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## Education

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

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

Supervisor: Dr James P. Cross

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

*Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*, BA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES      2010 - 2014

## Research

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### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Umansky, N. (forthcoming). “Who Gets a Say in This? Speaking Security on Social Media”. *New Media & Society*.

### UNDER REVIEW

- Networks of Security.

### WORKING PAPERS

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

### WORK IN PROGRESS

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

## ONGOING PROJECTS

- Securitization and Social Media Networks: Who Tweets Security?

## 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.

## Academic Positions

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- Lecturer - *University College Dublin* Spring 2022
- Research Assistant - *University College Dublin* September 2018 - To date
- Lab Manager - *The Connected\_Politics Lab* September 2019 - December 2021
- Teaching Assistant - *University College Dublin* September 2018 - December 2021

## Visiting Positions

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

## Teaching

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### 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* September 2018 - December 2021
  - EU Politics
  - Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations
  - Foundations of Contemporary Politics
  - Research Methods in Political Science

## WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR

- *Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data* 2022  
COMPTTEXT Conference
- *Creating and Hosting an Academic Personal Website Using Hugo and GitHub* 2020  
The Connected\_Politics Lab (with Stefan Müller)

## Funding and Awards

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### 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:  $\approx$  € 5000 2018-

### AWARDS

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

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

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### CONFERENCES

- 2022 COMPTTEXT Conference (University College Dublin).
- 2021 Digital Democracy Workshop (University of Zurich).
- 2020 - 2021 - 2022 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).
- 2020 COMPTTEXT Conference (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2019 - 2020 - 2021 Political Science Association of Ireland (PSAI) General Conference.
- 2019 ECPR Joint Sessions (Mons).

## INVITED TALKS

- Guest Lecture - Research Design (Postgraduate level) 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

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### UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations**  
SPIRe PhD Forum Co-Founder and Co-Convenor 2021 - 2022
- **University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law**  
Connected\_Politics Lab Seminar Series Co-Convenor 2021
- **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations**  
PhD Representative January 2020 - February 2022

### 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

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- *University College Dublin*, Introduction to University Teaching & Learning 2021 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

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### 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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