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Academic positions

- 2025–** Ramón y Cajal Associate Professor of Political Science
Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 2022–24** Assistant Professor of Political Science
Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 2020–21** Junior Research Fellow
Carlos III-Juan March Institute, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Visiting

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| Instituto de Ciencia Política (PUC Chile), Santiago de Chile | 2025 |
| Institute of Social Sciences (UL), Lisbon | 2023 |
| Carlos III-Juan March Institute (UC3M), Madrid | 2019 |
| Georgetown University, Washington DC | 2018–2019 |

Education

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| PhD in Political Science, <i>ETH Zurich</i>
<i>Juan Linz Prize to the Best Dissertation in Political Science (CEPC, Spain)</i> | 2020 |
| MA Comparative and International Studies, <i>ETH Zurich & University of Zurich</i> | 2016 |
| BA in Sociology, <i>Universidad de Salamanca</i>
<i>Best academic record in undergraduate studies</i> | 2014 |

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

- Aguilar, Paloma, Fernando de la Cuesta, Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca, and **Francisco Villamil** (2025) *Mobilization capacity and violence against local leaders: Anticlerical violence during the Spanish Civil War*. *Comparative Political Studies* 58(7): 1319–1351.
- Villamil, Francisco**, Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte, and José Rama (2024) *Rally 'round the barrack: Far-right support and the military*. *The Journal of Politics* 86(4): 1524–1540.
- Balcells, Laia, Juan F Tellez, and **Francisco Villamil** (2024) *The wars of others: The effect of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Spanish nationalism*. *The Journal of Politics* 86(1): 352–357.
- Villamil, Francisco** (2023) *Civilian victimization and ethnic attitudes in Africa*. *European Political Science Review* 15(4): 617–627.

5. **Villamil, Francisco** (2022) *Violence, co-optation, and postwar voting in Guatemala*. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39(6): 731–754.
4. **Villamil, Francisco** and Laia Balcells (2021) *Do TJ policies cause backlash? Evidence from street name changes in Spain*. *Research & Politics* 8(4).
3. **Villamil, Francisco** (2021) *Mobilizing memories: The social conditions of the long-term impact of victimization*. *Journal of Peace Research* 58(3): 399–416.
2. Balcells, Laia and **Francisco Villamil** (2020) *The double logic of internal purges: Evidence from Francoist Spain*. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 26(3): 260–278.
1. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Simon Hug, Livia Schubiger, and **Francisco Villamil** (2020) *Civilian victimization and ethnic civil war*. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(7–8): 1199–1225.

Book chapters

3. **Villamil, Francisco** and Paloma Aguilar (2026) *Violence and memory*. In: *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*, edited by Lucas M. Bietti and Martin Pogacar. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
2. **Villamil, Francisco** (2023) *Civil Wars*. In: *Encyclopedia of Political Sociology*, edited by Maria T. Grasso and Marco Giugni. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 56–58.
1. Rama, José, Stuart J. Turnbull-Dugarte and **Francisco Villamil** (2022) *Descomponiendo a la derecha radical europea: el perfil de sus votantes*. In: *En los márgenes de la democracia liberal: Populismo, nacionalismo y radicalismo ideológico en Europa*, edited by Ángel Valencia and Belén Fernández-García. Granada: Comares, 239–258.

Research in progress

- **Book manuscript:** “Memories at War: How the Legacies of Violence Persist or Disappear.”
- The legacies of authoritarian repression on civil society (with Laia Balcells). *WIDER Working Paper 1/2023. (R&R.)*
- Past conflict, media, and polarization in Spain (with Laia Balcells and Juan F. Tellez).
- Measurement validity in historical conflict data: Comparing datasets from Spain. (*Preprint*)
- The consequences of mass grave exhumations (with Paloma Aguilar, Fernando de la Cuesta, and Abdelkarim Laglil).
- Sports, nationalism, and attitudes on political violence (with Nikitas Konstantinidis, Andrew Bertoli, Emmy Lindstam, Laura Jakli, Zuheir Desai, Varun KR).

Research grants

As PI

- 2024** Ramón y Cajal Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities (RYC2023-045315-I), 251,800 €.

- 2024** Junior Faculty Grant ('Consequences of Transitional Justice: Experimental evidence'), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 10,000 €.
- 2024** Democratic Memory Activities Grant ('Local-level dynamics and consequences of Transitional Justice: Mass grave exhumations in Spain'), Spanish Ministry of Territorial Policy and Democratic Memory (247-MD-2024), 9,960 €.
- 2023** Democratic Memory Activities Grant ('Local-level dynamics and consequences of Transitional Justice: Mass grave exhumations in Spain'), Spanish Ministry of the Presidency (205-MD-2023), 9,960 €.

As participant

- How does nationalist identity shape political attitudes toward redistribution and political violence? Evidence from sporting events. Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, 150,000 € (PI: Nikitas Konstantinidis), 2023–2026.
- Determinants of violence during the Spanish Civil War and its long-term consequences. Spanish Ministry of the Presidency, 10,000 € (PI: Paloma Aguilar), 2022–2023.
- Determinants of violence during the Spanish Civil War and its long-term consequences. Spanish Ministry of the Presidency, 10,000 € (PI: Paloma Aguilar), 2021–2022.
- Institutional legacies of violent conflict. UNU-WIDER, 10,000 \$ (PI: Laia Balcells), 2021.

Teaching & Supervision

Graduate

International Relations **2022–2025**

MA in Social Sciences, Carlos III-Juan March Institute

Evaluation (average): 4.64/5

Applied Quantitative Methods II **2026–**

MA in Social Sciences, Carlos III-Juan March Institute

Research Design **2022–**

MA in Computational Social Science, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Evaluation (average): 3.71/5

Undergraduate

War, peace, and political violence **2020–2025**

Undergraduate course, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Evaluation (average): 4.53/5

Multidisciplinary seminar on International Studies **2020–2021**

Undergraduate course, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Evaluation (average): 4.5/5

Security, peace, and conflict resolution
Undergraduate course, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Evaluation (average): 4.71/5

Fall 2020

Supervision

PhD

– Nadal Perales (PhD co-supervisor, UC3M, 2022–).

MA theses

2025: Sara Pascual, Julia Martyniewicz, Laura Toro, Mencía Gómez, María Carda; **2024:** Mecki Hamed, Nadia Napolano, Jieun Park; **2023:** Alejandro Aisa, Kaan Bakmaz, Carolina Cornejo, Artem Urlapov; **2022:** Mario Pirez; **2021:** Javier Terraza.

Awards & Other grants

2025 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, mobility grant (declined)
2023 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, mobility grant
2021 Juan Linz Price to the Best Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science,
Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales (Spanish Ministry of the Presidency)
2018 Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW) travel grant
2014 Best academic record in undergraduate studies, *Universidad de Salamanca*
2013 Undergraduate research assistant fellowship, *Spanish Ministry of Education*

Talks

Conferences

2026 SPSA (Zurich) [scheduled]
2025 EPSA (Madrid), NEPS Peace Science (Barcelona), SGRI (Milan)
2024 NEPS Peace Science (Dublin)
2023 NEPS Peace Science (Bologna)
2022 APSA (Montreal), CES (Lisbon), NEPS Peace Science (London)
2021 NEPS Peace Science (online)
2019 NEPS Peace Science (The Hague)
2018 APSA (Boston), NEPS Peace Science (Verona)
2017 APSA (San Francisco), EPSA (Milan)

Workshops & Invited talks

- 2026 IPERG Seminar, UB (Barcelona) [scheduled]
- 2025 García-Pelayo Seminar, CEPC (Madrid) [scheduled], ICP Seminar, PUC Chile (Santiago) [scheduled]; Empirical Studies of Conflict, ESOC (Taipei)
- 2024 IC3JM Conference (Madrid); GEINK, UPV/EHU (Bilbao); MESS Workshop (Madrid)
- 2023 SPARC Seminar, Institute of Social Sciences (Lisbon); STNAMES Lab Workshop (online)
- 2022 UNU-WIDER Institutional legacies of violent conflict workshop (Helsinki); IC3JM Conference (Madrid)
- 2021 Trust & Governance Workshop (online)
- 2020 Carlos III–Juan March Institute (Madrid)

Data & Software

- [muniSpain](#): R package for historical municipality-level analyses in Spain
- Coder coordinator, ACD2EPR Version 2018 ([codebook](#), [website](#))
- Coder coordinator and coder, EOSV dataset ([website](#)), 2016–2017

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python (beginner), MySQL (beginner), QGIS

Languages: English, Spanish (native), Portuguese (intermediate)

Service

University

- Bachelor theses coordinator, International Studies and Political Science, UC3M (2022–).
- Academic Committee, MA in Computational Social Social, UC3M (2022–).
- Academic Committee, BA in History and Politics, UC3M (2024–).
- Academic Committee, BA in International Studies and Law, UC3M (2025–).
- IC3JM Internal Seminar, coordinator (2021–2023).

Peer review

American Political Science Review, The Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behaviour, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, World Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, European Political Science Review, Political Behavior, Political Geography, Review of International Organizations, Civil Wars, Economics of Transition, Defence and Peace Economics, International Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Human Rights, Memory Studies, Social Movement Studies, Nationalities Papers.

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