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### CURRENT POSITION-----

Postdoctoral Fellow Digital Democracies Group (DDG), School of Communication, Simon Fraser University.

### EDUCATION-----

- 2019**                      **Ph.D.** in Political and Social Sciences. Department of Social Sciences, Italy.  
Dissertation: “Is Twitter the new coffee house? The contribution of the European Political Twittersphere to a transnational European Public Sphere and European demos”.
- √ Supervisor: Professor Alexander Trechsel.
  - √ Awarded Best Thesis in Political Communication from the Spanish Association of Political Communication (ACOP).
- 2015**                      **Master of Science.** Research Methods. Department of Social Sciences, European University Institute, Italy.
- 2012**                      **Master of Arts.** European Studies. Department of Humanities, University of Lund, Sweden.
- 2009**                      **Bachelor of Arts.** Contemporary History. Department of Social Sciences, University of Valencia, Spain.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING-----

- 2019**                      6th ICA International Summer School. Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour. Milan, Italy.
- 2017**                      DataCamp. Data Analysis with R (collection, process and visualization of data).
- 2016**                      Oxford Internet Institute Summer School. Internet Related workshops. Oxford, UK.

## VISITING PERIODS-----

- 2020** Visiting Scholar at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society. Harvard University (USA). February-April 2020. Supervisor: Fernando Bermejo
- 2017** Visiting Scholar at Public opinion and Media Lab (POMLAB). University of Milan (Italy). September 2017- December 2018Supervisors: Mauro Barisione and Luigi Curini.
- 2017** Visiting Scholar at the Digital Media, Networks and Political Communication (DIMENET) research group at the Annenberg School for Communication. University of Pennsylvania (USA). January-June 2017. Supervisor: Sandra González-Bailón

## RESEARCH-----

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- 2020** “European Twitter Networks: Where are they? Towards a transnational European Public Sphere” [accepted and under review for International Journal of Communication. Expected in May 2020]
- 2019** “Commenting on Politics Topics through Twitter. Is European politics European?”, *Social Media + Society*, 5(4).
- 2018** “The last will be the first. A study of European Issue Publics on Twitter”, in E. Pavan and A. Mattoni (eds.), *Partecipazione e conflitto*, special issue The Big Data Challenge. From Big Data in Politics to the Politics of Big Data, 11(2): 423-447.
- 2017** “Twitter research for social scientists: a brief introduction to the benefits, limitations and tools for analysing Twitter data”, *Revista Dígitos*, University of Valencia, 3/2017: 17-32.

### *Book Chapters*

- 2014** “The role of the Euroblogosphere in a context of a European Public Sphere”, in A. Stepinska (ed.) *Media and Communication in Europe*, Logos Verlag, pp. 61-73.

### *Book Reviews*

- 2018** [Review of the Book “Integration, Diversity and the Making of a European Public Sphere”, by Hakan Sicakkan (Ed.)] *Mass Communication and Society* 21 (2): 269-271.

[Review of the Book “Decoding the Social World: Data Science and the unintended consequences of Communication”, by Sandra González-Bailón] *International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics* 14(2): 270-272.

#### *Non-refereed Academic Publications*

- 2019** “Are social media platforms good for democracy?”, *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 34: 32-33, ISSN: 2340-9576. (In Spanish)
- 2018** “Are bots dreaming in winning elections?” *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 23: 11-15, ISSN: 2445- 3951. (In Spanish)
- 2017** “The European Public Sphere: exist, can exist, will exist”, *APUZ-Bdp Bundestag Magazine*, 37/2017: 35-40, ISSN: 0479-611 (In German).

#### *Press*

- 2019** “A look from Twitter to Von Der Leyen’s election”, *Agenda Pública El País*, 19th July 2019.
- 2016** “Reactions to Jucker’s State of the Union speech show difficulties in creating a European public sphere online”, *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPPP) Blog*, 22 September.
- 2012** “The Euroblogosphere has great potential to contribute to the European public sphere”, *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog*, 27 Oct 2012.
- 2016** “How can the Internet contribute to civil participation? The case of Eurobloggers”, *Heinrich Boll Foundation*, 24 September.

#### *Invited Talks and Seminars*

- 2019** Talk: “Interacting outside the bubble”. European Commission (Directorate General Communication), Brussels, Belgium.
- 2018** Talk: “EU elections on Social Media”. Open EU Debate opening Conference, Madrid, Spain.
- 2016** Talk: “Mapping the European Political Twittersphere with TCAT and Gephi”. Milan University, Milan, Italy.
- Seminar: “Blogging about EU issues”. Closing Conference of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2013** Seminar: “Social Media, European New Media and the EU Public Sphere”. JEF Europe, Stockholm, Sweden.

- 2012-2014**      Talk: “Youth online”. European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Seminar: “Blogging EU affairs”. Conference Europe’s common future. Böll Foundation, Berlin, Germany.

*Conference Presentations*

- 2020**      “Sentiment Analysis on Twitter Data”, *Political Communications Section International Communications Association (ICA)*, Brisbane (Australia), May 2020.
- 2019**      “Transnational public spheres online”, *Transformation in the Digital Age: The Public Sphere*, Hildesheim (Germany), April 2019.
- 2018**      “A transnational European Public Sphere on Twitter”, *7<sup>th</sup> European Communications Conference (ECREA)*, Lugano (Switzerland), November 2018.
- 2017**      “Networked Publics on Twitter. The case of the TTIP”, *ECREA Symposium Digital Democracy in the age of Big Data*, Stockholm (Sweden), November 2017.
- “A European Networked Public Sphere empirical method”, *Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR)*, Tartu (Estonia), October 2017.
- “A transnational European Public Sphere”, *European Consortium Political Research General Conference (ECPR)*, Oslo (Norway), September 2017.
- “Network analysis of European Twitter networks”, *3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN)*, Mainz (Germany), September 2017.
- “European transnational networks on Twitter”, *NordMedia 2017 bi-annual Conference*, Tampere (Finland), August 2017.
- ““Geolocation of Tweets for measuring transnational interactions”, *3<sup>rd</sup> IC2S2 Computational Social Science Conference*, Cologne (Germany), July 2017.
- “European Networked Public Sphere on Twitter: Schengen and TTIP”, *7<sup>th</sup> European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan (Italy), June 2017.
- 2016**      “An Introduction to Social Network Analysis of Twitter data”, *MediaFlows Congress of online political communication*, Valencia (Spain), November 2016.
- “European Twitter Networks. The case of Brexit”, *PhD Symposium Media and Communications London School of Economics (LSE)*, London (UK), June 2016.
- 2013**      “The Euroblogosphere and European Online Communications”, *14<sup>th</sup> Academic Association or Contemporary European Studies (UACES)*, Loughborough (UK), July 2013.

**2012** “The Europeanization of Digital Powers”, *EuroAcademia*, Budapest (Hungary), December 2012.

*Conference Panels Organized*

**2017** “Political Networks” (with Isabelle Borucki) at 7<sup>th</sup> *European Consortium Political Research General Conference*, Oslo (Norway), September 2017.

*Research Groups*

**2014-2016** Python and R programming for Social Sciences, organizer, European University Institute, Florence (Italy).

*Research Grants and Awards*

University of Hamburg

**2019** Visiting Postdoctoral Grant Fellowship. Algorithmized Public Spheres Unit of the Hans-Bredow Institute. Declined.

European University Institute

**2018-2019** Award Best PhD Dissertation in Political Communication by The Association of Political Communication, Spain.

**2018** Yecrea Travel Grant for the ECREA Conference, Lugano (Switzerland).

**2014-2018** Swedish Research Council Grant for PhD Studies.

Lund University

**2011** Erasmus Grant for Graduate Studies.

University of Valencia

**2008-2009** Erasmus Grant for undergraduate studies  
Bancaja Grant for undergraduate studies

## TEACHING-----

### COURSES TAUGHT

#### *Graduate Level*

**2018 Fall** Social Media and Politics. Department of Social Sciences, University of Lucerne (Switzerland).

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

**2018 Spring** Communications Research Methods. Communications Department, Lorenzo di Medici Institute, Florence (Italy).

#### *Workshops, Seminars and Lectures taught*

**2018** Workshop: Social Media and Politics (with Prof. Anamaria Dutceac and Michael Bossetta, Lund and Copenhagen University). European University Institute, Florence (Italy), May 2018  
Seminars: “The European Twittersphere”. Mid Sweden University, Ostersund, (Sweden), April 2018  
Lecture: “The European Publics online”. Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence (Italy), February 2018.

**2017** Workshop: Python Programming for the Social Sciences (with Prof. Jonathan Bright from Oxford University). European University Institute, Florence (Italy), May 2017.

## SERVICE-----

### Service and Engagement (Academic)

**2020** Programme Advisory Committee, Canada’s Democracy Summit, Ryerson University.

**2019-present** Journal reviewer in Political Communication Papers: The International Journal of Press and Politics

**2018-present** Journal Reviewer in Digital Media and Politics papers: International Journal of Communication USC Annenberg.

**2017 - present** Conference Reviewer in Political Communication Association: International Communications Association ICA.

## Public Service and Engagement (Non-Academic)

**2019** Consultant on mis/disinformation on social media in the EU elections 2019.  
Wahlbeobachtung Election-Watch EU NGO

## SKILLS-----

- COMPUTATIONAL**
- R (4 years).
  - Python (3 years).
  - Twitter Capture and Analysis Toolkit (TCAT).
  - GitHub.
  - Tableau for data visualization and analytics.
- RESEARCH**
- Social Network Analysis with Gephi and iGraph in R.
  - Content and Sentiment Analysis with Quanteda and iSA.
  - Social media analytics with Tableau and R.
- COMMUNICATION**
- Public speaking skills from conferences and professional events.
  - Teaching courses about social media & politics, and digital democracy.
  - Interpersonal skills: used to multicultural team work.
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- Strong knowledge in planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and time management of complex projects.
  - I organized events, workshops and trainings for civil society organizations.
  - Successfully led organization and projects at the local, national and European level.
- LANGUAGES**
- Spanish and Catalan (bilingual mother tongue).
  - English (Proficient C2).
  - Italian (Good Knowledge B1).
  - Swedish (Knowledge A2).
- MEMBERSHIPS**
- International Communication Association (ICA).
  - Association of Internet researchers (AOIR).
  - Association of Political Communication (ACOP).