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## EDUCATION

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

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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### *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 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>.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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<b>LSE Class Teacher Award (best seminar 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

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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<b>LSE, London, UK</b> <b>Guest Lecturer</b> Department of Government GV245 Democracy and Democratisation (undergraduate)	2024-25
<b>LSE, London, UK</b> <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> Department of Methodology, Department of Social Policy Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (2023-24, postgraduate) Research Methods for Social Policy (2023-25, undergraduate)	2023-25
<b>LSE, London, UK</b> <b>Quantitative Methods Dissertation Adviser</b> One-to-one mentoring for postgraduates using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.	2024-
<b>EAE, Barcelona, Spain</b> <b>Guest Lecturer</b> Department of Business Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)	February-June 2021

### **VISITING POSITIONS**

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

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**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

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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-  
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

## POLITICAL ROLES

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- Committee Member, Debates and Manifestoes Committee** 2021-  
Catalan Socialist Party (Spain)  
Duties: electoral manifestoes, organisation of party conferences, party conference document drafting, policy workshops, assistance to public officials, speech-writing.
- Organisation chief (Secretary/Treasurer), local branch (180 members)** 2017-2019  
Catalan Socialist Party (Spain)  
Duties: funds management, event organisation, campaign planning and organisation, member management/recruitment/welcoming (180 members), coordination of the local branch executive committee, coordination between the local branch and the District councillors and City councillors.

## 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:

- **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:

- **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

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**Spanish:** native language

**Catalan:** native language

**English:** native-level proficiency

**Portuguese:** advanced

**French:** intermediate

## REFERENCES

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