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EDUCATION

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

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, 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. 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
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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: 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

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