

# The early origin of Chilean political psychology El origen temprano de la psicología política Chilena

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© 2018 Interciencia Association. All rights reserved. Political psychology is a field of multidisciplinary and trans-disciplinary studies of the social sciences, born in Europe at the beginning of the 20th century. Today, political psychology encompasses subjects of study ranging from the leadership of politicians, public policies, corruption, conflicts, political violence and terrorism, among others. In Chile, several authors identify the birth of political psychology in the late 1970s as a result of clinical psychology interventions in disorders caused by military dictatorship. The present paper reviews and discusses these statements, postulating that one of its possible beginnings is in the work Balmaceda y el Parlamentarismo en Chile, a psycho-political and historical text of 1914, written by the politician and historian Ricardo Salas Edwards, who reports the Political-Military Conflict of 1891. In our work we present qualitative analyzes and evidences that support our assertion, m