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Summary:

I'm an assistant professor at the Department of Social Sciences/Graduate Program in Sociology (acting as deputy director) at the Federal University of Ceará, Brazil, and an assistant professor at the Graduate Program in Comparative Studies on the Americas at the University of Brasília, Brazil. I previously worked as teaching assistant and as a postdoctoral researcher in the Departments of Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Brasília and as a research fellow at The Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil. I have a PhD in Sociology by the University of Brasília, with a visiting researcher period at SOAS/University of London. I have published papers in the areas of Economic Sociology, Political Economy and Social Theory, some of them in the top-ranked Brazilian Sociology and Economics journals. I'm also the author of the book 'Digitalized Finance: financial capitalism and informational revolution' (Brill, 2019/Haymarket 2020), drawn from my prized masters' dissertation. My PhD thesis is also about to be published as the book 'Money and Social Power: a study on Bitcoin' (Brill, forthcoming). I'm also an international advisor and contributor to the ESRC funded research project 'New arenas for civic expansion: humans, animals, and Artificial Intelligence' coordinated by Cardiff University professors Paul Chaney, Ralph Fevre, and Ian Rees Jones within Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods (WISERD).

Current positions (from 10/2019):

Assistant professor – Department of Social Sciences, Federal University of Ceará, Brazil.
Assistant professor – Graduate Program in Sociology, Federal University of Ceará, Brazil.
Graduate Program in Comparative Studies on the Americas, University of Brasília, Brazil.

Language skills:

English, Spanish and Portuguese (native): can read, speak and write fluently.
Italian, French: can read.

Citizenships:

Brazilian; Italian.

Research and Teaching Fields:

Political Economy, Economic Sociology, Social Theory, Sociology of Science and Technology.

Research work:

Financial markets, finance & technology, cryptocurrencies. Money, monetary theory. Financialisation and neoliberalism in Brazil and Latin America. Digital economy, artificial intelligence, automation of work.

Education:

| <i>Dates (month/year)</i> | | <i>Universities/ Colleges attended</i> | <i>Subjects</i> | <i>Degree</i> |
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| <i>From</i> | <i>To</i> | | | |
| 10/2014 | 06/2018 | University of Brasília (UnB) | Sociology | PhD |
| 03/2013 | 09/2014 | University of Brasília (UnB) | Sociology | Masters* |
| 05/2011 | 11/2012 | Brasília Institute of Higher Education (IESB) | Marketing and Digital Communication | MBA |
| 09/2007 | 03/2011 | University of Brasília (UnB) – Faculty of Communication | Social Communication – Journalism | Bachelor |

Teaching Experience:

| <i>Dates</i> | | <i>Position/Place</i> | <i>Discipline</i> |
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| 03/2020 | 10/2020 | Assistant professor – Department of Social Sciences/Federal University of Ceará | Contemporary Sociological Theory Classical Sociological Theory Introduction to Sociology |
| 07/2019 | 12/2019 | Assistant professor – Graduate Program in Comparative Studies on the Americas/University of Brasília Lecturer – Department of Sociology/University of Brasília | Theories and Methods in Social Science Introduction to Sociology |
| From 2015 to 2020 | | Contributor/ various academic institutions | Talks, small courses and seminars on Financial Globalisation, Financialisation and political/economic turning points |
| 03/2019 | 07/2019 | Lecturer – Department of Economics/University of Brasília | Political Economy 2 |
| 07/2015 | 12/2015 | Teaching Assistant and tutor – Department of Sociology/ University of Brasília | Science, Technology and Society |
| 07/2013 | 12/2013 | Teaching Assistant and tutor – Department of Sociology/ University of Brasília | Introduction to Sociology |

* To do both a masters or PhD in a well ranked Brazilian public university like UnB, it is usually necessary to undergo a highly-competitive entrance process, composed of research project, exams and interviews. In 2014, as a recognition of my merit, I was directly moved from masters to PhD, without the need of engaging in such a competition, by the judgment of a special commission of Department professors', convened to analyse my situation (the first case like this in the history of Department of Sociology of the University of Brasília).

Funding history:

| <i>Dates</i> | | <i>Grant held</i> | <i>Position on the grant</i> |
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| 11/2018 | 11/2019 | Post-Doc National Program (PNPD) Coordination of Improvement of Higher Level Personnel (CAPES) – Ministry of Education of Brazil (MEC) | Associate Researcher/Lecturer (post-doc) |
| 09/2017 | 03/2018 | PhD Scholarship National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) - Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications of Brazil (MCTIC) | Research Assistant (RA) |
| 03/2017 | 08/2017 | Visiting Researcher Period (London, UK) CNPq/MCTIC | Visiting Researcher (VR) |
| 09/2015 | 08/2016 | Research Fellowship Research Program for National Development - Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) - Ministry of Planning, Development and Management of Brazil | Research Fellow (RF) |
| 10/2014 | 08/2015 | PhD Scholarship CNPq/MCTIC | RA/TA |
| 02/2014 | 09/2014 | Masters Scholarship CNPq/MCTIC | RA/TA |
| 08/2008 | 08/2009 | Graduate Fellowship CNPq/MCTIC | Scientific Initiation Project Fellow |

Prizes and Awards:

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| 06/2019 | Best Doctoral Dissertation – Department of Sociology. University of Brasília. Nomination for: 2019 CAPES (Ministry of Education) National Prize. |
| 08/2016 | Best Masters Thesis – Humanities/Sociology. University of Brasília Thesis and Dissertation Award 2015 |
| 08/2009 | Best ‘Undergraduate Scientific Initiation’ Project – Federal District (State Level) – Social Communication – CNPq |

Professional Experience:

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| 2019 – present | Assistant professor – Department of Social Sciences, Federal University of Ceará, Fortaleza, Brazil Assistant professor – Graduate Program in Comparative Studies on the Americas, University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil |
| 2018 – 2019 | Post-doc associate Researcher/lecturer – University of Brasília, Economics Department/Department of Latin American Studies, Brasília, Brazil |
| 2015/2016 | Research Fellow – International Monetary and Financial System Project, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brasília, Brazil |
| 2011/2014 | Press officer – Conselho Nacional do Ministério Público (Union Public Prosecutor’s Office), Brasília, Brazil |
| 2010 | Reporter – Folha de S. Paulo/Portal Universo Online, Brasília, Brazil |
| 2008/2009 | Press officer – Chamber of Deputies/Lower House, National Congress, Brasília, Brazil |

List of Publications:

With the exception of my books ‘Digitalized Finance’ and ‘Money and Social Power’, published in both languages, I have translated the titles of my publications. Web links are provided for the original Portuguese versions.

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| <i>In preparation:</i> | Paraná, E. Commodity, value, and inconvertible money: the contemporary Marxist debate. Paraná, E. Money as social power: Bitcoin, Petro and Libra compared. |
| <i>Submitted:</i> | Mollo, M. L. R.; Dourado, F. F.; Paraná, E. Financialisation as the development of fictitious capital in the most and the less developed economies. Cambridge Journal of Economics. |
| <i>Accepted for publication:</i> | Paraná, E. (2020). The actual in the so-called actuality of Marx. In: Dal Rosso, S. (ed.). Marx 200 years. (Book chapter). Paraná, E. (2021). Money and Social Power: a study on Bitcoin. Brill: Leiden/Boston, forthcoming. (Book). Spanish version forthcoming by Ático/Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo Leon Editorial. Paraná, E.; Mollo, M.L.R. (2021). State and money as social relation: a critique of the State monetary role in Modern Money Theory (MMT). Revista Economia e Sociedade, Unicamp. (paper). |
| <i>Published:</i> | Book: Paraná, E. (2020). Bitcoin: the technocratic utopia of an apolitical money . Autonomia Literária: São Paulo, 2020. Paraná, E. (2016). A Finança Digitalizada: capitalismo financeiro e revolução informacional . Florianópolis: Insular, 2016. (English translation, 2018: Digitalized Finance: financial capitalism and informational revolution . Leiden/Boston: Brill). Papers: Silva, T. L.; Paraná, E.; Pimenta, A. M. From Ideological State Apparatus to the Birth of Biopolitics... and back . <i>Revista de Ciências Sociais (RCS)</i> , v. 51, n. 3, nov. 2020/fev. 2021, p. 313–356. ISSN 2318-4620. Paraná, E.; Silva, L. T. (2020). The relevance of Lenin’s concept of financial capital for a reading of contemporary capitalism . <i>Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas (REPAM)</i> , v.14, n.1, pp. 46-78. ISSN: 1984-1639. |

Paraná, E.; Lopes, V. R. (2019). [Virtù and Fortune: the Chinese developmentalist action and its contemporary challenges](#). *Revista da Sociedade Brasileira de Economia Política (RSEP)*, n. 54, pp. 34-73. ISSN Impresso: 1415-1979. ISSN eletrônico: 2595-6892.

Paraná, E. (2018). [Digitalized Finance: informatization at the service of financial globalization](#). *Nova Economia*, v. 28, n.1, jan./abr, p. 245-272. ISSN: 0103-6351.

Silva, L.T.; Paraná, E. (2018). [From Dialectics of Development to Dialectics of Dependence: the continuous in the discontinuous](#). *Política & Trabalho, Revista de Ciências Sociais*, n° 47, Jun./Dez. de 2017, p. 191-208. ISSN: 1517-5901.

Paraná, E. (2017). [Economy and rationality: the question of technics in Karl Marx and Max Weber](#). *Lutas Sociais*, vol. 21, n. 39, jul./dez., 2017, pp. 21-35. ISSN: 1415-854X.

Paraná, E. (2017). [The digitalization of capital markets in Brazil: recent trends](#). *Boletim de Economia e Política Internacional*, BEPI, n. 23, Maio/Ago. 2017. ISSN: 2176-9915.

Paraná, E.; Neves, F.M. (2017). [For a critique of the syntheses proposed by Karin Knorr-Cetina and Jeffrey Alexander: an epistemological alternative to micro-macro integration](#). *Revista Brasileira de Sociologia – RBS*. Vol 05, No. 10, Mai/Ago/2017. ISSN Eletrônico: 2318-0544. ISSN Impresso: 2317-8507.

Silva, L. T. ; Paraná, E. ; Pimenta, A. M. (2017). [The actuality of the theoretical anti-humanism: Luhmann and Althusser on the problematic of social differentiation/integration](#). *Mediações – Revista de Ciências Sociais*, Londrina, v. 22 n. 1, p. 270-300, Jan./Jun. 2017. ISSN: 1414-0543.

Paraná, E.; Medeiros, M. F. S. (2017). [Programmed life: the overlapping human-machine and the ideology of technics in contemporary capitalism](#). *Contemporânea – Revista de Sociologia da UFSCar*, v. 7, n. 1, p. 223-245, Jan.–Jun. 2017. ISSN: 2236-532X. ISSN Eletrônico: 2316-1329.

Silva, L. T.; Paraná, E.; Pimenta, A. M. (2016). [The double overcoming of the ‘Subject’ by the Marxist critique of political economy](#). *Lutas Sociais*, São Paulo, vol.20 n.37, p.23-36, jul./dez. 2016. ISSN: 1415-854X.

Paraná, E. (2016). [Adorno, Habermas, Honneth: a genealogy of the capital-labor contradiction in three generations of Critical Theory](#). *SER Social*, Brasília, v. 18, n. 38, p. 177-201, jan.-jun./2016. ISSN: 2178-8987.

Paraná, E. (2014). [Rationality and Technics in Marcuse and Habermas: Outputs to the iron cage dilemma?](#) *Pós – Revista Brasiliense de Pós-Graduação em Ciências Sociais*, Brasília, v. 13, n. 2 (2014), pp 151-168. ISSN: 2317-0344.

Paraná, E.; Telésforo, J. (2014). [The politics on social media and the tasks of the left: the revolution is made in the present](#). *Em Debate: Rev. Dig.*, Florianópolis, n. 11, p. 152-163, jan-jun, 2014. ISSN: 1980-3532.

Reviews:

Paraná, E. (2018). [“Austerity” as a management of the socio-distributive conflict](#). *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais (RBCS)*, v.33, n. 97. Print version ISSN: 0102-6909. On-line version ISSN: 1806-9053.

Paraná, E. (2017). [Theory and Practice of a sociological research](#)

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| | <p>agenda in science and technology. <i>Sociologias</i>, Porto Alegre, ano 19, n. 46, set/dez 2017, p. 428-441. ISSN impresso: 1517-4522. ISSN on-line: 1807-0337.</p> <p>Paraná, E. (2017). The Global Minotaur: the true origins of the financial crisis and the future of the global economy. <i>Tempo Social – Revista de Sociologia da Universidade de São Paulo (USP)</i>, v. 29, n.2 (2017), p. 315-321. ISSN: 1809-4554.</p> <p>Book chapter:</p> <p>Paraná, E.; Telésforo, J. (2014), Inside the whirlpool: the internet and the revolution. In: Bruno Cava; Giuseppe Cocco. (Org.). <i>Amanhã vai ser maior - O levante da multidão no ano que não terminou</i>. São Paulo: Annablume, 2014, p. 133-141.</p> <p>Non-Refereed Works:</p> <p>Paraná, E. (2018). Money and Social Power: a study on Bitcoin. <i>PhD Dissertation</i>. Department of Sociology, University of Brasília (in Portuguese).</p> <p>Paraná, E. (2014). The Digitalized Finance: the role of Information and Communication Technologies in the process of financialization the world economy. <i>M.S. Thesis</i>. Department of Sociology, University of Brasília (in Portuguese).</p> |
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Referee Activity:

Critical Sociology

tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique

Revista Sociedade e Estado

Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas (REPAM)

Revista da Sociedade Brasileira de Economia Política (RSEP)

Nova Economia

Revista Crítica do Direito

Revista Pós Ciências Sociais (REPOCS)

International Conference on Labor Theory of Value and the Social Sciences, Brazil

Selected Research Presentations:

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| 2020 | <p>O presente e o futuro da Sociologia na Universidade de Brasília. Sociology Department, University of Brasília. Online.</p> <p>Dinheiro, criptomoedas e alternativas à crise neoliberal. Live de lançamento do livro 'Bitcoin: a utopia tecnocrática do dinheiro apolítico'. Autonomia Literária editorial house. Online.</p> <p>Internacionalização do Renminbi e criptomoeda chinesa. Economics Department, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Online.</p> <p>A MMT (Modern Money Theory) e a visão marxista. Economics Department, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte. Online.</p> |
| 2019 | <p>Small course: 'Introduction to Marx's Capital – Book III' – Florestan Fernandes National School, Guararema, Brazil.</p> |

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| 2018 | <p>'Finança Digitalizada, criptomoedas e Blockchain' – Economics Department, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Natal, Brazil.</p> <p>'A obra de Marx' – Marx 200 Seminary, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil.</p> |
| 2017 | <p>'Digitalized Finance: Financial Capitalism and Informational Revolution' – SOAS, University of London, London, UK.</p> <p>'Digitalized Finance: Financial Capitalism and Informational Revolution' – LEREPS, Sciences Po, Toulouse, France.</p> |
| 2016 | <p>'Beyond the (rational) agent: theory of money in Karl Marx and Niklas Luhmann' – International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) Conference 2016, Lisbon, Portugal.</p> <p>'Integração ou autonomia? A relação entre as dimensões micro e macrossociológicas à luz das sínteses propostas por Karin Knorr-Cetina e Jeffrey Alexander' - National Association of Graduate Studies and Research in Social Sciences (ANPOCS), Caxambú, Brazil.</p> |
| 2015 | <p>'The role of ICTs in the process of financialization of the Brazilian economy' – IIPPE Conference 2015, Leeds, UK.</p> <p>'A Finança Digitalizada: Informatização a serviço da dominância financeira – Brazilian Political Economy Society (SEP), Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil'.</p> <p>'Vida programada: o imbricamento ser humano-máquina e a ideologia da técnica no capitalismo contemporâneo' – Brazilian Sociological Society (SBS), Porto Alegre, Brazil.</p> |

Academic service:

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| 2020-2021 | Deputy Director – Graduate Program in Sociology, Department of Social Sciences, Federal University of Ceará. |
| 2019-2020 | Social Science Research Ethics Committee – University of Brasilia. |
| 2019 | Selection Committee, masters candidates 2020-2022 – Graduate Program in Comparative Studies on the Americas, Department of Latin American Studies, University of Brasília. |
| 2018 | Organization Board, IV International Conference on Labour Theory of Value and the Social Sciences – Department of Sociology, University of Brasília. |
| 2016 | Organization Board, III International Conference on Labour Theory of Value and the Social Sciences – Department of Sociology, University of Brasília. |
| 2010 | Organization Board, Public Debates with Brazilian Presidential Candidates at University of Brasília. |
| 2009/2010 | Student Union Board and Student Representative at the Faculty Council – Faculty of Social Communication, University of Brasília. |
| 2008/2009 | Student Union Board and Student Representative at the University Council – University of Brasília (UnB). |

Media activities/public engagement: can be found [here](#).

Popular writings: can be found [here](#).