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Academic appointments

“García-Pelayo” Researcher

Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies

Dec. 2025 – Present

Madrid, Spain

Doctoral Researcher

University of Salamanca — co-funded by Banco Santander (PIF)

Jun. 2022 – Dec. 2025

Salamanca, Spain

Education

Universidad de Salamanca

PhD in Comparative Politics

Sep. 2022 – Jun. 2025

Salamanca, Spain

- Supervisors: Iván Llamazares and Guillermo Boscán
- Title: The politics of place: The geographical foundations of support for Populist Radical Parties in Spain – **cum laude**
- Committee: Pedro Riera, Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte, and Carolina Plaza-Colodro

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

MSc Political and Electoral Analysis

Sep. 2019 – Jul. 2020

Madrid, Spain

- MSc Thesis: An electoral analysis of the depopulation in empty Spain (2004 - 2019) – **with honours**
- Advisor: Toni Rodon
- GPA: 8.47/10

Universidad de Salamanca

BA in Political Science and Public Administration

Sep. 2015 – Jul. 2019

Salamanca, Spain

- GPA: 8.44/10

Publication

Journal articles

- A7 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and H. Marcos-Marne. 2025. “Burden or gain. House rent and voting in the city of Madrid”, *Electoral Studies*, 99: 1- 19
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2025.103024>
- A6 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and I. Llamazares. 2025. “Urban jungle, radical roar: Sprawl, economic decline and the success of Populist Radical Right in metropolitan Spain”, *Contemporary Politics*, 1- 19
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2025.2573484>
- A5 **Sánchez-García, Á.**, T. Rodon. and M. Delgado-García. 2025. “Where has everyone gone? Depopulation and voting behaviour”, *European Journal of Political Research*, 64: 296-319
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12702>
- A4 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and M. Delgado-García. 2024. “¡Aquí no hay quien viva! El éxito de las Candidaturas de la España Vacía”, *Papeles del CEIC*, 1: 1 - 27.
DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1387/pceic.24103>
- A3 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and I. Negral. 2023. “Different sides, same story. Common factors that contributed to the success of the populist radical parties in Spain”, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 32(1): 228–245.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2023.2230158>
- A2 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and T. Rodon. 2023. “A río revuelto, ganancia de conversadores: un análisis de la despoblación y comportamiento electoral en el corazón de la España vacía”. *Revista de Estudios Políticos*, 199: 197 - 224.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18042/cepc/rep.199.07>
- A1 Negral, I and **Á. Sánchez-García**. 2022. “La semilla de Vox, ¿quién voto a la derecha radical populista en Castilla y León?”, *Revista de Sociología de Castilla y León*, 2: 16 - 37.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.48225/SOCYL202202>

Under review

- UR1 Llamazares, I. and **Á. Sánchez-García**. Cleavage Structures and Vote for the Right in Interwar France. A Multilevel Analysis of the Social Bases of Conservative Support, *Journal of Historical Political Economy* [Under Review]
- UR2 Negral, I. and **Á. Sánchez-García**. *Fight Club*. Analysing the electoral competition on the Spanish Radical Right-Wing, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política* [Under Review]
- UR3 **Sánchez-García, Á.**, A. Sánchez-Muñoz, and H. Marcos-Marne. Of fields and ballots: Agricultural workers and electoral behaviour across Europe, *Political Behaviour* [Under Review]

In the pipeline

- WP1 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and T. Rodon. *Don't Look Back In Anger*. Place-based resentment and electoral behaviour in Spain
- WP2 **Sánchez-García, Á.** and P. Magalhães. *Don't steal my votes!* Crimes and the support for the Populist Radical Right-Wing in Portugal
- WP3 Martínez-Cantó, J. and **Á. Sánchez-García**. *The electoral consequences of factory farming*
- WP4 **Á. Sánchez-García**. *From the bullring to the ballot box: How cultural symbols shape voting behaviour*

Projects

From Franco to Airbnb: Housing Outcomes, Mobility and Electoral Shifts from a Historical and Urbanistic Perspective (HOMES) 2025 – 2029

University Carlos III of Madrid

Madrid, Community of Madrid, Spain

- **Reference:** PID2024-161400NB-I00
- **Amount:** Forthcoming
- **PI:** Pedro Riera
- **Founded by:** Ministry of Science and Innovation of the Government of Spain
- **Rol:** Member of the work team

Feelings of left behindness, electoral behaviour, and changes in political competition in European countries (FORGOTTEN) 2024 – 2027

University of Salamanca

Salamanca, Castile and Leon, Spain

- **Reference:** PID2023-151721NA-I00
- **Amount:** 75.000 EUR
- **PI:** Hugo Marcos-Marne
- **Founded by:** Ministry of Science and Innovation of the Government of Spain
- **Rol:** Member of the work team

Geography, polarisation and the rural-urban divide in the XXI century 2021 – 2025

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

- **Reference:** PID2020-119465GB-C2
- **Amount:** 55.055 EUR
- **PI:** Toni Rodon
- **Founded by:** Ministry of Science and Innovation of the Government of Spain
- **Rol:** Member of the work team

Populism, policy preferences and political representation 2019 – 2022

University of Salamanca

Salamanca, Castile and Leon, Spain

- **Reference:** PGC2018-098207-BI00
- **Amount:** 48.279 EUR
- **PI:** Iván Llamazares
- **Founded by:** Ministry of Science and Innovation of the Government of Spain
- **Rol:** Member of the work team

Teaching

Political Science [en] <i>Bachelor's Degree in Global Studies – University of Salamanca</i>	2 ECTS <i>Curse 2025/26</i>
Social Science Methodology [sp] <i>Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Public Administration – University of Salamanca</i>	4 ECTS <i>Curse 2024/25</i>
Political and Electoral Behaviour [sp] <i>Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Public Administration – University of Salamanca</i>	3 ECTS <i>Curse 2023/24</i>
U.S. Politics and Government [sp] <i>Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Public Administration – University of Salamanca</i>	2 ECTS <i>Curse 2023/24</i>
Research seminar [sp] <i>Master Degree in Political Science – University of Salamanca</i>	1 ECTS <i>Curse 2023/24</i>
Advanced Method and Techniques [en] <i>Bachelor's Degree in Global Studies – University of Salamanca</i>	3 ECTS <i>Curse 2022/23</i>

Research stays

Università della Calabria <i>Sponsor: Prof Carmelo Buscema</i>	Cosenza, Italy <i>October – December 2025</i>
Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa <i>Sponsor: Prof Pedro Magalhães</i>	Lisbon, Portugal <i>March – June 2025</i>
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid <i>Sponsor: Prof Lluís Orriols</i>	Madrid, Spain <i>October 2024 – March 2025</i>
University College Dublin <i>Sponsor: Prof Aidan Regan</i>	Dublin, Ireland <i>May – October 2023</i>

Research dissemination

Conferences

Conference of European Political Science Association (EPSA)

Madrid (2025, June 26-28) “Of fields and ballots. European farmers’ voting in comparative perspective”

Conference of Spanish Association of Political Science and Administration (AECPA)

Burgos (2024, July 22 - 24) “Tear up this town! Place-based resentment in Spain”

Girona (2022, September 7 - 9) “Where has everyone (and my GP) gone? Depopulation and voting behaviour in Spain”

Online (2021, July 7 - 9) “The effect of depopulation on the vote for populist parties”

Conference of Portuguese Political Science Association (APCP)

Lisbon (2025, March 6 - 8) “Fields of votes: How farmers sow support for Radical Right Parties”

Covilhã (2023, March 30 - April 1) “What happened here? How housing and migration benefited the PRR”

Workshop & seminar

2025	Radical right (Deusto); MESS (IE-University); ACPA Seminar (USAL); PAPERSS (UC3M); SPARCS Seminar (ICS-UL)
2024	Rural-urban divide (UPF); V ICCA (UCM); ACPA Seminar (USAL)
2023	OPUS Graduate Seminar Series (BYU); ACPA Seminar (USAL)
2022	Depopulation Congress (UAM); ACPA Seminar (USAL); Rural Renaissance (USAL)

Additional training

Causal Inference	12 h
<i>Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology - Universitat Pompeu Fabra</i>	<i>2025</i>
EMAS: Introduction to quantitative content analysis	8 h
<i>University of Salamanca</i>	<i>2023</i>
Multivariate analysis techniques with R	16 h
<i>Centro de Estudios Andaluces</i>	<i>2021</i>
Introduction to data analysis with Stata software	10 h
<i>University of Salamanca</i>	<i>2021</i>
EMAS: Political discourse and social media analysis (Nvivo)	20 h
<i>University of Salamanca</i>	<i>2019</i>

Peer reviews

British Journal of Political Science	1	European Journal of Political Research	1
Electoral Studies	1	Political Studies Review	1
Revista de Estudios Políticos	1		

Skills

Languages:	Spanish (native), English (proficient), Catalan (beginner), and Portuguese (beginner)
Data Analysis:	R (proficient), Stata (intermediate), SPSS (intermediate), Python (beginner), and Nvivo (beginner)
Geography:	GeoDa (proficient), and QGIS (proficient)
Writing:	L ^A T _E X (proficient), and Microsoft Office Suite (proficient)

Awards

Research stays Grant	Jun. 2025
<i>University of Salamanca</i>	<i>Salamanca, Spain</i>
Pre-doctoral Fellowship (III/2021)	Jun. 2022
<i>University of Salamanca</i>	<i>Madrid, Spain</i>
Pre-doctoral Fellowship	Jan. 2021
<i>Oriol-Urquijo Foundation</i>	<i>Madrid, Spain</i>

References

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