

Natalia Calfat holds a master's and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Universidade de São Paulo. She graduated in Social Sciences and has a post-graduate degree in Politics and International Relations. She was a visiting scholar at Harvard University (2019) and is currently a collaborator of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs at the Harvard Divinity School. She is also a researcher of the Middle East and Muslim World Working Group (LEA/FFLCH-USP). At IPSA, Natalia is on the board of RC14 -

Politics and Ethnicity. She integrates the Expert Committee of the Arab Latinos! Initiative at UNESCO. Her main fields of study are Comparative Politics of the MENA region, ethnoreligious conflicts, minority identity, and representation. She is particularly interested in qualitative methodology and case studies. Since 2017, she has worked as a teaching assistant for Basics of Causal Case Study Methods and The Practical Use of Process Tracing courses at the USP Summer School in Methods, Concepts and Techniques in Political Sciences and International Relations. She was also a teaching assistant on Process Tracing at the 2023 Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops and for courses on Comparative Historical Analysis and Public Policy Evaluation at USP Summer School.