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## Education

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*University College Dublin*, PhD IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2018 - TO DATE

- Project title: “Repost and like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age”
- Recipient of the Iseult Honohan Scholarship
- Supervisor: Dr James P. Cross

*Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals*, MSc INTERNATIONAL SECURITY 2015 - 2016

- Study emphases: Quantitative methods, International Security Theory, Terrorism
- Thesis: The Effects of Terrorist Attacks on the Securitization of Migration: a Case Study of the UK and Spain (Supervisor: Dr Margarita Petrova).

Thesis received qualification of distinction and Honor degree. Selected second best dissertation in the Master's in International Security 2015-16.

*Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*, B.A. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 2010 - 2014

- Study emphases: International Security, International Relations
- Thesis: The Effects of the Intervention in Libya on the R2P Paradigm (Supervisor: Prof. Juan Gabriel Tokatlian).

## Research

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### UNDER REVIEW

- Is there anybody out there? Exploring the links between European Union legislative negotiations, transparency in decision making, and democratic oversight (with James P. Cross).

### WORKING PAPERS

- Repost and Like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age.
- Talk the Talk: Exploring conflict in European Central Bank Governing Council speeches using speaker-topic networks (with James P. Cross and Derek Greene).
- How general is the general punctuation hypothesis? A comparison of the policy agendas of the European Union and IMF (with Michael Breen, James P. Cross, and Derek Greene).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Alternative Sites of Securitization: Women and the #NiUnaMenos Movement (with Emma Murphy).
- Skill-Biased Technological Change and its Drivers (with Nils Lehr).

## ONGOING PROJECTS

- Repost and Like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- N. Umansky. What is the Effect of Terrorist Attacks on the Securitization of Migration? Case Studies from the UK and Spain. Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Student Paper Series, 2015-2016.
- Elena Reinaga. If I were born again I would still be a sex worker. P. Purdy and N. Umansky. OpenDemocracy. 2016, October.

## Work Experience

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| • <i>The Connected_Politics Lab</i> Lab Manager       | September 2019 - To date |
| • <i>University College Dublin</i> Research Assistant | 2018 - To date           |
| • <i>University College Dublin</i> Teaching Assistant | 2018 - To date           |
| • <i>Open Democracy</i> Editorial intern              | 2016 - 2017              |

## Visiting Positions

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| • Visiting Researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. | 2019 |
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## Teaching

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### TEACHING ASSISTANT

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| • <i>University College Dublin</i>                            | 2018 - To date |
| – EU Politics   |                |
| – Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations |                |
| – Foundations of Contemporary Politics                        |                |
| – Research Methods in Political Science                       |                |

### WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR

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| • <i>Creating and Hosting an Academic Personal Website Using Hugo and GitHub</i> | 2020 |
| The Connected_Politics Lab (with Stefan Müller)                                  |      |

## Funding, Awards, and Scholarships

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

- *University College Dublin* Iseult Honohan Scholarship. 2020 - 2023
- *University College Dublin* SPIRe Graduate Scholarship. 2018 - 2020
- *Universidad Torcuato Di Tella* Merit scholarship. 2010-2014

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Travel grants from University College Dublin and the Political Studies Association of Ireland 2018-
- *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals* Best Dissertation Award 2016

## Conference Presentations

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- 2020 Young Scholars in Computational Social Science workshop (University of Zurich).
- 2020 Political Science Association of Ireland General Conference.
- 2020 European Political Science Association General Conference (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 COMPTExT Conference, Innsbruck (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2019 Political Science Association of Ireland General Conference.
- 2019 ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons.

## Invited Talks

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- 2020 The Connected\_Politics Lab Spring Seminar Series 2020.

## Service

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- Co-organizer, **Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop** 2019.
- **Joint PhD Postgraduate Student Representative**  
University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations

## Continuing Professional Development

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- *University of Exeter* Longitudinal Network Analysis Workshop August 2020
- *ECPR Summer School* Quantitative Text Analysis July - August 2019
- *Barcelona Summer School of Demography* R Programming June - July 2018
- *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals* Data Analysis April - June 2018

## Skills

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### Computer Knowledge

- SPSS, R, R Markdown, Python, web scraping (browser automation and APIs),  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

### Languages

- Spanish Native speaker
- English Bilingual level (TOEFL iBT: 109)
- German Basic comprehension, reading, speaking and writing (CEFR: B1)

## References

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