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## Education

*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 (Supervision: 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 (Supervision: Prof. Juan Gabriel Tokatlian).

## Research

### UNDER REVIEW

- Is there anybody out there? Exploring the links between European Union legislative negotiations, transparency in decision making, and democratic oversight. *Journal of European Public Policy*: revise and resubmit (with James P. Cross).

### WORKING PAPERS

- Networks of Security
- 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

- Who said it first? Twitter and the securitization of the Amazon rainforest
- Alternative Sites of Securitization: Women and the #NiUnaMenos Movement (with Emma Murphy).

## ONGOING PROJECTS

- Repost and Like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 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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- *The Connected\_Politics Lab* Lab Manager September 2019 - To date
- *University College Dublin* Research Assistant 2018 - To date
- *University College Dublin* Teaching Assistant 2018 - To date
- *Open Democracy* Editorial intern 2016 - 2017

## Visiting Positions

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- Visiting Researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. 2019

## Teaching

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### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- *University College Dublin* 2018 - To date
  - EU Politics
  - Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations
  - Foundations of Contemporary Politics
  - Research Methods in Political Science

### WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR

- *Creating and Hosting an Academic Personal Website Using Hugo and GitHub* 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 and other smaller grants from University College Dublin, the Political Studies Association of Ireland, and the European Consortium for Political Research 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 COMPTXT 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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- **University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law**  
Connected\_Politics Lab Seminar Series Convenor 2021-
- Co-organizer, **Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop** 2019.
- **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations**  
PhD Representative 2020-

## Continuing Professional Development

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- *ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques* Social Network Analysis March 2021
- *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), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

### **Languages**

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

## **References**

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