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# Education

**PhD LSE**, Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods 2025 (expected)

Thesis: “Reconstructing the People: Populism and Political Change in Post-Crisis Spain and Portugal”

Supervisors: Dr Eleanor Knott, Prof Jonathan Hopkin

**MSc LSE**, Department of Sociology, Political Sociology 2020

Dissertation: “The Case of Far-Right Vox: Understanding Working-Class Politics in Post-Crisis Spain”

**BSc Pompeu Fabra University**, Philosophy, Politics & Economics 2019

Dissertation: “A Phenomenological Theory of Solidarity”

# 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 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 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

**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

# 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

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

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