

# Laudation

## For the 2024 Rising Star Award

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**The Jury has this year chosen to award the prize to Luis L. Schenoni of University College London.**

**The jury had the following to say:**

The Jury recommends Luis L. Schenoni as winner of the Rising Star award. The nominee has an outstanding academic record throughout his career to date.

Luis obtained his PhD at the University of Notre Dame in 2020. He then moved to Konstanz University for a Post-Doctoral fellowship. Since 2022, he has worked at University College London, where he is now an Associate Professor and the Director of the Security Studies Programme in the Department of Political Science.

His main research focus is Latin America. Luis has an extensive list of publications. To date, he has published a single-authored book with Cambridge University Press, as well as 22 journal articles (a mix of single and co-authored), many of which have been published in leading journals such as the American Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Latin American Politics and Society and Latin American Research Review. His works are highly cited.

His book 'Bringing War Back In: Victory, Defeat, and the State in Nineteenth Century Latin America' is particularly innovative, showing how wars affected state strength in the region, in ways that were previously ignored by the discipline.

Combining cutting-edge methods with a careful attention on causal mechanisms, the book provides a powerful example of solid comparative research.

He has made significant contributions to the discipline, with an extensive commitment in teaching and research supervision, as well as in serving as a frequent journal manuscript reviewer. He has held various visiting positions in prestigious research centers.

Above the outstanding academic contributions, Luis L. Schenoni demonstrates engagement beyond academia leaving a remarkable socio-economic impact. He is regularly participating with policymakers when it comes to Latin American issues and security and communicates his research findings to the public as part of citizen science.

Finally, his public engagement is also testified by appearances in the media (BBC and others) as well as by contributions to political science blogs.

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**On behalf of the Rising Star Award Prize Jury**  
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