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Emigrant Political Rights in Latin America: A configurational analysis approach

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What are emigrant political rights, and under which conditions are they approved by the sending states? The existing literature offers detailed descriptions of different cases but has limited insights to understand regional trends in the enactment of extraterritorial rights in Latin America. Current accounts rarely study the combined approval of these rights and the conditions explaining different outcomes of recognition. This paper proposes a new methodological approach to analyze the approval of rights for citizens living abroad. It presents an Emigrant Political Rights Index, suggesting the importance of studying the enactment of dual citizenship, voting abroad, and political representation in twenty countries in Latin America. Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis, this paper shows how levels of democracy, remittances, emigration, and political violence work in conjunction to generate different routes toward the approval of emigrant rights.

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