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Education

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

Project title: “Repost and like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age”

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

UNDER REVIEW

- Networks of Security.
- Who said it first? Securitization theory in the age of social media.

WORKING PAPERS

- Beyond the speech act: A network approach to securitization.
- “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

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

Visiting Positions

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

Teaching

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* September 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

SCHOLARSHIPS

- *University College Dublin* Iseult Honohan Scholarship. 2020 - 2022
- *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

CONFERENCES

- 2022 PolMeth (University of Hamburg).
- 2021 Digital Democracy Workshop (University of Zurich).
- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference.
- 2020 - 2021 - 2022 European Political Science Association General Conference.
- 2020 Young Scholars in Computational Social Science workshop (University of Zurich).
- 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 - Research Design (Postgraduate level) 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

- *University College Dublin*, Introduction to University Teaching & Learning Spring 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), L^AT_EX.

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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