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Education

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

Under Review

- Networks of Security.
- Who Gets a Say in This? Speaking Security on Social Media.

Working Papers

- Spreading like wildfires: 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

- 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.

Academic Positions

- 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

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

Teaching

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

  COMPTEXT Conference

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

  The Connected_Politics Lab (with Stefan Müller)

Funding and Awards

Scholarships and Grants

Total amount of funding attracted: ≈ € 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

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

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Conferences

- 2022 IC2S2 (University of Chicago).
- 2022 ICA Regional CompComm Conference.
- 2022 COMPTEXT Conference (University College Dublin).
- 2022 PolMeth (University of Hamburg).
- 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 COMPTEXT 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

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTAMENTAL 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

- *University College Dublin*, Introduction to 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   Bilingual level (TOEFL iBT: 109).
- Catalan   Upper intermediate (CEFR: B2).
- German   Basic comprehension, reading, speaking and writing (CEFR: B1).

References

Dr James P. Cross   Dr Stefan Müller
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