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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*, 78(2), 651-670,
<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

LSE Class Teacher Award (best seminar teacher in the Department)	2025
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.	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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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 PSA, ECPR

- 2024** PSA, Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Loughborough University
Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference
- 2023** IPSA
- 2022** Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop

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

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.** 2025. Aprender de Teruel Existe. *Diario de Teruel*, June 6.

- **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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