

About

My professional journey focuses on designing and implementing **innovation projects** for **sustainability** from a **systemic** perspective. I am particularly interested in **co-creation** and **participatory** governance processes in the areas of innovation, food, natural resources, energy and emerging technologies.

I am an **economist** by training (UBA) and I am currently completing a **Master's degree** in **Latin American Literary Studies** (UNTREF). I also took a **PhD** course in **Qualitative Methods for Intervention** and **Social Impact** (UNSAM) focused on the design and implementation of policies and strategies for innovation and system transformation. I am convinced of the importance of interdisciplinary crossings and collaboration between people with diverse backgrounds.

I am currently a research associate at **CENIT** and co-director of **Bioleft**, a **community laboratory** that develops **socio-technical innovations** to address the challenges of present and future **agriculture**.

Recent work experience

BIOLEFT semillas abiertas - bioleft.org

Co-Director (2023 - presente), **Project manager** (2020 - 2022) & **Research and coordination assistant** (2018-2020)

Main duties:

Responsible for writing **funding proposals** and progress reports to international institutions. **Coordinate** the **execution** of the received funds, **monitor** the fulfillment of the objectives committed, and **follow up** on the main tasks of the team (6 people in charge, plus a team of 10 volunteers). Coordinate the **development** of different products derived from the project: an open-source digital platform, an illustrated book and a podcast.

Facilitate participatory workshops. Design narratives that reflect the complexity of the problems that Bioleft addresses: audiovisual scripts, magazine articles, brochures.

Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT/EEYN-UNSAM)

Associated researcher (2018 - presente)

Main duties:

Processing, **analysis** and **visualization** of **data** from different sources. Implementation of statistical and econometric models. Development of an NLP model (Topic modelling). **Writing** of reports, **deliverables**, blogs and scientific articles. Design of **visual presentations**. Conducting interviews with **key stakeholders**. Multicriteria mapping. Design and analysis of online surveys. Production and facilitation of participatory workshops. Literature and public policy **review**. **Knowledge management**.

(See projects and publications on page 3)

Secretary of Strategic Affairs of Argentina (SAE)

Advisor in management of participatory processes (agosto 2023 - presente)

I participated on the team conducting the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for low-emission Hydrogen projects, contributing to various crucial stages.

I drafted the **communication and participation plan**, ensuring **stakeholder engagement** throughout the process. I then designed and implemented the **stakeholder mapping**, followed by designing and implementing the **participatory methodologies used in regional workshops**. Furthermore, I was responsible for writing **reports** of each activity, processing, analyzing, and **visualizing** the workshop **results**. Additionally, I **facilitated** the workshops themselves and developed **training materials** for facilitators. Finally, I played a key role in systematizing and **communicating** the overall process outcomes.

Education

Licenciate in Economics

Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). GPA: 8.42. Diploma of Honor. Magna cum laude mention. **2015-2020**.

Maester in Latin American Literacy Studies

Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero. 18/18 approved courses (thesis in progress). GPA: 9.71. **2022-2023** (on going)

Selected courses

Qualitative methods to intervention and societal impact

PhD course taught by PhD Cristian Matti (JRC-European Comission) in the PhD in Innovation Economics (UNSAM). **2023**

Complex ideas communication

Course taught by Sonia Jalfin (Sociopúblico) at Baikal Institute.

Languages

Spanish (native)

English (advanced)

Portugués (basic)

Softwares

R programming language

Microsoft Office

Design, visualization and project management tools: Figma, Miró, Tableau, Kumu, Trello, Toggl

Projects and consultancies

PISAC - Evaluación científica (advisor in participatory methodologies). Financed by CONICET. 2023.

Opportunities and challenges for the lithium battery value chain. Research assistance. Financed by IDB. 2022-2023.

Evaluation of Technological Innovation Program IV and V (Agencia I+D+i). Technical evaluation. Consultant. Financed by IDB/Agencia I+D+i 2022.

Steering Research and Innovation for Global Goals (STRINGS). Researcher. Financed by PNUD and UKRI. 2021-2022.

Comparative analysis of research, technological development and innovation systems for the production of biological products. Research assistance. Financed by IDB. 2020.

Collaborative mapping: Opening science and open access as response to COVID 19 in Latin America. Researcher. Financed by Karisma Foundation. 2020.

Applied sectoral policy experiments: The case of agricultural machinery. Research assistant. 2018.

International Seminar extension and transfer in Agriculture in 2030, INTA-BID. Facilitator. 2018

Participatory Techniques Toolkit for Citizen Science workshops. Repository of techniques to use in participatory processes compiled together with Almendra Cremaschi.

Publications

Saurabh Arora, Valeria Arza, Julian Asinsten y otros (2022). Misalignments between pathways and SDGs. Exploring plural views on how different STI pathways can address SDG challenges. . Available in: http://strings.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/STRINGS_Changing_Directions.pdf

Clinio, A., Fressoli, M., Palacín, R., Asinsten, J. y Rocha, L. (2022) Informe “Ciencia Abierta y la pandemia de Covid-19: Respuestas, desafíos e innovaciones en Argentina, Brasil y Colombia”. Available in: <https://web.karisma.org.co/el-papel-de-la-ciencia-abierta-en-la-contencion-del-covid-19-en-america-latina/>

Arza, V. y Asinsten, J. (2021). Prioridades sociales de conocimiento para Chagas. Documento de divulgación. Available in: <https://fund-cenit.org.ar/prioridades-sociales-de-conocimiento-para-chagas/>

Arza, V. y Asinsten, J. (2021). Producción científica y los objetivos de desarrollo sostenible en relación al Chagas. Available in: <https://fund-cenit.org.ar/produccion-cientifica-y-los-objetivos-de-desarrollo-sostenible-en-relacion-al-chagas/>

Arza, V., Asinsten, J. y Sebastián, S. (2021) What knowledge do we need to address Chagas? Available in: <http://strings.org.uk/what-knowledge-do-we-need-to-address-chagas/>

Arza, V., Asinsten, J. y Sebastián, S. (2021) ¿Qué conocimiento necesitamos para abordar el Chagas? Available in: <http://fund-cenit.org.ar/proyecto-strings-que-conocimiento-necesitamos-para-abordar-el-chagas/>

Marin, A., Pizzo, F. Asinsten, J. y Palacin, R. (2019) El sector de maquinaria agrícola en Argentina: situación actual y desafíos a futuro para mejorar su inserción internacional. Documento preparado para el Ministerio de Producción, Secretaría de Comercio.

Seminars:

“La contribución de la ciencia a los objetivos de desarrollo sostenible”. Seminario de investigación de la Escuela de Economía y Negocios de la Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM). Available in: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfRaYDt-eaw>