

## MILLENNIUM NUCLEUS STUDIES ON DISABILITY AND CITIZENSHIP, DISCA

Impact Area: Social Sciences

Speciality: Studies on disability, citizenship, political participation,  
sexuality and reproduction, access to health

The Millennium Nucleus for Disability and Citizenship Studies (DISCA) is a research center that studies how people with disabilities seek to become citizens.

In its first three years, DISCA will address how citizenship is built and negotiated through political participation, the exercise of sexuality and reproduction, and access to health. The objectives for these areas are to analyze legislation and public policies; identify barriers; analyze adaptation and resistance strategies, and develop recommendations for public policies. A fourth line of work focuses on the challenges of using inclusive and participatory methodologies in disability research.

DISCA respects the motto of the movement of people with disabilities: "Nothing for us without us". We will conduct research with people with disabilities and not about them. DISCA is led by an academic with a disability and has a board of experienced experts. In the formation of the team, we are prioritizing the incorporation of people with disabilities. In its research, DISCA will identify methods and techniques that favor the participation of people with disabilities, respecting their voices, their diversity, and the value of their experiences.

The principal investigators of DISCA, pioneers in disability research in Chile, use mixed, quantitative, and qualitative methodologies, integrating knowledge from social anthropology, law, health, economics, sociology, psychology, and occupational therapy with the transdisciplinary field of disability studies.

DISCA seeks to become a reference research center for disability studies in Chile and Latin America.

### Research Lines:

- Political participation of persons with disabilities.
- Exercise of sexuality and reproduction of persons with disabilities.
- Access to health care in Chile for persons with disabilities.
- Inclusive and participatory disability research: ethical and methodological challenges.

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### >> PUBLICATION PRODUCTIVITY:

Recently awarded Millennium Nucleus, no publications have been reported

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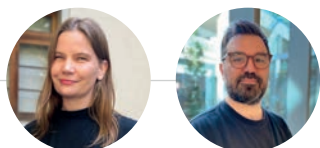
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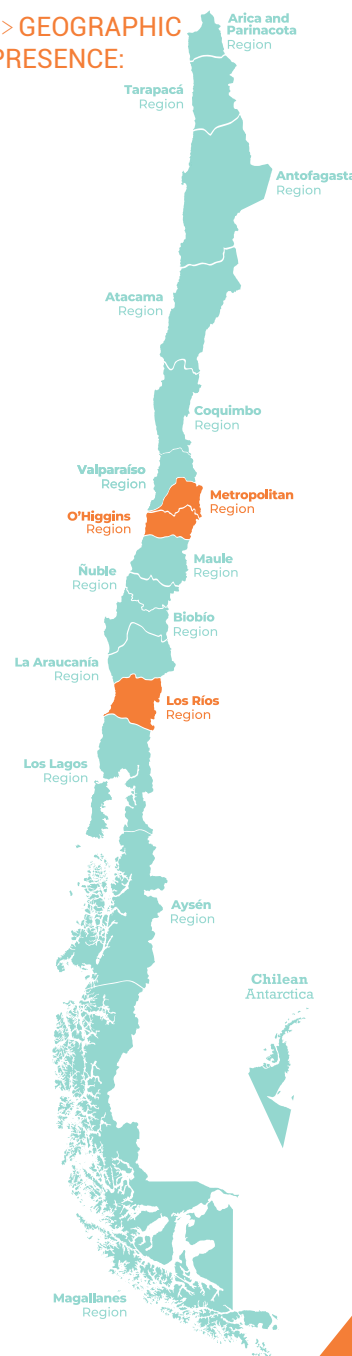


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>> GEOGRAPHIC PRESENCE:



>> MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Recently awarded Millennium Nucleus, no major achievements have been reported.



>> OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

- Conference by Senior Researcher Thomas Shakespeare addressed to researchers and students of disability studies at Universidad Diego Portales. Aimed at academic public in disability studies. March 21, 2023.
- Masterclass by Senior Researcher Thomas Shakespeare at Universidad Diego Portales. Aimed at the general public. March 23, 2023.

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