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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: populism, peoplehood, nationalism, far right, citizenship, political participation, identity politics, discourse theory, Spain, Portugal.

Methodological: qualitative methods, interview methods, comparative interpretivism, finite mixture modelling.

EDUCATION

- PhD** LSE, Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods 2021-2025
Thesis: “The Return of the *People*? An Interpretive Study of Populism in Spain and Portugal”
Supervisors: Dr Ellie Knott, Professor Jonathan Hopkin, Professor Patrick Sturgis
- MSc** LSE, Department of Sociology, Political Sociology 2019-2020
Thesis: “The case of far-right Vox: understanding working-class politics in post-crisis Spain”
Overall mark: 74 (Distinction)
- BSc** Pompeu Fabra University, Philosophy, Politics & Economics 2015-2019
Thesis: “A phenomenology of solidarity”
Overall mark: 9.1/10

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund** 2022-2025
Funding for travel and accommodation for conference presentations (£880)
- LSE Department of Methodology Departmental funds** 2022-2022
Funding for travel and accommodation during fieldwork (£2,000)
- La Caixa Foundation Fellowship** 2021-2024
Tuition fees and stipend to pursue PhD research (£81,000)
- L. T. Hobhouse Memorial Prize** 2020
Best graduate mark in the Department of Sociology, LSE
- La Caixa Foundation travel grant** 2016-2017
Travel costs in a multi-university BSc programme (2,000 €)
- Ministry of Education Undergraduate Scholarship (Spain)** 2015-2016
Fee exemption for the first year of undergraduate studies

VISITING POSITIONS

Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

January-July 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LSE, London, UK

September 2023-

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Methodology and Department of Social Policy

- 2023-24
 - MY451 Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (postgraduate, 3 seminar groups)
 - SP201 Research Methods for Social Policy (undergraduate, 3 seminar groups)

EAE Business School, Barcelona, Spain

February-June 2021

Lecturer

Departments of Marketing and Business

- I delivered the “Introduction to Sociology” course in Spanish and English for students in the degrees in Marketing and Business (with a specific focus on business and marketing, CSR and media) (132 hours)

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

PI: Rosa Borge

Research Assistant

September 2018-September 2019

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

Barcelona, Spain

Project: Solidarity in diversity

Funded by the La Caixa Foundation

PI: Yolanda Onghena

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal publications

1. 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*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2024.2321905>

2. Küppers, R. 2018. El ágora digital: análisis de la relación entre deliberación democrática y nuevas redes digitales. *Teknokultura*, 15(2), 415-427, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5209/TEKN.58511>.

Other publications

Onghena, Y., Alegre, C. & Küppers, R. 2019. Repensar la solidaridad en los tiempos del miedo. *Nota Internacional*, 221, CIDOB.

Conference papers

1. Küppers, R. "The "return" of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach," 74th PSA Annual International Conference, Glasgow, March 25-27 2024.
2. Küppers, R. "The "return" of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe with LCA," 27th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Buenos Aires, July 15-19 2023.
3. Küppers, R. "How to study populism as a mass phenomenon? Devising new directions beyond the ideational approach," 6th Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop, September 22-23 2022, University of Brighton.

Work in progress

1. The "return" of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach.
2. Can Foucault make us free? Power, resistance, and the possibility of a transfeminism.
3. On the concept of *nativism*: when did populism studies forget about nationalism?

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

PhD Academic Representative
Department of Methodology, LSE

September 2023-September 2024

Member, Lead Organiser (2023-2024), PhD Action Network
LSE

April 2022-

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for:

- European Journal of Politics and Gender
- New Sociological Perspectives

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native language

Catalan: native language

English: native-level proficiency

Portuguese: advanced

French: intermediate

COMPUTER SKILLS

Advanced: STATA, NVivo, Latex

Intermediate: RStudio, Qualtrics