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EDUCATION

PhD	LSE , Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods Thesis: "The Return of the <i>People</i> ? An Interpretive Study of Populism in Spain and Portugal" Supervisors: Dr Eleanor Knott, Prof Jonathan Hopkin	2025 (expected)
MSc	LSE , Department of Sociology, Political Sociology	2020
BSc	Pompeu Fabra University , Philosophy, Politics & Economics	2019

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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*, <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>

Work in progress

1. **Küppers, R.** Constructions of peoplehood among far right supporters: how neoliberalism co-opted nationalism through producerist values.
2. **Küppers, R.**, Olivas Osuna, J. & Clari, E. What populism? Dimensions and varieties of populism in two Spanish regions.
3. **Küppers, R.** The roots of populism: Analysing the link between identity, discontent, and populism in Spain and Portugal.
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

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

VISITING POSITIONS

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

1. 2024 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Manchester, September 12-13 2024.
2. 2nd Loughborough University Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference, Loughborough, June 5-6 2024.
3. 74th PSA Annual International Conference, Glasgow, March 25-27 2024.
4. 27th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Buenos Aires, July 15-19 2023.
5. 6th Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop, September 22-23 2022, University of Brighton.

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

2018-19

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
Barcelona, Spain
Project: Solidarity in diversity
Funded by the La Caixa Foundation
PI: Yolanda Onghena

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

PhD Academic Representative

2023-24

Department of Methodology, LSE

Department of Methodology PhD Seminar convener

2023-24

Department of Methodology, LSE

Reviewer for:

- European Journal of Political Research
- European Journal of Politics and Gender
- European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology

OTHER ROLES

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

2022-

LSE
Awarded the LSE Prize for Best Campaign Group (2024)

Member, Debates and Manifestoes team

2021-

Catalan Socialist Party (Spain)
Duties: electoral manifestoes, organisation of party conferences, party conference document drafting, policy workshops, assistance to public officials, speech-writing.

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:

- **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/euoppblog_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf.

Appeared 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

Spanish: native language

Catalan: native language

English: native-level proficiency

Portuguese: advanced

French: intermediate

REFERENCES

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