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Current position

PhD Student in Political Science

UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA

- Thesis Project Title: Are we better? COVID-19 Pandemic effects on political attitudes and behavior.
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Barcelona, Spain

2022 - Present

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Barcelona, Spain

2020 - 2022

BA in Political Science and Administration

UNIVERSITAT DE GIRONA

- Bachelor's Thesis: Analysis of a deliberative mini-public in Madrid

Girona, Spain

2016 - 2020

Research interests

POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, PUBLIC ATTITUDES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND RADICAL RIGHT PARTIES, QUANTITATIVE METHODS, CAUSAL INFERENCE, QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Participation in projects

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- PI: Dr. Heike Klüver (Humboldt University of Berlin)
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Teaching

TEACHING ASSISTANT

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Statistics and R course

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Universitat de Barcelona

Seminar on radical right parties

UNIVERSITAT DE L'EXPERIÈNCIA

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Workshops and conferences

European Political Science Association

EPSA

Glasgow, UK; Köln, DE; Madrid, ES

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