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Academic Profile

Historical sociologist and interdisciplinary social scientist, with research on power, governance, inequality, and technology. The agenda examines how institutions, norms, classifications, and technological systems organize authority, produce vulnerabilities, and shape contemporary forms of governance.

Researcher with extensive international experience, competitive funding, and participation in prominent academic networks. Career marked by the prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship, *doctoral support linked to the University of Chicago*, and publications with Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, MIT Press, American Behavioral Scientist, and other leading academic outlets.

Teaching profile focused on historical sociology, social theory, governance, inequality, technology, and social science research methods, with experience in qualitative and quantitative methods, institutional analysis, and social data analysis.

Current Position and Professional Experience

2024-26 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Researcher, Dublin City University / Research Ireland

Teaching and Research Areas

Historical Sociology, Social Theory, and Institutional Analysis

Power, Governance, Corruption, and the State

Inequality, Culture, Identity, and Social Classification

Technology, Society, AI, and Sociotechnical Governance

Mixed Methods and Social Data Analysis

Education

2023 Ph.D. in Social History, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil

2022 Visiting Ph.D. Student, University of Chicago, United States

2018 M.A. in Social History, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil

2007 B.A. in Philosophy, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Additional Training

MicroMasters in Statistics and Data Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT, United States

Specialization in Blockchain Systems, University of California, Irvine, United States

Specialization in Regulatory Compliance, University of Pennsylvania, United States

Specialization in Anti-Corruption, Transparency International School on Integrity, Lithuania

Awards and Funding

2026 European Journal of Information Systems Outstanding Reviewer

2024 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (€154.000)

2022 Visiting Ph.D. Student, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago (highest ranking)

2021 Academic award, *Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy*, Temple University.

Selected Academic Production by Research Area

Governance, Corruption, and Institutional Transformation

- Forattini, F. M. (2026). The contingency of mobilization: The social contexts of Operation Lava Jato in Brazil. In *A comparative historical sociology of corruption* (pp. 214-230). Cambridge University Press.
- Forattini, F. (2026). Beyond “best practices”: A historical-sociological critique of privatization, decentralization, and anti-corruption reforms in 1990s Brazil. *American Behavioral Scientist*.
- Forattini, F. (2026). The rise and evolution of anti-corruption impulses in the United States and Brazil. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. MIT Press.
- Forattini, F., Gillanders, R., Connolly, R., & Aja-Eke, D. (2026). Fighting sexual corruption in public services: Lessons from women’s experiences in Brazil. In *Anti-Corruption Policy for Female Empowerment and Gender Equality*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Connolly, R., Forattini, F., & Gillanders, R. (2026). Corruption and SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities. In R. Gillanders & C. K. Jha (Eds.), *Corruption and the Sustainable Development Goals*. Routledge.
- Forattini, F. M. (2024). Corruption consolidation in local governments: Networks, opacity, and governance failures. *Journal of Public Governance and Policy: Latin American Review*, 91-113.
- Forattini, F., Gillanders, R., & Connolly, R. (submitted). Anticipatory deterrence and sexual corruption in public services: Silence, withdrawal, inequality. *Public Administration*.

Inequality, Identity, and Social Classification

- Forattini, F., & Miranda Braga, B. (2026). The weight of the “pardo” category: Official statistics and the deracialization of Indigenous peoples. In *Oxford Intersections: Racism by Context*. Oxford University Press.
- Forattini, F. M., & Clarete, L. (2023). Production and reproduction of social inequalities related to COVID-19 expressed on social networks. *Cronos*, 24(1), 38-66.
- Forattini, F. (2020). Piripkura: The plight of Indigenous people, environment, and Brazilian identity. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, (110).
- Forattini, F. (under review). Environmental warfare in the Brazilian Amazon: Militarized development and human and environmental destruction in Brazil. *Leiden University Press*.

Technology, Society, and Sociotechnical Governance

- Forattini, F., & Connolly, R. (2026). Prometheus ambition, Zeusian order: Why leaps in information systems require structurally aware ethical frameworks. *Information Systems Management*.
- Forattini, F., & Connolly, R. (2026). From design to policy: Embedding care ethics and STEM institutional insights in gender-focused technology. *ACM SIGMIS Database: The DATABASE for Advances in Information Systems*.
- Forattini, F., Connolly, R., & Joshi, K. D. (2025). Breaking boundaries: Advancing gender and technology research to combat sextortion. *ACM SIGMIS Database: The DATABASE for Advances in Information Systems*, 56(1).
- Forattini, F. M. (2025). Gender-focused technology design and care ethics integration: Addressing social and practical challenges. In *Proceedings of the 58th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*.
- Forattini, F., & Connolly, R. (under review). When Promethean leaps meet institutional power: Designing digital public services through a care-ethical lens. *European Journal of Information Systems*.
- Forattini, F., Connolly, R., & Almeida, J. (submitted). When stronger configurations are not enough: Auditing AI agents in gender-sensitive public service encounters. In *60th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*.

Political History, Culture, and Repertoires of Contestation

- Forattini, F., & Longhi, C. R. (2023). Liberty and liberalism: tensions and disputes in the context of the 1940 Brazilian Writers' Congresses. *Projeto História*.
- Forattini, F., & Andreotti, B. (2023). Superman and Reagan's conservative turn: A reflection on the heroic imaginary in United States political culture (1978-1986). *Domínios da Imagem*, 17(33).
- Forattini, F. (2020). Humor in times of cholera: humor as a discourse of resistance to the coup. *Letras & Letras*.
- Forattini, F. (2020). The institutionalization of the 1964 coup through an analysis of Institutional Act No. 1 and the mainstream media. *Captura Criptica*.

Books

- Forattini, F. (2020). *Demystifying the Castelo Branco government and its relationship with the mainstream media*. Brazil Publishing.
- Forattini, F. (2020). *It was a coup! Humor as resistance to the military coup and its legitimating discourses*. Ape'Ku.

* These books are held in leading university and public libraries worldwide, including The British Library, U.S. Library of Congress, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, among others.

Edited Books

- Forattini, F. (Ed.). (2021). *Essays on corruption*. Bordô-Grená.
- Forattini, F. (Ed.). (2020). *Corruption: what it is, how it affects us, and ways to fight it*. Brazil Publishing.

Teaching Experience

Modules Taught and Co-teaching

- *Digital Transformation and Sustainable Change* (2025, 2026)
Module on digital transformation, organizational change, governance, and the social impacts of technology.
- *AI and Leading Sustainable Innovation* (2025)
Module on artificial intelligence, sustainable innovation, inequality, and institutional conditions of technical change.
- *Digital Business and Innovation* (2025)
Participation in module on digital business and innovation, with a focus on AI, social inclusion, consumption, and inequality.

Guest Lectures and Applied Teaching

- *Economics of Corruption* (2026): “Technologies and sociological structures: implications for anti-corruption efforts.”
- *Digital Business and Innovation, Challenge-Based Learning* (2025): “Generative AI, consumption, and social change.”
- *Digital Transformation and Sustainable Change* (2024): “Digital governance, institutional trust, and gendered and racialized vulnerability.”
- *Digital Business* (2024): “GovTech, power, and inequality in public service delivery.”

Extension Courses

- *University of São Paulo* (2019) “The evolution and concentration of the Brazilian press.”
- *Faculty of Communication, Administration and Marketing* (2019) “Corruption, anti-corruption, and transparency”.

- *Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo* (2019) “Formation of identity and its political and cultural importance.”

Editorial Activities, Review, and Academic Leadership

Editorial Roles

- Senior Editor, *Information Systems Management* (Taylor & Francis, 2025-)

Journal and Conference Reviewing

- *European Journal of Information Systems* (Q1, ABS 4); *ACM SIGMIS Database: The DATABASE for Advances in Information Systems* (Q1); *Projeto História* (Q1); *European Conference on Information Systems* (Q1); *Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences* (Q1); *Cogent Arts & Humanities* (Q2); *Revista Mediações* (Q2).

Conference Leadership

- Mini-track Co-chair, *Gender and Technology*, 58th HICSS (2025)

Committees and Review

- Reviewer of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions applications (2025).

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks

- *University College Dublin*, 2026. “Rethinking techno-societies: Embedding ethical frameworks, power asymmetries, and sociological contexts in technology design.”
- *ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Barcelona, 2026. “Responsible design through care: A relational framework for gendered harm.”
- *European Consortium for Political Research* (ECPR), Kraków, 2026. “Fighting sexual corruption in public services and the role of technology: Lessons from women’s experiences in Brazil.”
- *9th Forum of the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network* (ICRN), Vienna, 2025. “Sexual corruption in public services and the role of government technology.”
- *Lero Research Ireland International Day*, 2025. “Designing digital governance with sociological insight: Digital artifacts, responsible AI, and institutional trust.”
- *Trinity Centre for Digital Business and Analytics*, 2025. “AI in academic research and knowledge production.”
- *University of South Africa*, 2025. “Tech for trust: Empowering communities through ethical innovation and sociological awareness.”
- *University College Cork*, 2024. “Gender-focused technology design and care ethics integration.”
- *Government of Peru*, 2024. “Anti-corruption and the role of digital governance.”
- *Bridge Gap Conference on Historical Perspectives on Corruption*, Barcelona, 2024. “Historical perspectives on anti-corruption: From U.S. policy evolution to Brazil’s Lava Jato in the North-South context.”
- *The New School for Social Research*, New York, 2023. “The anti-corruption agenda and the implementation of neoliberal rationality.”
- *University of Iowa*, 2022. “Lava Jato: Globalization, populism, and the corrosion of Brazilian democratic institutions.”
- *Interparliamentary Debate on Digital Governance, Corruption, and SDG 16*, 2021. Invited speaker.

Research Networks and Professional Activities

2025-26	Member, AI & Responsible Innovation Special Interest Group, Dublin City University.
2025-	Member, Marie Curie Alumni Association Artificial Intelligence Working Group.
2022-	Co-founder, Corruption in the Global South Research Consortium, United States.

Public Policy Work and Engagement

2023-	Coordinator, <i>Civil Society Working Group for the 2030 Agenda: Relatório Luz</i> (SDGs 9 and 16)
2023-26	Monthly columnist, <i>Revista Humanitas</i> , writing on governance, technology, and public policies.
2023	Consultant, <i>American Bar Association</i> .
2022	Research Assistant, <i>Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo</i> (PUC-SP)
2020	Researcher, <i>Nonviolence International-NY</i> , United States.
Media	Commentary and interviews in national and international outlets on corruption, governance, technology, and public policies, including participation in <i>The Washington Post</i> .

Research Software and Digital Infrastructure

- **SaferGov (2026):** GovTech platform that integrates sociological and governance insights with NLP pipelines, LLM-assisted guidance, responsible AI principles, and tamper-proof blockchain evidence anchoring for secure reporting, traceability, and accountability. <https://safergov-platform.onrender.com/>

References available upon request.

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