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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<b>Lecturer in Politics</b> Department of Political Science Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	2026-
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## EDUCATION

<b>PhD</b>	<b>LSE</b> , Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods Supervisors: Eleanor Knott, Jonathan Hopkin Examiners: Giorgos Katsambekis, Sofia Vasilopoulou	2025
<b>MSc</b>	<b>LSE</b> , Department of Sociology, Political Sociology	2020
<b>BSc</b>	<b>Pompeu Fabra University</b> , Philosophy, Politics & Economics	2019

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>.

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#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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

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#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<b>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</b> , Amsterdam, NL	2026-
Comparative Politics (2025-26) (course convener)	
Qualitative Interview Methods and Thematic Analysis (2025-26) (course convener)	
BSc dissertation supervisor (2025-26)	
MSc dissertation supervisor (2025-26)	
<b>LSE</b> , London, UK	2023-2025
Democracy and Democratisation (2024-25, 2025-26) (lecturer and seminar teacher)	
Research Methods for Social Policy (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26) (seminar teacher)	
Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (2023-24) (seminar teacher)	
MSc dissertation adviser (2023-24, 2024-25)	
<b>EAE</b> , Barcelona, Spain	February-June 2021
Introduction to Sociology (course convener)	

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#### **VISITING POSITIONS**

<b>Universidade Nova de Lisboa</b> , Lisbon, Portugal	January-July 2023
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	

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#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2025    PSA, ECPR

2024 PSA, EPOP, Loughborough University Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference  
2023 IPSA

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**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

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**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

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

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

## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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**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/europpblog\\_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf](https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/124479/1/europpblog_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-desafeccion-politica>

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**REFERENCES**

**Dr Eleanor Knott**, Associate Professor in Qualitative Methods  
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