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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

- 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	2024-
Guest Lecturer	
Department of Government	
Democracy and Democratisation (undergraduate)	
LSE , London, UK	2024-
Dissertation Adviser	
One-to-one mentoring for postgraduates using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.	
LSE , London, UK	2023-
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)	
EAE , Barcelona, Spain	February-June 2021
Guest Lecturer	
Department of Business	
Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)	

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 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:

- 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

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(On maternity leave until July 2026)
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