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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Political Science Department of Political Science Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	2026-
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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. 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 class 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	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)	
Dissertation adviser (2023-24, 2024-25) (one-to-one mentoring for MSc dissertations)	
EAE, Barcelona, Spain	February-June 2021
Introduction to Sociology (course convener)	

VISITING POSITIONS

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

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: 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/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>

REFERENCES

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