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Employment & Affiliations

University of Lucerne

Postdoctoral Researcher 2022 - current

External Lecturer 2022

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

— Summa Cum Laude

— Research internship at *IESA-CSIC*

BA in Law, *Pablo de Olavide University* 2015

— Summa Cum Laude

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Moreno-Torres, J. P., Canalejo-Molero, Á., & López Ortega, A. (2025). When the party is over: Explaining the rise of the Spanish far-right SALF. *Research & Politics*, 12(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680251357602>

Under Review

Padilla-Galviz, E. S. & Canalejo-Molero, Á. *Does Losing Affect Democratic Attitudes and Preferences among Rank-and-File Politicians? Theory and Evidence* [Preprint] (Revise and resubmit, *EJPR*)

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H. *Priming Common European and Democratic Values Does Not Reduce Affective Polarization* (Revise and resubmit, *EPSR*)

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, **EPSR**)

— 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

Le Corre Juratic, M. & **Canalejo-Molero, Á.** *When Losers Dissent: Affective Polarization and the Logic of Contestation* (Under review, **AJPS**)

Canalejo-Molero, Á., López Ortega, A. & Moreno-Torres, J. P. *A Theory of Relative State Devolution Preferences: Evidence and Implications* (Under review, **JOP**)

Ferreira da Silva, F., **Canalejo-Molero, Á.**, Cicchi, L., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel A. H. *Reducing Partisan Animosity with Voting Advice Applications (VAAs)* (Under review, **BJPols**)

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Bürgisser, R., van Ditmars, M. M. & Trechsel, A. H. *The Political Conflict Potential of Digitalization* (Under review, **CPS**)

Working Papers

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

Canalejo-Molero, Á. *Disruptive Elections and their Implications for Satisfaction with Democracy* (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)

Work in Progress

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.)

Internal Migration and Regional Devolution Preferences (López Ortega, A. & Moreno-Torres, J. P.)

The Political Consequences of Caregiving Policies (with Caihuelas Navajas, B. & Martín Cadenas, P.)

Research Grants

UniLu FaFoFö Funding (2,000 CHF \approx 2,142€) 2025

Small Grant Aarhus University (35,000 DKK \approx 4,686€), with Morgan Le Corre Juratic 2024

UniLu FoKo Funding (12,231 CHF \approx 13,101€), with Alberto López Ortega & Javier Padilla Moreno-Torres 2023

EUI Mission Funding for Research Activities (2,547€), with Morgan Le Corre Juratic 2022

Additional Experience in Research Projects

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

Invited Talks and Workshops (selected)

ECPR Joint Sessions	2025
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 Excellence 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
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2025, 2024 (accepted), 2023 (accepted), 2022, 2021
European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)	2025 (accepted), 2024 (accepted), 2023 (accepted)
Council of European Studies (CES)	2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2025 (accepted), 2023
International Political Science Association (IPSA)	2025
Computational Text Analysis Conference (COMPTEXT)	2023
Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2026 (accepted), 2025 (accepted), 2024
Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA)	2024

Teaching

Graduate level

Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research , <i>University of Lucerne</i>	2024, 2025
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Undergraduate level

The Politics of Democratic Backsliding (<i>In preparation</i>), <i>University of Lucerne</i>	2026
Culture and Politics , <i>University of Lucerne</i>	2024, 2025
Electoral Behavior and Party Competition: Continuity and Change in WE , <i>University of Lucerne</i>	2022, 2023

Supervision

Ten BA theses and twelve MA theses (including as *second-reader* and *expected*)

Public Outreach

Cadena Ser, El Periódico, Onda Cero, 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, <i>European Comission</i>	2021
Salvador de Madariaga doctoral Scholarship, <i>Spanish Ministry of Education & European Comission</i>	2018 - 2023
UC3M Scholarship of Excellence for Graduate Studies, <i>University Carlos III of Madrid</i>	2017 - 2018
Best GPA of the Promotion Award, <i>University Pablo de Olavide</i>	2016

Professional Service

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

Journal Reviews

Invited reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Government & Opposition*, *Research and Politics*, *Politics & Governance*, *Acta Politica* and *German Politics*

Professional Associations Membership (current)

[APSA](#), [EPSS](#), [EPSA](#), [ECPR](#), [IPSA](#), [DSI](#), [AECPA](#)

Additional Training

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

Skills

Programming: <i>R (advanced)</i> , <i>Python (beginner)</i>	Text Processor: <i>Quarto</i> , <i>Overleaf</i> , \LaTeX , <i>Office</i>
Statistical Software: <i>RStudio</i> , <i>Stata</i> , <i>SPSS</i> , <i>Excel</i>	Reference Management: <i>Zotero</i>
Surveys: <i>Qualtrics</i>	Languages: <i>English (proficient)</i> , <i>Spanish (native)</i> , <i>Italian (advanced)</i> , <i>French (beginner)</i> , <i>German (beginner)</i>
Version Control System: <i>GitHub</i>	

Referees

Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi

PhD Supervisor

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Prof. Alexander H. Trechsel

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Chair of Political Behaviour & Communication

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