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Research Interests

Political behavior, comparative politics, political sociology, quantitative methodology

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Researcher University of Lucerne	2022 - current
PhD Researcher European University Institute	2018 - 2023
External Lecturer University of Lucerne	2022
Visiting PhD Researcher London School of Economics & Political Science Host: Dr. Chris Anderson	2021

Education

Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences European University Institute Supervisor: Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi	2023
M.Res. in Political and Social Sciences European University Institute	2019
M.Sc. in Social Sciences Carlos III-Juan March Institute, University Carlos III of Madrid First Class	2018
B.A. in Political Science and Public Management Pablo de Olavide University (Seville, Spain) Suma Cum Laude	2016
B.A. in Law Pablo de Olavide University (Seville, Spain) Suma Cum Laude	2015

Working Papers

Canalejo-Molero, Á. & Le Corre Juratic, M. Blinded by Out-group Hatred. Why does Radical Party Entry Reduce its Voters' Satisfaction with Democracy? (*Under review*) Preprint available [here](#).

— *Djøf Forlag prize for the best paper presented by a junior researcher at the 2023 Danish Political Science Association conference*

— *Wilson award for the best paper on French politics presented at the 2022 APSA meeting*

Padilla-Galviz, E. S. & Canalejo-Molero, Á. Does Losing Affect Democratic Attitudes and Preferences among Rank-and-File Politicians? A Comparative Study in 27 Elections (*Under review*)

Padilla Moreno-Torres, J., Canalejo-Molero, Á. & López Ortega, A. Bukele in Brussels? Explaining the Rise of the Spanish Far-Right SALF (*Under review*)

Canalejo-Molero, Á. Boost or Backlash? The Heterogeneous Effects of Parliamentary Representation on Satisfaction with Democracy. Preprint available [here](#).

Le Corre Juratic, M. & Canalejo-Molero, Á. Assessing the Severity and Nature of Losers' Consent Erosion in Polarized Societies (*working paper available upon request*)

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Bürgisser, R., van Ditmars, M. M. & Trechsel, A. H. The Political Conflict Potential of Digitalization (*working paper available upon request*)

Canalejo-Molero, Á. Does New Party Entry Increase Electoral Turnout? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the 2015 Spanish Local Elections (*working paper available upon request*)

Canalejo-Molero, Á. Disruptive Elections and their Implications for Satisfaction with Democracy (*working paper available upon request*)

Work in Progress

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Padilla Moreno-Torres, J. & López Ortega, A. The Spillover Effects of Center-Periphery Dynamics on Politically Disenfranchised Regions

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Flechtner, M. & Trechsel, A. H. The (de)Politicization of Digitalization: Why do Political Parties avoid Conflict over Digitalization Issues?

Canalejo-Molero, Á., van Ditmars, M. M. & Trechsel, A. H. Can Parties Mobilize Voters over Digitalization Issues? A Field Experiment with a Voting Advice Application

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H. Reducing Affective Polarization with VAAs: A Pan-European Experiment

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H. Depolarizing Interventions before the European Parliament Elections

Research Grants

Small Grant Aarhus University (35,000 DKK), with Morgan Le Corre Juratic
Aarhus University 2024

UniLu FoKo Funding (12,231 CHF), with Alberto López-Ortega and Javier Padilla 2023
University of Lucerne

Mission Funding for Research Activities (2,547€). With Morgan Le Corre Juratic. 2022
European University Institute

Research Projects

As Principal Investigator

The Downstream Effect of a Disliked Candidate Winning Elections on Democratic Attitudes 2024
Small Grant Aarhus University – Political Science Department. PIs: Álvaro Canalejo-Molero (EUI) and Morgan Le Corre Juratic (EUI).

The Spillover Effects of Center-periphery Dynamics on Politically Disenfranchised Regions 2023
UniLu FoKo Funding. PIs: Álvaro Canalejo-Molero (EUI), Alberto López-Ortega (VU) and Javier Padilla (CUNY).

[NewRadRight](#) – see [Pre-Analysis Plan](#) 2022
EUI Mission Funding for Research Activities. PIs: Álvaro Canalejo-Molero (EUI) and Morgan Le Corre Juratic (EUI).

As Member of the Research Team

Postdoctoral Researcher · [DIGIPOL](#) 2022 - current
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). PI: Alexander Trechsel (UNILU).

Scientific Committee Member · [EU&I 2024](#) 2023 - 2024
EUI Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS). PIs: Lorenzo Cicchi (EUI) and Andres Reiljan (EUI).

Research Assistant · [SOLID](#) 2020 - 2021
ERC Synergy Grant. PIs: Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI), Waltraud Schelkle (LSE), and Maurizio Ferrera (UniMi).

Research Assistant · [POLCON](#) 2019 - 2020
ERC Advanced Grant. PIs: Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI).

Research Assistant · [EUANDI2019](#) 2019
European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014 - 2020. PIs: Lorenzo Cicchi (EUI), Diego Garzia (UNILU), Alexander H. Trechsel (UNILU) and Elie Michel (UNILU).

Research Internship · [¿Por qué odiamos la política?](#) 2015
Center of Andalusian Studies (CEA). PIs: Ernesto Ganuza (IESA-CSIC) and Joan Font (IESA-CSIC).

Research Collaborator · [Parlamentarios y Sociedad](#) 2015
Spanish Ministry of Economy. PIs: Xavier Collier (UPO).

Research Collaborator · [ICOSOP](#) 2014

Andalusian Government. Pls: Xavier Collier (UPO) and Jean Baptiste Harguideguy (UPO).

Teaching

Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research	2024
Graduate level, University of Lucerne	
Political Culture	2024
Undergraduate level, University of Lucerne	
Electoral Behavior and Party Competition: Continuity and Change in WE	2023
Undergraduate level, University of Lucerne	
Comparative Western European Party Systems: Continuity and Change	2022
Undergraduate level, University of Lucerne	

Theses supervision

MA Theses

Sören Gebert (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2025 (<i>expected</i>)
Miguel Corredra (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2024

BA Theses

Lars Mauron (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2025 (<i>expected</i>)
Chris Graf (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2025 (<i>expected</i>)
Jasna Jatsch (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2025 (<i>expected</i>)
Christina Münger (<i>University of Lucerne</i>)	2024

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

ECPR Joint Sessions	2025 (<i>accepted</i>)
Prague, Czech Republic	
Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2025 (<i>accepted</i>)
Geneva, Switzerland	
The Political Economy of AI Workshop (University of Barcelona)	2024
Barcelona, Spain	
UZH-DSI Digital Democracy Workshop	2024
Zurich, Switzerland	
University of Barcelona Doctoral Workshop on Digitalization	2024
Barcelona, Spain	
IPP-CSIC Research Seminar	2024
Madrid, Spain	
120th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)	2024
Philadelphia, US	

14th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA) (<i>accepted</i>)	2024
Cologne, Germany	
ECPR General Conference (<i>accepted</i>)	2024
Dublin, Ireland	
XVII Congress of the Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA)	2024
Burgos, Spain	
EUI Towards Affective Depolarization Workshop	2024
Florence, Italy	
Luiss Guido Carli Cluster of Excellence on Elections (CISE) Seminar	2024
Rome, Italy	
UniLu PolSem Brown Bag Seminar	2024
Lucerne, Switzerland	
Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2024
Panel chair	
St. Gallen, Switzerland	
EU Commission - Joint Research Centre (JRC) DIGCLASS Workshop	2023
Seville, Spain	
UZH-DSI Digital Democracy Workshop	2023
Zurich, Switzerland	
29th Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES),	2023
Reykjavik, Iceland	
5th Annual COMPTExT Conference	2023
Glasgow, United Kingdom	
UniLu PolSem Brown Bag Seminar	2023
Lucerne, Switzerland	
80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA),	2023
Chicago, US	
CERIUM-FMSH New Challenges to Democracy Workshop	2022
Montréal, Canada	
118th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)	2022
Panel discussant	
Montréal, Canada	
12th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2022
Prague, Czech republic	
Research Workshop in European Studies - LSE European Institute	2021

London, UK	
11th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2021
Panel chair	
Online	
12th European Graduate Network Conference	2021
Online	
The Transformation of European Politics Workshop - EUI	2020
Online	
6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections	2020
Montréal, Canada	
EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium	2020
Florence, Italy	
1st Spanish Congress of the European Social Survey	2018
Madrid, Spain	

Public Outreach

Why aren't radical voters more satisfied with democracy when entering the political system? The role of affective polarization	2023
<i>Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme</i>	
El perfil del nuevo Congreso: menos partidos, pero más diverso	2016
<i>ElPais</i>	
El nuevo congreso	2015
<i>ElPais</i>	

Complementary Academic Formation

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods	2023
Oxford University	
Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education	2020
European University Institute	
6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections	2020
University of Montréal (Canada)	
RECSM-UPF Summer School in Survey Methodology	2019
Pompeu-Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain)	

Scholarships & Awards

Erasmus+ Scholarship for Visiting PhDs	2021
European Commission	
'Salvador de Madariaga' predoctoral Scholarship	2018 - 2022
Spanish Ministry of Education and European Commission	

UC3M scholarship of excellence for graduate studies University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain)	2017 - 2018
Best GPA of the Promotion Award University Pablo de Olavide (Spain)	2016
Grant for Beginner Researchers University Pablo de Olavide (Spain)	2014
Best GPA of the Promotion at the First Course Award University Pablo de Olavide (Spain)	2011

Professional Service

Organiser of the UniLu PolSem Brown Bag Seminar University of Lucerne	2023 - current
Co-organiser of the Political Behaviour Colloquium European University Institute	2020 - 2021

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: R (advanced), Python (beginner)
Statistical Softwares: RStudio, Stata, SPSS, Excel
Surveys: Qualtrics
Version Control System: GitHub
Text Processors: Quarto, L^AT_EX, Office
Reference Management: Zotero

Languages

English (proficient)
Spanish (native)
Italian (advanced)
French (beginner)