

# ALICIA GARCÍA-SIERRA

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Social stratification, equality of opportunity, child development, intergenerational transmission of (dis)advantages, life course inequalities.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor of Sociology** *Dec 2025-*  
Universidad Carlos III, Social Sciences Department

**Post-doctoral Researcher** *Sept 2023-Dec 2025*  
Swiss Centre of Expertise in Life Course Research LIVES, University of Lausanne.  
EQUALOPP Project, PI: Michael Grätz

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Sociology** *Oct 2020 - Dec 2023*  
University of Oxford - Nuffield College, Clarendon Scholar  
Title: *Uneven Pathways: Three Novel Mechanisms of Intergenerational Transmission of (Dis)Advantages*  
**ECSR Dissertation of the Year 2024**

**M.A. in Social Sciences**, with Honors *Sept 2018- July 2020*  
IC3JM, Universidad Carlos III & Juan March Institute, Madrid  
Juan March Scholar

**Dual B.A. in Sociology and Political Science**, with Honors *Sept 2013- May 2018*  
Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Madrid

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed journals

- **García-Sierra, A. & Grätz, M.** (forthcoming, 2026) Does Expanding Free Secondary Education Moderate the Relationship between Genes and Socioeconomic Outcomes? Evidence from the Education Act of 1944 in England. **Accepted for publication in American Journal of Sociology.**
- **García-Sierra, A.** (2025) Do mothers' occupation-specific skills impact children's developmental processes? **Research in Social Stratification and Mobility.**
- **García-Sierra, A.** (2025) The Protective Role of Parental Work Intensity for Children in Poverty in the United States. **Demographic Research.**
- Espadafor, M. & **García-Sierra, A.** (2025) The intergenerational effect of educational expansion: evidence from a natural experiment in Spain. **European Sociological Review.**
- **García-Sierra, A.** (2024) Parental Responses to Children's Early Health Disadvantages: Evidence from a British Twin Study. **European Sociological Review.**
- García-Sierra, A. (2024) Learning by Parenting: How do Mothers Respond to Changes in their Children's Developmental Processes? **Social Science Research.**
- **García-Sierra, A.** (2023) The Dark Side of Meritocratic Beliefs: is Believing in Meritocracy Detrimental to Individuals from Low Socioeconomic Backgrounds? **Social Justice Research.**

### R&R

- Liberal and Radical Equality of Opportunity (*with Michael Grätz*). **R&R Social Forces.**

## Work in progress

- Genes, Skills, and Inequality of Opportunity in Life Outcomes (*with Michael Grätz and Sonia Petrini*)
- Cross-Dimensional Parental Investments During Childhood: Linking Health and Education in Human Capital Formation (*with Aitor García*)
- Parental Nonstandard Work Schedules and Children's Physical Health: Longitudinal Evidence from the US (*with Wen-Jui Han and Pablo Gracia*)
- Tracing Inequality of Opportunity Across Cohorts (*with Michael Grätz*)
- Do Parental Income Shocks Boost the Realisation of Children's Genetic Potential? Evidence from the UK Child Tax Credit Expansion. (*with Inés Echevarría García*)

## Book chapters

- The intergenerational transmission of skills in Spain. (2024) **Inequality in Spain**, Ed. Lengua de Trapo.

## RESEARCH STAYS

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<b>Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, University of Michigan</b> Hosted by: Alexandra Killewald	<i>October 2024</i>
<b>University College Dublin</b> Hosted by: Orla Doyle	<i>April 2024</i>
<b>Trinity College Dublin</b> Hosted by: Pablo Gracia	<i>March 2024</i>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>PI: Money and Merit: How Financial Resources Shape Genetic Potential for Educational Success</b> Team: RA Inés Echevarría (Nuffield College)	<i>Spring 2025</i>
<b>Research Assistant: Siblings in the UK Project</b> PI: Richard Breen (Nuffield College)	<i>Spring 2023</i>
<b>Research Assistant: Understanding In-Work Poverty in Europe Project</b> PI: Emanuela Struffolino & Zachary Van Winkle, Oxford/Berlin Research Partnership	<i>Summer 2021</i>
<b>Research Assistant: EFFORT Project, Advancing Measurement and Understanding of Parental Origin Effects</b> PI: Jonas Radl, Funded by the European Research Council (ERC)	<i>Fall/Winter 2020</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Lecturer in Causal Analysis (PhD level)</b> LIVES Doctoral Program, University of Lausanne	<i>Summer 2025</i>
<b>Guest Lecture: Education and Social Mobility (Undergraduate level)</b> Main instructor: Nicole Kapelle, Trinity College Dublin	<i>Winter 2025</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant: Advanced Quantitative Methods (Master level)</b> Main instructor: Christiaan Monden, University of Oxford, Department of Sociology	<i>Winter 2023</i>
<b>Tutor: Social Policy (Undergraduate level)</b> Course Convenor: Rossella Ciccia, University of Oxford, Department of Social Policy	<i>Fall 2022 &amp; Spring 2023</i>
<b>Tutor: Sociological Theory (Undergraduate level)</b> Course Convenor: Jonathan Lusthaus, University of Oxford, Department of Sociology	<i>Fall 2022</i>

<b>Teaching Assistant: Statistical Methods (Master level)</b>	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Main instructor: Per Block, University of Oxford, Department of Sociology	
<b>Teaching Assistant: Political Actors (Undergraduate level)</b>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
Main instructor: Pedro Riera, UC3M, Department of Social Sciences	

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Investigate Change in Time Using R	<i>Spring 2023, University of Manchester</i>
Advancing Teaching and Learning Course (ATL)	<i>Spring 2023, University of Oxford</i>
Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation	<i>Spring 2023, National Centre for Research Methods</i>
Weighting and Imputation for Survey Non-response Course	<i>Fall 2022, Social Research Association</i>
Causality: Methods of Causal Inference in the Social Sciences	<i>Spring 2021, University of Oxford</i>
Data Visualization Course	<i>Spring 2021, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research</i>

## AWARDS & GRANTS

LIVES Young Scholar Grant (5,000 CHF)	<i>February 2025</i>
ECSR Dissertation of the Year Prize (500 EUROS)	<i>Sept 2024</i>
COORDINATE Transnational Access Visit Grant (3,000 EUROS)	<i>May 2023</i>
La Caixa Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies ( <i>declined</i> )	<i>May 2023</i>
Fundación Rafael del Pino Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies ( <i>declined</i> )	<i>May 2023</i>
Ramón Areces Scholarship Postgraduate Studies ( <i>declined</i> )	<i>May 2023</i>
Nuffield Travel Grant (400 GBP)	<i>Jan 2023</i>
Department of Sociology University of Oxford Travel Grant (300 GBP)	<i>Jan 2023</i>
Santander & University Oxford Bursar Travel Awards (1,200 GBP)	<i>Feb 2022</i>
Full DPhil Grant Clarendon Fund and Nuffield College (45,000 GBP)	<i>2020-2023</i>
Hauser Award - University of Wisconsin ( <i>declined</i> )	<i>April 2020</i>
Full M.A. Scholarship: Juan March Servera Fellowship, IC3JM (30,000 EUROS)	<i>2018-2020</i>
Competitive Grant JAE Intro, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) ( <i>declined</i> )	<i>July 2019</i>
Dean's Teaching Commendation for Outstanding Teaching, UC3M	<i>Feb 2019</i>
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Sociology and Political Science, UC3M	<i>Nov 2018</i>
Excellence Award, UC3M Social Council	<i>May 2017</i>
Excellence Scholarship for Students in Situations of Hardship, Comunidad de Madrid	<i>2017-2018</i>
Competitive Research Grant funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education	<i>2017</i>

## INVITED TALKS

Do Parental Income Shocks Amplify the Link Between Genes and Early Development?	
<i>LIVES Day Keynote</i>	<i>June 2025, Lausanne</i>
Do Structural Interventions Equalise Genetic Inequalities? Evidence from Educational and Income Reforms in the UK.	
<i>Invest Seminar Series on Intergenerational Inequalities</i>	<i>June 2025, Turku</i>
Economic Inequalities and Academia	
<i>Portuguese Association of Researchers and Society of Spanish Researchers in the UK</i>	<i>June 2025</i>

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

ECSR Annual Conference	<i>Fall 2025, Cologne</i>
ISA RC28 Spring Meeting	<i>Spring 2025, Milan</i>
ECSR Annual Conference	<i>Fall 2024, Barcelona</i>
ISA RC28 Summer Meeting	<i>Summer 2024, Providence</i>

European Population Conference	<i>Summer 2024, Edinburgh</i>
European Social Science Genetics Network Conference	<i>Spring 2024, Rotterdam</i>
PAA Annual Conference	<i>Spring 2024, Columbus</i>
In_equality Conference	<i>Spring 2024, Konstanz</i>
ECSR Annual Conference	<i>Fall 2023, Prague</i>
ECSR Spring School	<i>Spring 2023, Turin</i>
Intergenerational Inequalities and the Contemporary Family Setup	<i>Winter 2022, Bremen</i>
ECSR Annual Conference	<i>Summer 2022, Amsterdam</i>
ECSR Workshop on Compensatory Advantage	<i>Summer 2022, Florence</i>
ISA RC28 Spring Meeting	<i>Spring 2022, London</i>
PAA Annual Conference	<i>Spring 2022, Atlanta</i>
Heterogeneous Causal Effects Workshop	<i>Fall 2021, online</i>
ECSR Annual Conference	<i>Fall 2021, online</i>
ISA RC28 Spring Meeting	<i>Spring 2021, Turku</i>
European Sociological Association (ESA) Annual Conference	<i>Fall 2021, Barcelona</i>
EUI Summer School - Module on Social Stratification	<i>Summer 2019, Florence</i>

## SKILLS

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<b>Software</b>	R (proficient user and instructor), STATA (advanced), Python (basic), LaTeX, Zotero, MS Office
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (basic)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES & MEMBERSHIPS

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<b>Organizer</b>	LIVES Social Inequality and the Life Course Colloquium <i>2024-.</i> at the University of Lausanne (with Michael Grätz) Child and Adolescent Development Steering Committee (EAPS) <i>2023-.</i> DemSoc Group (University of Oxford) <i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Reviewer</b>	European Sociological Review, European Societies, Sociological Science, Social Forces, Advances in Life Course Research
<b>Member</b>	ISA RC28, Population Association of America (PAA), European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), EAPS Child and Adolescent Development Working Group, European Sociological Association (ESA), Federación Española de Sociología (FES)

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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