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EDUCATION

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

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 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	2024-25
Guest Lecturer	
Department of Government	
GV245 Democracy and Democratisation (undergraduate)	
LSE, London, UK	2023-25
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)	
LSE, London, UK	June-August 2024
Quantitative Methods Dissertation Adviser	
One-to-one mentoring for postgraduates using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.	
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

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

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

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 Onghena

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 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

- 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

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/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

Spanish: native language

Catalan: native language

English: native-level proficiency

Portuguese: advanced

French: intermediate

REFERENCES

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