos y Uso Productivo de Islas en el Delta del Río Paraná (Oct.-Dic. 2010).” (In Spanish).

Manuscripts in progress **Olivier, Tomás**. “WhatsApp governance: strategies for collaboration in a context of weak institutions.” Under review.

Sechindra Vallury, and **Tomás Olivier**. “Institutions for collaborative governance: A systematic review.” Working paper.

Holm, Federico, and **Tomás Olivier**. ““If it fits, I sits”: assessing the relationship between institutional fit and forum participation in Non-Point Source Pollution Governance.” Working paper.

Olivier, Tomás, and Edella Schlager. “Details tell the story: policy design and policy change in an intergovernmental governing arrangement.” Working Paper.

Olivier, Tomás, and Sechindra Vallury. “Institutional Fit in Collaborative Water Governance: Nebraska’s Natural Resources Districts.” Review & Resubmit in PSJ.

Olivier, Tomás, Timothy Cox, Jeffrey W. Hanlon, and Edella Schlager . “State-Reinforcement in water governance: the case of the New York City watersheds governing arrangement.” Working Paper.

Olivier, Tomás, Hoon C. Shin, David Yu, and Margaret Garcia. “: Institutional design in the governance of interdependent infrastructure: the role of context.” Working Paper.

Participation in Academic Meetings **Olivier, Tomás**, and Sechindra Vallury. “How and When We Copy Each Other? Rule Design in Natural Resource Districts.” (2023). XIX Biennial Conference, International Association for the Study of the Commons. June, 19-24. Nairobi, Kenya.

Olivier, Tomás, and Edella Schlager. “Variations in policy design and their impact on policy change”. (2023). International Conference on Public Policy Design. February 24-25. Miami, FL.

Olivier, Tomás, and Edella Schlager. “Exploring the Effects of Context and Learning on Policy Change”. (2023). Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR). January 12-14. Denver, CO.

Olivier, Tomás, and Edella Schlager. “Details tell the story: policy design and policy change in an intergovernmental governing arrangement”. (2022). 118th Annual Conference, American Political Science Association. September 15-18. Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Olivier, Tomás. Emerging Directions in Institutional Grammar Research [Roundtable discussion]. (2022). Second Annual Institutional Grammar Research Initiative Conference, June 20-22. Online.

Park, Samuel, **Tomás Olivier**, Parsa Pouladi, Peyman Yousefi, Margaret Ellen Garcia, and David J. Yu. (2021). “Challenges and opportunities in coding the governance of water resource systems: problems, procedures, and potential solutions based on the Lake Mendocino reservoir, California.” Poster presented at American Geophysical Union Fall Conference. December 13-17. New Orleans, LA.

Olivier, Tomás, Emily Bell, Martín Ignacio García Asorey, and Alejandra Rodas-Gaiter. (2021). “Press, pulse, and public perceptions: how well does media attention to water crises signal shifts in agenda and response across local governments?” American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, April 9-15. Online.

Hanlon, Jeffrey, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2021). “Issue framing across political subcultures: Evidence from water bottling debates in California and Florida.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 1-3. Online.

Bell, Emily, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2021). “The right tool for the job: assessing variations in the design of collaborative strategies.” Southern Political Science Association’s Virtual 2021 Annual Meeting, January 6-9.

Olivier, Tomás, Laura Herzog, Edella Schlager, and Karin Ingold. (2020). “Comparing the institutional design of polycentric systems for protecting water quality: an application of the grammar of institutions to the Ruhr River and the New York City Watersheds.” 14th General Conference, European Consortium for Political Research. Virtual conference. August 24-28.

Trimble, Micaela, Pedro Jacobi, Esteban Jobbagy, Miguel Pascual, Nestor Mazzeo, **Tomás Olivier**, Cristina Zurbriggen, Natalia Dias Tadeu, Gabriel Giordano, Lara Mac Donnell, Franco Salvadores, Soledad Sallenave, Rossana Laura, Lidiane Alonso, and Pedro Torres. (2020). “Gobernanza del Agua en America del Sur: Estudios de caso en Argentina, Brasil y Uruguay.” X Congreso de la Red Latinoamericana de Ciencias Ambientales. March 6-10. Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Olivier, Tomás, and Ramiro Berardo. (2019). “Birds of a feather fight together: forum involvement in a developing Ecology of Policy Games.” 41st Annual Fall Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 7-9. Denver, CO.

Olivier, Tomás. (2017). “Institutional Design in regional-scale Common-Pool Resource Institutions: Securing access to high quality drinking water in Boston, New York, Portland, and San Francisco.” 75th Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association. April 6-9. Chicago, IL.

Olivier, Tomás, and Edella Schlager. (2016). “Examining Rules and Behavior in a Complex Institutional Arrangement: The Case of the New York City Watersheds.” 74th Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association. April 7-10. Chicago, IL.

Olivier, Tomás, and Ramiro Berardo. (2015). “Playing by the rules: Institutional arrangements in an Ecology of Policy Games.” 111th Annual Conference, American Political Science Association. September 2-6. San Francisco, CA.

Schlager, Edella, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2015). “Analyzing the Grammars of the Rio Grande River Basin Treaties”. XV Biennial Conference, International Association for the Study of the Commons. May, 25-29. Edmonton, Canada.

Olivier, Tomás. (2015). “Networks of Prescribed Interactions (NPIs): Mapping Institutional Design using Social Network Analysis.” 73rd Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association. April 16-19. Chicago, IL.

Schlager, Edella, Jeffrey W. Hanlon, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2015). “Suspicious Collaborators: How Governments and Citizens Monitor Each Other and Enforce the Rules of Regional Common-Pool Resource Use.” 73rd Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association. April 16-19. Chicago, IL.

Hanlon, Jeffrey W., Edella Schlager, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2014). “Examining rule complexity: Variation of deontics, rule types, and conditions in provisioning simple and complex public goods.” Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop Conference, Indiana University, June 18-21.

Berardo, Ramiro, Anthony Lavers, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2014). “Examining the Threats to Adaptive Governance in an Ecology of Policy Games: Lessons from an Inter-organizational Collaborative Process in the Parana River.” 72nd Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association. April 3-6. Chicago, IL.

Berardo, Ramiro, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2011). “Redes políticas y solución dilemas de acción colectiva. Estudio de la gestión de recursos hídricos compartidos en la Cuenca del Lago San Roque en la Provincia de Córdoba.” Poster presented at the Third Regional Conference of Forests and Basins Conservation. Río Ceballos, Córdoba (Argentina).

Martos, Alvaro, and **Tomás Olivier**. (2011). “Presupuesto participativo. Entre herramienta democrática y práctica legitimante. Los casos de Rosario y Montevideo.” Sixth Argentine conference on Public Administration. Resistencia, Chaco (Argentina).

Martos, Alvaro, **Tomás Olivier**, and Juan Manuel Rubio. (2009). “Descentralización y Autofinanciamiento en la Administración Pública argentina, Construcción y aplicación de un modelo.” 9th National Conference of Political Science. Santa Fe, Santa Fe (Argentina).

Martos, Alvaro, **Tomás Olivier**, and Juan Manuel Rubio. (2009). “Descentralización y Autofinanciamiento en la Administración Pública argentina.” 5th Argentine Conference on Public Administration. San Juan, San Juan (Argentina).

Research

Senior Researcher (2021-2023)

“Cross-Scale Interactions & the Design of Adaptive Reservoir Operations.” PI: Margaret Garcia (Arizona State University). Co-PIs: David Yu (Purdue University) and Murugesu Sivapalan (University of Illinois). National Science Foundation Grant CIS-1913665.

Senior Researcher (2020-2022)

“Hydrosocial territories and polycentric governance: contributions towards improving water quality in Santa Lucia river basin.” PIs: Micaela Trimble, Natalia Dias Tadeu. Funded by *Uruguayan National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII)*: Proyecto de investigación Aplicada Fondo Maria Viñas.

Researcher (2019-2021)

“Transformando la gobernanza del agua en América del Sur: de la reacción a la adaptación y la anticipación.” PIs: Micaela Trimble, Pedro R. Jacobi, Esteban Jobbágy, Miguel Pascual. Funded by *Inter American Institute for Global Change Research* Small Grant Program: The role of ecosystem services in adaptation to global change of human wellbeing.

Research Assistant (2010-2012)

“Governing Complex Commons: Policy Networks and the Local Ecology of Games.” National Sciences Foundation Grant: SES-0921461. PI: Ramiro Berardo.

Teaching

**Department of Public Administration & International Affairs,
Syracuse University**

Graduate

Introduction to Statistics. F2023

School of Public Administration, Florida Atlantic University

Graduate

Public Administration & Public Policy. F2021.

Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making. Sp2022; Sp2023.

Undergraduate

Risk, Resilience, and Rising Seas. Sp2023.

Changing Environment of Business and Society. F2020; Su2021; F2021; Sp2022.

Organizational Behavior & Administration. F2020; Sp2021.

Communication Skills for Public Managers. Su2020; F2022.

Quantitative Inquiry for Public Managers. Su2020; Sp2021.

Public Management and Administration. Sp2020; F2022.

**Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, University of
California, Los Angeles**

Practicum in Environmental Science. Sp2019; W2019.

[Link to students' project.](#)

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

Formation of Public Policy. Su: 2015, 2016, 2017; W: 2015, 2016; Sp: 2017.

Criminal Justice Administration, Teaching Assistant. Sp2015

American National Government, Teaching Assistant. F2013; Sp2014.

Fellowships
& Awards

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona.
Travel Grant. 2015, 2016, 2017.

Other
Experience

IQMR Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research.
Attendance grant. 2014

Catholic University of Córdoba
Undergraduate Scholarship (70% of tuition). 2007 - 2010.

**School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona
Research Center**
Manager
August 2015 - December 2016

Policy Studies Journal
Co-Editorial Manager
August 2014 - May 2016

Journal of Politics
Co-Editorial Manager
August 2014 - December 2014

Professional
Development

National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
Social-Ecological Approaches to Watershed Management and Governance
workshop.
Annapolis, MD, February 19-21, 2020.

National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
Data to Motivate Synthesis Workshop.
Annapolis, MD, February 11-13, 2019.

Inter American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
*The role of ecosystem services in adapting to global change for Human
wellbeing.* Proposal Formulation Workshop.
Montevideo, Uruguay, August 27-30, 2018.

National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
Breaking the Code: Synthesizing efforts for SES Research.
Annapolis, MD, July 5-8, 2016.

Political Networks Workshop (PolNet)
Portland State University.
Portland, OR, June 17-18, 2015

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)
Syracuse University.
Syracuse, NY, June 16 - 27, 2014

Invited presentations

“Institutions as networks: Applications and challenges in the study of water governance.”

Research and Policy Seminar Series, Department of Public Administration
University of Illinois Chicago
March 25, 2022.

“Water Governance Dynamics in the Patagonian Steppe.”

Annual Faculty Showcase, College of Arts & Letters
Florida Atlantic University
December 3, 2021.

“Institutional design using the Institutional Grammar & social network analysis” with Edella Schlager.

Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI) Seminar (online).
[Link to presentation.](#)
December 4, 2020.

“Water Governance in South America.”

FAU - Brazil Summit (online).
Florida Atlantic University.
November 19, 2020.

“Instituciones para la gobernanza de recursos naturales compartidos.”

Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT). Puerto Madryn, Argentina.
December 12, 2017.

“Redes de interacciones prescriptas: los efectos de acción colectiva en el diseño de instituciones para el manejo de recursos naturales compartidos.”

Catholic University of Córdoba. Córdoba, Argentina.
October 24, 2017.

Service to the profession

Reviewer

npj Climate Action, International Journal of Public Administration, Regulation & Governance, Water International, Cambridge University Press, Urban Affairs Review, Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory, Environmental Science & Policy, Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político - SAAP (Argentina), Environmental Policy and Governance, Policy & Politics, Ecology & Society, National Science Foundation, Water Policy, Public Administration Review, Policy Studies, International Journal of the Commons, Governance, Land Use Policy, Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, Policy Studies Journal, International Journal of Water Governance, Revista Studia Politicae (Argentina).

Affiliate (2022-Present)

Institutional Grammar Research Initiative - IGRI

	<p>Committee member (2023) <i>Evan Ringquist best paper award</i> Science, Technology & Environmental Politics Section American Political Science Association (APSA)</p>
	<p>Committee member (2022) <i>Don K. Price Award for the best book on science, technology, and politics</i> Science, Technology & Environmental Politics Section American Political Science Association (APSA)</p>
	<p>Steering committee member (2021) <i>IASC 2021 Water Commons Web Conference</i> International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC).</p>
University service	<p>FAU College of Arts & Letters College Scholarship Committee. Fall 2021 - present. Student-Faculty Council. Fall 2020 - present.</p> <p>FAU School of Public Administration Comprehensive Exam Committee - Public Policy. Fall 2021 - present. Scholarship Committee. Spring 2021 - present. Bachelor of Public Management Committee. Fall 2020 - present.</p> <p>UCLA Anderson School of Management External Judge for MBA Capstone projects. March 2019.</p> <p>UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability GreenShorts Film contest: Science advisor for high-school students. January 2019 - March 2019</p>
Service in Thesis & Dissertation Committees	<p>Marcos Meyer. M.A. in Human Development. FLACSO Argentina. External examiner. Defended March 3, 2020).</p>
Media appearances	<p><i>FM Radio Nativa</i> (Chubut, Argentina). June 14, 2018.</p>
Professional Affiliations	<p><i>International Association for the Study of the Commons - IASC.</i> <i>American Political Science Association - APSA.</i> <i>-Science, Technology & Environmental Politics Section</i></p>
Languages and Skills	<p>Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (reading skills) R, UCINET, Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics Survey Management Software.</p>