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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Political Science 2026-
Department of Political Science
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

EDUCATION

PhD	LSE , Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods Supervisors: Dr Eleanor Knott, Prof Jonathan Hopkin	2025 (submitted)
MSc	LSE , Department of Sociology, Political Sociology	2020
BSc	Pompeu Fabra University , Philosophy, Politics & Economics	2019

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Peer-reviewed publications

- 2025 **Küppers, R.** 2025. The “return” of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach. *Political Research Quarterly*, 78(2), 651-670, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/10659129251318314>
- 2024 **Küppers, R.** 2024. The Far Right in Spain: an “Exception” to What? Challenging Conventions in the Study of Populism through Innovative Methodologies. *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 11(4), 517-557, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2024.2321905>

Working papers

1. **Küppers, R.** The roots of populism: Analysing the link between identity, discontent, and populism in Spain and Portugal. **Presented at EPOP 2024, PSA 2025, ECPR 2025**
2. **Küppers, R.** Making sense of right populism through an interpretive approach: what drives populist right supporters in the unlikely cases of Spain and Portugal? **Presented at LUNN 2024**
3. **Küppers, R.** & Olivas Osuna, J. What *kind* of populism? Dimensions and varieties of populism in two Spanish regions.
4. **Küppers, R.** *The Return of the People. Understanding the Transformation of Peoplehood in 21st Century Democracies* (Book project).
5. **Küppers, R.** Can Foucault make us free? Power, resistance, and the possibility of a transfeminism.

Other publications

1. Ongena, Y., Alegre, C. & **Küppers, R.** 2019. Repensar la solidaridad en los tiempos del miedo. [Rethinking Solidarity in Times of Fear] *Nota Internacional*, 221, CIDOB, <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=9200573>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025 2025 LSE Class Teacher Award (best seminar teacher in the Department)	2025
Humanitarian Trust Grant (£1,000)	2024
La Caixa Foundation Fellowship (£81,000)	2021-24
LSE Department of Methodology Fieldwork Funds (£2,000)	2022
L.T. Hobhouse Memorial Prize (best graduate mark in the Department)	2020
La Caixa Foundation travel grant (2,000€)	2016-17
Ministry of Education Undergraduate Scholarship (Spain) (Fee waiver)	2015-16

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LSE , London, UK Guest Lecturer Department of Government Democracy and Democratisation (undergraduate)	2024-
LSE , London, UK Dissertation Adviser One-to-one mentoring for postgraduates using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.	2024-
LSE , London, UK Graduate Teaching Assistant Department of Methodology, Department of Social Policy, Department of Government Research Methods for Social Policy (undergraduate) Democracy and Democratisation (undergraduate) Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (2023-24, postgraduate)	2023-
EAE , Barcelona, Spain Guest Lecturer Department of Business Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)	February-June 2021

VISITING POSITIONS

Universidade Nova de Lisboa , Lisbon, Portugal Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	January-July 2023
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 PSA, ECPR

- 2024 PSA, Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Loughborough University
Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference
- 2023 IPSA
- 2022 Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant** February-August 2021
Open University of Catalonia
Barcelona, Spain
Project: On Party Deliberation (OnPartDel)
Funded by the Ministry of Science of Spain
Tasks: researching parties' organisation and deliberation mechanisms, coding social media data, conducting interviews with party elites, managing the project's blog.
PI: Rosa Borge
- Research Assistant** 2018-19
Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
Barcelona, Spain
Project: Solidarity in diversity
Funded by the La Caixa Foundation
Tasks: reviewing literature, preparing and conducting focus groups and public conferences, project management, reporting to funders, data analysis and write-up.
PI: Yolanda Ongena

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- PhD Academic Representative** 2023-24
Department of Methodology, LSE
- Member, Lead Organiser (2023-2024), PhD Action Network** 2022-2025
LSE
Awarded the LSE Prize for Best Campaign Group (2024)
- Reviewer for:** Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, European Journal of Political Research, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology, Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Inclusive Education in the Social Sciences**
Eden Centre Workshop, 03/10/2024

- Introduction to Decolonising Education**
UCU Workshop, 31/01/2024

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Publications:

- 2025 Küppers, R. 2025. Aprender de Teruel Existe. *Diario de Teruel*, June 6.

- 2024 **Küppers, R.** & Stapleton, M. 2024. What the rise of Chega means for Portuguese democracy. *LSE European Politics and Policy blog*, July 8,
https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/124479/1/europblog_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf.

Featured in:

- 2024 **Trouw** (6/11/2024): <https://www.trouw.nl/buitenland/extreemrechts-grijpt-ramp-in-spanje-aan-om-bevolking-op-te-zetten-tegen-de-regering~be337f79/>
- 2022 **Diario de Teruel** (29/11/2022): <https://www.diariodeteruel.es/teruel/un-doctorando-de-la-universidad-de-londres-indaga-en-teruel-sobre-la-desafección-política>

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native language

Catalan: native language

English: native-level proficiency

Portuguese: advanced

French: intermediate

REFERENCES

Dr Eleanor Knott, Associate Professor in Qualitative Methods
(On maternity leave until July 2026)
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