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Academic Positions

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow - *University of Zurich* — August 2022 - To date
- Lecturer - *University College Dublin* — Spring 2022
- Lab Manager - *The Connected_Politics Lab* — September 2019 - July 2022
- Research Assistant - *University College Dublin* — September 2018 - July 2022
- Teaching Assistant - *University College Dublin* — September 2018 - December 2021

Education

University College Dublin, PhD in Politics and International Relations — October 2022

Project title: "Securitization and Social Media Networks: Who Tweets Security?"

Supervisor: Dr. James P. Cross

Committee: Prof. Dr. Mariken van der Velden & Dr. Stefan Müller

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, MA International Security — 2015 - 2016

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, BA International Studies — 2010 - 2014

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **Umansky, N.** (2022). Who gets a say in this? Speaking security on social media. *New Media & Society*. https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448221111009.

- Cross, J. P., Greene, **Umansky**, & Calò. (2023). Speaking in unison? Explaining the role of agenda-setter constellations in the ECB policy agenda using a network-based approach. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1-27. https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2242891.

Under Review

- Networks of Security.

- Spreading like wildfire: The securitization of the Amazon rainforest fires on Twitter.

- Dances, Duets, and Debates: Analysing political communication and viewer engagement on TikTok (with Christian Pipal).

- The blackbox of social media content moderation: A first look into a novel Twitter dataset (with Emma Hoes and Maël Kubli).

- van der Velden, M.A.C.G., Umansky, & Pipal. (forthcoming). "Sentiment Analysis", in Nai, Grömping, and Wirz (eds) *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

- Umansky, N., & Puschmann, C. (forthcoming). "Algorithmic Curation", in Nai, Grömping, and Wirz (eds) *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

- Umansky, N. (forthcoming). "Speaking Security on Social Media Networks", in Reuss and Stetter (eds) *Social Media and Conflict*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Working Papers

- Detecting Online Hate Speech: Comparison of Annotation Approaches and Their Impact on Classifier Performance (with Maël Kubli, Karsten Donnay, Fabrizio Gilardi, Dominik Hangartner, and Philip Grech).

- Dancing to the partisan beat: A comparative analysis of political parties' TikTok use across Europe (with Christian Pipal, Johannes Gruber, Jason Greenfield, and Aleksandra Urman).

Work in Progress

- Multimodal approaches for social media studies: A methodological recap (with Andreu Casas and Christian Pipal).

- Content moderation on TikTok (with Andreu Casas, Christian Pipal, Johannes Gruber, and Kevin Aslett).

- Up to the challenge: Visual political queues on TikTok (with Mariken van der Velden and Christian Pipal).

- #gay: Analysing LGBTQ+ content on TikTok (with Alberto López and Christian Pipal).

- Alternative sites of securitization: Women and the #NiUnaMenos movement (with Emma Murphy).

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.

Funding and Awards

Scholarships and Grants

Total amount of funding attracted: $\approx$ € 102000

- *University College Dublin* Iseult Honohan Scholarship: € 58000   2020 - 2022

- *University College Dublin* SPIRe Graduate Scholarship: € 24000   2018 - 2020

- *Universidad Torcuato Di Tella* Merit Scholarship: € 15000   2010 - 2014

- Travel and other smaller grants from University College Dublin, the Political Studies Association of Ireland, University of Zurich, and the European Consortium for Political Research: ≈ € 5000   2018-

Awards

- *University College Dublin* Nominated for Dr. Máire de Paor Best PhD Thesis   2023

- *Political Science Association of Ireland* Nominated for Basil Chubb prize   2023

- *International Communication Association* Nominated for Political Communication Division PhD Dissertation Award   2023

- *University College Dublin* Nominated for the Teaching and Learning Award - Award for Exceptional Contribution to Learning   2022

- *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals* Best Dissertation Award   2016

Teaching

Graduate Level

- Platform Governance: Regulating Social Media   (University of Zurich: Spring 2023)

Undergraduate Level

- Internet and the Global South   (University of Zurich: Spring 2023)

- Critical Security Policy   (University of Zurich: Autumn 2022, Autumn 2023)

- Critical Security Studies   (University College Dublin: Spring 2022)

Workshop Instructor

- *Automated Image and Video Data Analysis*   November - December 2023

    University of Lucerne

- *Introduction to R*   2023 - 2024

    GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science (with Christian Pipal)

- *Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data*   2022

    COMPTEXT Conference

- *Creating and Hosting an Academic Personal Website Using Hugo and GitHub*   2020

    The Connected_Politics Lab (with Stefan Müller)

Supervision

MA/MSc students: supervisor of 4 master's theses

- *University College Dublin*   September 2018 - December 2021

    – EU Politics
    – Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations
    – Foundations of Contemporary Politics
    – Research Methods in Political Science

Visiting Research Positions

- *Center for Social Media and Politics*, New York University   May 2023

- University of Copenhagen.   January - February 2023

- Università degli Studi di Milano.   July 2022

- *Digital Democracy Lab*, University of Zurich.   November 2021

- Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals.   June - September 2019

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Conferences

- 2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) General Conference.

- 2023 International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference.

- 2022 - 2023 COMPTEXT Conference.

- 2021 - 2022 - 2023 Digital Democracy Workshop (University of Zurich).

- 2020 - 2021 - 2022 - 2023 European Political Science Association (EPSA) General Conference.

- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference.

- 2020 Young Scholars in Computational Social Science workshop (University of Zurich).

- 2019 - 2020 - 2021 Political Science Association of Ireland (PSAI) General Conference.

- 2019 ECPR Joint Sessions.

Invited Talks

- Centre for Media, Communication and Information Research   December, 2023

    University of Bremen

- Connected_Politics Lab Speaker Series   27 September, 2023

    University College Dublin

- SODAS Data Discussion   10 February, 2023

    University of Copenhagen

- Guest Lecture - Research Design   16 November, 2021

    School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

- Women in Political Methodology Speaker Series   20 October, 2021
  Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
- The Connected_Politics Lab Spring Seminar Series   15 April, 2020
  University College Dublin

Service

University/Departamental Service

- **University of Zurich**
  - ECR Forum Founder and Co-Convenor   2022 - 2023
  - Hiring Committee for Postdoctoral Researcher, *DigDem Lab*   2022 - 2023
- **University College Dublin**
  - SPIRe PhD Forum Co-Founder and Co-Convenor   2021 - 2022
  - Connected_Politics Lab Seminar Series Co-Convenor   2021 - 2022
  - PhD Representative   January 2020 - February 2022

Discipline Service

- Co-organizer, **ICA Pre-Conference Hackathon** 2024.
- Co-organizer, **Digital Democracy Workshop** 2023.
- Co-organizer, **Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference** 2021.
- Co-organizer, **Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop** 2019.

Reviewer

Journal of International Relations & Development; Computational Communication Research; Media, War and Conflict; International Journal of Media & Culture Politics

Continuing Professional Development

- *GESIS Fall Seminar*, Automated Image and Video Data Analysis   September 2022
- *ResPos Summer School*, Causality in Policy Studies   July 2022
- *University College Dublin*, University Teaching & Learning   January - May 2021
- *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

Computer Knowledge

- R, R Markdown, Python, Git, GitHub, web scraping (browser automation and APIs), LaTeX.

Languages

- Spanish   Native speaker.

- English   Fluent (TOEFL iBT: 109).

- Catalan   Upper intermediate (CEFR: B2).

- German   Basic comprehension, reading, speaking and writing (CEFR: B1).

References

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