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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	<b>LSE</b> , 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)
<b>MSc</b>	<b>LSE</b> , Department of Sociology, Political Sociology	2020
<b>BSc</b>	<b>Pompeu Fabra University</b> , Philosophy, Politics & Economics	2019

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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### *Peer-reviewed 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*, 11(4), 517-557, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2024.2321905>

### *Work in progress*

1. **Küppers, R.** On the concept of *nativism*: when did populism studies forget about nationalism? (*Under review at the European Journal of Political Research*)
2. **Küppers, R.** The "return" of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach. (*Under review at Political Research Quarterly*)
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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Democracies* (Book project).
5. Kindermann, P. & **Küppers, R.** Revamping democracy: comparing populism and participatory innovations as channels for democratic dissatisfaction.
6. **Küppers, R.** Can Foucault make us free? Power, resistance, and the possibility of a transfeminism.

### *Other publications*

1. **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](https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/124479/1/euoppblog_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf).
2. Onghena, Y., Alegre, C. & **Küppers, R.** 2019. Repensar la solidaridad en los tiempos del miedo. *Nota Internacional*, 221, CIDOB, <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=9200573>.

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

<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

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<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 LSE students using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.	

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#### VISITING POSITIONS

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

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#### CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

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

## 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  
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

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### 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
- New Sociological Perspectives

## OTHER ROLES

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### 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

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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

## LANGUAGES

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**Spanish:** native language  
**Catalan:** native language  
**English:** native-level proficiency  
**Portuguese:** advanced  
**French:** intermediate

## REFERENCES

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