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## Education

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University College Dublin, PhD IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS      SEPTEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2022 (EXPECTED)

- 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

- Thesis: The Effects of Terrorist Attacks on the Securitization of Migration: a Case Study of the UK and Spain (Supervision: Dr Margarita Petrova).

*Thesis awarded 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

- Thesis: The Effects of the Intervention in Libya on the R2P Paradigm (Supervision: Prof. Juan Gabriel Tokatlian).

## Research

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### UNDER REVIEW

- Networks of Security.

### WORKING PAPERS

- Beyond the speech act: A network approach to securitization.
- Who said it first? Securitization Theory in the age of social media.
- “Now you are speaking my language” Language-specific transparency and legislative negotiations in the Council of Ministers of the European Union (with James P. Cross).
- Talk the Talk: Exploring conflict in European Central Bank Governing Council speeches using speaker-topic networks (with Silvia Caló, 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).

## 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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- *University College Dublin* Casual Lecturer Spring 2022
- *The Connected\_Politics Lab* Lab Manager September 2019 - December 2021
- *University College Dublin* Research Assistant September 2018 - To date
- *University College Dublin* Teaching Assistant September 2018 - December 2021
- *Open Democracy* Editorial intern 2016 - 2017

## Visiting Positions

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- Visiting Researcher, University of Zurich, Digital Democracy Lab. November 2021
- Visiting Researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. June 2019 - September 2019

## Teaching

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### CASUAL LECTURER

- **Theories of International Security and Critical Security Studies** Spring 2022  
*School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin*

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- *University College Dublin* 2018 - December 2021
  - 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, University of Zurich, and the European Consortium for Political Research 2018-
- *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals Best Dissertation Award* 2016

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

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### CONFERENCES

- 2021 Digital Democracy Workshop (University of Zurich).
- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference.
- 2021 European Political Science Association General Conference.
- 2020 Young Scholars in Computational Social Science workshop (University of Zurich).
- 2020 European Political Science Association General Conference (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 COMPTExT Conference, Innsbruck (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2019 - 2020 - 2021 Political Science Association of Ireland General Conference.
- 2019 ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons.

### INVITED TALKS

- Guest Lecture *Postgraduate Level Research Design* Autumn 2021  
*School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin*
- "Women in Political Methodology" Speaker Series. 2021
- The Connected\_Politics Lab Spring Seminar Series. 2020

## Service \_\_\_\_\_

### UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations**  
SPIRe PhD Forum Convenor 2021
- **University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law**  
Connected\_Politics Lab Seminar Series Convenor 2021
- **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations**  
PhD Representative January 2020 - December 2021

### DISCIPLINE SERVICE

- 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

## Continuing Professional Development \_\_\_\_\_

- *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),  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

### Languages

- Spanish Native speaker.
- English Bilingual level (TOEFL iBT: 109).
- Catalan Upper intermediate (CEFR: B2).
- German Basic comprehension, reading, speaking and writing (CEFR: B1).

## References

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