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Employment & Affiliations

University of Lucerne

Postdoctoral Researcher	2022 - current
External Lecturer	2022

University of Zurich

Digital Society Initiative member	2022 - current

Visiting Positions

Autonomous University of Barcelona (hosted by *Enrique Hernández*)	Jan - Feb 2025
London School of Economics (hosted by *Chris J. Anderson*)	Sep - Dec 2021

Education

PhD in Political and Social Sciences, *European University Institute* 2023

  Committee: Hanspeter Kriesi (supervisor), Elias Dinas, Chris J. Anderson, Ruth Dassonneville

MRes in Political and Social Sciences, *European University Institute* 2019

MSc in Social Sciences, *Carlos III-Juan March Institute, University Carlos III of Madrid* 2018

  — First Class

BA in Political Science and Public Management, *Pablo de Olavide University* 2016

  — Suma Cum Laude

BA in Law, *Pablo de Olavide University* 2015

  — Suma Cum Laude

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?* [Preprint] (Under review)

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

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)

Canalejo-Molero, Á. *Boost or Backlash? The Heterogeneous Effects of Parliamentary Representation on Satisfaction with Democracy* [Preprint]

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

The Spillover Effects of Center-Periphery Dynamics on Politically Disenfranchised Regions (with Padilla Moreno-Torres, J.& López Ortega, A.)

Reducing Affective Polarization with VAAs (with Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H.)

Depolarizing Interventions before the European Parliament Elections (with Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H.)

The Politicization of Digitalization (with Flechtner, M. & Trechsel, A. H.)

Can Parties Mobilize Voters over Digitalization Issues? (with van Ditmars, M. M. & Trechsel, A. H.)

Research Grants

Small Grant Aarhus University *(35,000 DKK)*, with Morgan Le Corre Juratic	2024
UniLu FoKo Funding *(12,231 CHF)*, with Alberto López Ortega and Javier Padilla Moreno-Torres	2023
EUI Mission Funding for Research Activities *(2,547€)*, with Morgan Le Corre Juratic	2022

Additional Research Team Experience

DIGIPOL (Scientific Coordinator), EU&I 2024 (Scientific Committee), SOLID, POLCON, EUANDI2019, ¿Por qué odiamos la politica?, Parlamentarios y Sociedad, ICOSOP

Invited Talks and Workshops (selected)

ECPR Joint Sessions	2025 *(expected)*
UAB DEC Seminar	2025
UB Workshop on The Political Economy of AI	2024
UZH-DSI Digital Democracy Workshop	2024, 2025

IPP-CSIC Research Seminar	2024
EUI Towards Affective Depolarization Workshop	2024
Luiss Guido Carli Cluster of Excelence on Elections (CISE) Seminar	2024
EU Comission - Joint Research Centre (JRC) DIGCLASS Workshop	2023
CERIUM-FMSH New Challenges to Democracy Workshop	2022

Conference Presentations (selected)

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2024, 2023 (accepted), 2022
American Political Science Association (EPSA)	2024 (accepted), 2023 (accepted), 2022, 2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2025 (accepted), 2023
European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)	2024 (accepted), 2023 (accepted)
Council of European Studies (CES)	2023
Computational Text Analysis Conference (COMPTEXT)	2023
Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2025 (accepted), 2024
Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA)	2024

Teaching

Graduate level

| Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research, *University of Lucerne* | 2024 |

Undergraduate level

Political Culture, *University of Lucerne*	2024
Electoral Behavior and Party Competition: Continuity and Change in WE, *University of Lucerne*	2023
Comparative Western European Party Systems: Continuity and Change, *University of Lucerne*	2022

Supervision

Five BA theses and two MA theses (including *expected*)

Public Outreach

ElPeriódico, OndaCero, VoxEurop, Times of Malta, The Irish Times, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, ElPaís (1, 2)

Scholarships & Awards (selected)

| Erasmus+ Scholarship for Visiting PhDs, *European Comission* | 2021 |
| Salvador de Madariaga doctoral Scholarship, *Spanish Ministry of Education & European Comission* | 2018 - 2023 |

UC3M Scholarship of Excellence for Graduate Studies, *University Carlos III of Madrid*	2017 - 2018
Best GPA of the Promotion Award, *University Pablo de Olavide*	2016

Professional Service

EPSR Co-Editor of a Special Issue on the 2024 EP Elections	2024 - current
Organiser of the *PolSem* Brown Bag Seminar, *University of Lucerne*	2023 - current
Co-organiser of the Political Behaviour Colloquium, *European University Institute*	2020 - 2021

Journal Reviews

Invited reviewer for *Government & Opposition* and *German Politics*

Professional Associations Membership (current)

APSA, EPSA, ECPR, AECPA

Additional Training

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

Skills

Programming: *R (advanced), Python (beginner)*

Statistical Software: *RStudio, Stata, SPSS, Excel*

Surveys: *Qualtrics*

Version Control System: *GitHub*

Text Processor: *Quarto, RMarkdown, Overleaf, Office,* LaTeX

Reference Management: *Zotero*

Languages: *English (proficient), Spanish (native), Italian (advanced), French (beginner)*