

RONI KÜPPERS

London School of Economics
r.kuppers-johansson@lse.ac.uk

[Google Scholar](#), [Webpage](#), [LinkedIn](#)
London, UK

EDUCATION

- | | | |
|------------|--|---------------------------|
| PhD | LSE , Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods
Thesis: "Reconstructing the People: Populism and Political Change in Post-Crisis Spain and Portugal"
Supervisors: Dr Eleanor Knott, Prof Jonathan Hopkin | 2025 (submitted) |
| MSc | LSE , Department of Sociology, Political Sociology
Dissertation: "The Case of Far-Right Vox: Understanding Working-Class Politics in Post-Crisis Spain" | 2020 |
| BSc | Pompeu Fabra University , Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Dissertation: "A Phenomenological Theory of Solidarity" | 2019 |

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Peer-reviewed publications

1. **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>
2. **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**
2. **Küppers, R.** Constructions of peoplehood among far right supporters: how neoliberalism co-opted nationalism through producerist values. **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. Onghena, 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

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
---	-------------------

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 Onghena

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: 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:

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

- **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:

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

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)
 Department of Methodology
 LSE
 Houghton Street, Connaught House, WC2A 2AE
e.k.knott@lse.ac.uk

Prof Francisco Panizza, Professor of Latin American and Comparative Politics
 Department of Government
 LSE
 Houghton Street, Centre Building, WC2A 2AE
f.e.panizza@lse.ac.uk

Prof Jouni Kuha, Professor of Social Statistics
 Department of Methodology
 LSE
 Houghton Street, Connaught House, WC2A 2AE
j.kuha@lse.ac.uk

Prof Jonathan Hopkin, Professor of Comparative Politics
 Department of Government
 LSE
 Houghton Street, Connaught House, WC2A 2AE
j.r.hopkin@lse.ac.uk

Dr Shuang Chen (course convener), Assistant Professor in Social Policy
 Department of Social Policy
 LSE
 Houghton Street, Connaught House, WC2A 2AE
s.chen114@lse.ac.uk