



Area of Impact: Society  
Specialty: Democracy

The Millennium Nucleus Center for the Study of Statehood and Democracy in Latin America began its activities in November 2011 and was recently renewed for a period of three years (2015-2017).

Through the work of an outstanding research team, this Millennium Nucleus Center pursues to analyze the level, type and sub-national distribution of state institutions in Latin America, which relies on the development of new research networks within the region and globally.

The territorial extent of the state is a key precondition to ensure the population's equal access to civil, political and social rights. From this perspective, it seeks not only to estimate the degree of presence of the state and its sub-national characteristics, but also pinpoint which conditions favor the existence of weak states in this current age.

Meanwhile, the Nucleus Center also intends to identify the implications of a debilitated statehood and uneven distribution, how it affects the operation and quality of democratic institutions and the provision of public goods within society. In this sense, the Center explores the interplay between statehood insufficiencies (and its main determinants at the local, national, and global level) and various dimensions relating to the quality of the political regime.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Collaborative content creation for the citizenship education curriculum. Such content incorporates materials generated through a series of competitions for students and primary and secondary teachers, as well as various urban tours focused on citizenship education. These contents will soon be distributed through an online citizenship education platform. Given the rapid incorporation of this course to the SIMCE test, it is expected to have a strong impact at classroom level, both in primary and secondary education.
- Research to assist the implementation of voting rights for Chilean citizens living abroad, which included the development of a survey without precedent in the country, obtaining participation from Chileans living in fifty countries. On that basis, we worked with SEGPRES, MINREL, and SERVEL to adjust application mechanisms and identify its major challenges.

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 **PRODUCTIVITY PUBLICATIONS  
(BETWEEN 2011-2014)**  
ISI or similar: 66

 **ACTIVE MILLENNIUM NUCLEUS CENTER  
From 2011 to 2017 (2011-2014 /  
2014-2017)**  
**Formerly: Millennium Nucleus Center  
Study of Statehood and Democracy in  
Latin America**

The Millennium Nucleus Centers can be renewed after 3 years, reaching a maximum of 6 years.

 **PRESENCE  
METROPOLITANA REGION**



## RESEARCH TOPICS

- State institutions, their sub-national variation and territorial challenges.
- The political economy of legal and illegal markets and geopolitical dynamics affecting Latin American states.
- The relationship between the institutional structure of the state and representation, participation and the quality of democracy.

## NOTED OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### 2014:

- **Citizen Tours:** the city turned into a classroom of civic education.
- **Contest for high school students:** "The Constitution that I want."
- **Contest for high school students:** "State, where are you?"

### 2015:

- **Best teaching practices** in civic education contest for teachers of primary and secondary school, and development of a civic education course for pedagogy students in areas of history, geography and social sciences.
- **Continuing Education Course "Education, Citizenship and Democracy:** Understanding Concepts and their Articulation in the Classroom" aimed at Santiago and Villarrica.
- **Promotion videos of urban routes about statehood within the territory for broadcast through the Novasur Channel of the National Television Council (CNTV).**

### 2016:

- **Photography and video contest "State, where are you?"** for students of primary and secondary school.
- **Web platform with civic education content - [www.educacionciudadana.cl](http://www.educacionciudadana.cl)**
- **Continuing Education Course "Education, Citizenship and Democracy: Understanding of Concepts and their Articulation in the Classroom"** to Santiago and Villarrica.

## HOST INSTITUTIONS:

