# ALBERTO LOPEZ ORTEGA

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Born in Spain*, October 19, 1992

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## ACTUAL APPOINTMENT

(2024-2025) Ramon Areces Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the Center for European Studies, Harvard

## EDUCATION & PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

**Post-doctoral researcher**

*2021-2024*     *VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam*

*Faculty of Social sciences*

**Visiting Scholar**

*2023*     *GESIS, Mannheim*

*School: Department of Data and Research on Society*

**Ph.D. in Political Science**

*2018-2021*     *University of Zurich, Zurich*

*School: Department of Social Sciences, Juan March Institute*
*Thesis: A vote for diversity? Understanding voters preferences for politicians through experimental innovations – Magna Cum Laude*
*Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Oliver* Strijbis

**Masters of Political and Electoral Analysis**

*2016-2017*     *Carlos III University, Madrid*

*School: Department of Social Sciences, Juan March Institute*
*Thesis: The personalization of politics in parliamentary democracies: a conjoint experiment in Spain – 9,8/10*
*Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Gema* Garcia-Albacete

**Bachelor of Law**

*2014-2015*     *University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg*

*1 year Erasmus grant · School: Department of Law*

**Bachelor of Political Science**

*2011-2016*     *Pablo de Olavide University, Seville*

*Political Behavior Specialization · School: Department of Law*
*Thesis: E-Gobernanza local en las RRSS: implicaciones politicas de Facebook y diseno de una estrategia de calidad (SP) – 9,75/10*
*Advisors: Prof. Joaquin* Salido Monge

**Bachelor of Law**

*Constitutional Law Specialization · School: Department of Law*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**British Journal of Political Science**

*2025*     *Do Citizens Stereotype Muslims as an Illiberal Bogeyman? Evidence from a Double-list Experiment*

*Co-authors: Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte and Michael Hunklinger*
*doi:10.1017/S0007123424000437*

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| *Nature Human Behavior* | *2025* | *Trust in scientists and their role in society across 68 countries* |

Co-author: TISP team, Multiple universities
doi:10.1007/s41562-024-02090-5

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| *Electoral Studies* | *2025* | *How congruent are populist parties with their constituencies? Evidence from the 2019 European Parliament Elections in Italy, the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden* |

Co-authors: Andrei Zhirnov, Jan Philipp Thomeczek, Michele Scotto Di Vettimo, Alberto Lpez Ortega, Andr Krouwel, Lorenza Antonucci, Roberta Di Stefano, and Norbert Kersting
doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102906

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| *Political Behavior* | *2024* | *Visual Conjoint vs. Text Conjoint and the Differential Discriminatory Effect of (Visible) Social Categories* |

Co-author: Marco Radojevic, University of Zurich
doi:10.1007/s11109-024-09953-7

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| *European Journal of Politics and Gender* | *2024* | *Bisexual erasure and homophobia: attitudinal patterns under consideration of sexual identity* |

Co-author: Constantin Wurthmann
doi:10.1332/25151088Y2024D000000037

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| *Research & Politics* | *2024* | *The War on Flags: The Opposition to Symbolic Politics of Gender and Sexual Equality* |

Solo authored
doi:10.1177/20531680241240824

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| *Science Advances* | *2024* | *Addressing climate change with behavioral science: A global intervention tournament in 63 countries* |

Co-author: TISP team, Multiple universities
doi:10.1126/sciadv.adj5778

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| *American Political Science Review* | *2024* | *Instrumentally inclusive: the political psychology of homonationalism* |

Co-authors: Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte, University of Southampton
doi:10.1017/S0003055423000849

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| *European Union Politics* | *2023* | *Do Political Duos Diminish Discriminatory Voter Preferences? Evidence from a Combined Conjoint* |

Solo authored
doi:10.1177/14651165231206388

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| *Journal of Public Opinion and Parties* | *2023* | *Personality is political (especially for populists)* |

Solo authored
doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2023.2189728

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| *Nature Human Behaviour* | *2023* | *Insights into the accuracy of social scientists forecasts of societal change* |

Co-authors: The Forecasting Collaborative, multiple universities
doi:10.1038/s41562-022-01517-1

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| *The Journal of Legislative Studies* | *2021* | *Do all voters appreciate rebels? Ideology moderates valence benefits from factional dissent* |

Co-author: Johannes Besch, University of Zurich

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| *European Political Science* | *2021* | *Are microtargeted campaign messages more negative and diverse? An analysis of Facebook Ads in European election campaigns* |

*Solo authored*

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| *REIS* | *2019* | *Public Attitudes on Energy (In) Security: Evidence from Spain* |

*Co-author: Lala Muradova, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*

### IN THE PIPELINE

*Under review*     *Do We All Long for the Past? Investigating Nostalgia as a Persuasive Political Rhetorical Strategy*

*Co-authors: Mariken van der Velden, VU Amsterdam; Denise J. Roth, WUR; Puck Guldemond, WUR*

*Public Opinion Quarterly*     *Under review*     *Not So Sexually Modern After All: A Conjoint Experiment on Adoption Parent Candidates*

*Co-author: Agustin Blanco, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*

*WP*     *A Ship of Fools: Reality Polarization and Democratic Backsliding*

*Co-author: Andr Krouwel, VU Amsterdam*

*WP*     *Selective (il)liberalism: The Multidimensionality of Group Identity Movers*

*Co-authors: Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte, University of Southampton*

### OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Jul-Aug 2018*     *Central European University, Budapest*

*ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques*     *Courses: Automated Collection of Web and Social Data (15h), Big Data Analysis in the Social Sciences (15h)*

*Jun-Jul 2017*     *University of Oxford, Oxford*

*CESS/Essex Summer School*     *Courses: Causal inference and experimental design and experimental approaches to data analysis*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Sep–Dec 2018*     *Personalization of politics*
*Undergraduate seminar, 3 ETCS, University of Zurich*

*Sep–Dec 2019*     *Political campaigns in times of Big Data*
*Undergraduate seminar, 3 ETCS, University of Zurich*

*Dec–Jun 2022*     *Master Thesis supervisor*

*7 Political Communication theses, Free University of Amsterdam*

*Jan–Jun 2022*    *Quantitative Text Analysis*

*Undergraduate seminar, 3 ETCS, Free University of Amsterdam*

*Dec–Jun 2023*    *Master Thesis supervisor*

*2 Political Communication theses, Free University of Amsterdam*

## PREVIOUS RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

*2018–present*    *Co-director,* PREDI

*Coverage of actual prediction market for Andalusian Elections 2022 in El Periodico*

*Mar–Sep 2017*    *Research assistant,* DUKE UNIVERSITY

*Project Women in Combat (Principal Investigator: Prof. Laia Balcells)*

*Feb–Jun 2016*    *$1^{st}$ Year Data Analyst Intern,* DIALOGA CONSULTORES

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

*2018*    *ECPR Joint Sessions,* U. NICOSIA

*2018*    *Challenger parties Workshop,* U. ZURICH

*2019*    *EPSA General Conference,* U. BELFAST

*2019*    *ISPP General Conference,* U. LISBON

*2019*    *ECPR General Conference,* U. WROCLAW

*2019*    *Digital Democracy Lab Conference,* U. ZURICH/ETH

*2020*    *ISPP General Conference,* BERLIN, ONLINE

*2021*    *APSA Conference,* SEATTLE, ONLINE

*2022*    *ICA Conference,* PARIS, LP CONGRES DE PARIS

*2022*    *ECPR Joint Sessions,* EDINBURGH , U. EDINBURGH

*2022*    *APSA Conference,* MONTREAL, QUEBEC

*2023*    *Identity Politics Seminar,* U. SOUTHAMPTON, UK

*2023*    *EPSA Conference,* GLASGOW, UK

## COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

*Basic*    JAVA, HTML, *Python* · *Portuguese*

*Intermediate*    LATEX · *French*

*Advanced*    R, Stata · *English, Spanish (mother tongue)*

*March 6, 2025*