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

### **VISITING POSITIONS**

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

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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1. 75<sup>th</sup> PSA Annual Conference, Birmingham, April 14-16 2025.
2. 2024 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Manchester, September 12-13 2024.

3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Loughborough University Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference, Loughborough, June 5-6 2024.
4. 74<sup>th</sup> PSA Annual Conference, Glasgow, March 25-27 2024.
5. 27<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Buenos Aires, July 15-19 2023.
6. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop, Brighton, September 22-23 2022.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> 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	February-August 2021
<b>Research Assistant</b> 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	2018-19

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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<b>PhD Academic Representative</b> Department of Methodology, LSE	2023-24
<b>Department of Methodology PhD Seminar convener</b> Department of Methodology, LSE	2023-24
<b>Member, Lead Organiser (2023-2024), PhD Action Network</b> LSE Awarded the LSE Prize for Best Campaign Group (2024)	2022-
<b>Reviewer for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Journal of Political Research</li> <li>• European Journal of Politics and Gender</li> <li>• European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology</li> </ul>	

## POLITICAL ROLES

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<b>Committee Member, Debates and Manifestoes Committee</b> Catalan Socialist Party (Spain) Duties: electoral manifestoes, organisation of party conferences, party conference document drafting, policy workshops, assistance to public officials, speech-writing.	2021-
<b>Organisation chief (Secretary/Treasurer), local branch (180 members)</b>	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.

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

### Inclusive Education in the Social Sciences

Eden Centre Workshop, 03/10/2024

### Introduction to Decolonising Education

UCU Workshop, 31/01/2024

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## 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/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>

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## LANGUAGES

**Spanish:** native language

**Catalan:** native language

**English:** native-level proficiency

**Portuguese:** advanced

**French:** intermediate

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## REFERENCES

**Dr Eleanor Knott**, Associate Professor in Qualitative Methods

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