

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- European Public Sphere, especially online.
- Political Communication, especially at the European level.
- Social Media and Politics.
- Digital Democracy.
- Big Data and Politics.
- Computational methods: network analysis, content & sentiment analysis, big data.
- Digital methods: Twitter data, issue mapping, social media analytics.

EDUCATION

PhD in Political and Social Sciences Florence | Italy 2015 – 2019

European University Institute

“Is Twitter the new coffee house? The contribution of the European Political Twittersphere to a transnational European Public Sphere and European demos”. Supervised by Professor Alexander Trechsel.

Visiting Scholar U. Penn (Annenberg)

Philadelphia | USA

Visiting Scholar Milan U. (Pomlab)

Milan | Italy

M.S. in Research

Florence | Italy 2014 - 2015

European University Institute

M.A. in European Studies

Lund | Sweden 2010 – 2012

Lund University

B.A. Contemporary History

Valencia | Spain 2004 – 2009

University of Valencia

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Researcher

European University Institute
Florence, Italy
September 2015 – On going

- Research on Social Media and Politics.
- Mapped millions of social media data relating to EU policies.
- Performed network analysis and sentiment analysis on data.
- Conducted interviews to social media actors.
- Attended conference & published the outcomes of the research

Communications

PriFest Film Festival
Prishtina, Kosovo
March 2014 – May 2014

- UX Research with the goal to understand Festival’ audience.
- Designed, coordinated with the team & implemented the online communication’s strategy of the festival, reaching for the first time international audience outside the Balkans region.

Head of Communications

TEDx Stockholm
Stockholm, Sweden
September 2012 – September 2013

- Organized and managed big events of 300-500 attendees.
- Coordinated press and media attending the events: interviews, schedules, appointments.
- Designed, coordinated with the team & implemented the online communication’s strategy of the festival.

Co-editor

Bloggingportal.eu
Freelance and online based
February 2012 – September 2013

- Curated blogs, posts and the special edition of “Editors Choice”.
- Consulted for companies as EU online strategist.
- Attended conferences as an expert in EU social media.
- Attended EU Lithuanian Presidency meetings as representative.

VISITING PERIODS

- **September 2017 – January 2018.** Visiting Scholar at Public Opinion & Media Lab (POMLAB) and Voices from the BLOGS in the Department of Social and Political Sciences. University of Milan. Supervisors: Mauro Barisione and Luigi Curini.

- **January 2017 – June 2017.** Visiting Scholar at the Digital Media, Networks, & Political Communication (DIMENET) research group at the Annenberg School for Communication. University of Pennsylvania. Supervisor: Sandra González-Bailón.

TEACHING

- 2018 Undergraduate level. Social Media and Politics. Luzern University (Switzerland).
- 2018 Undergraduate level. Communications Research Methods Course. Lorenzo di Medici Institute. Florence (Italy).
- 2016 Teaching Certificate. European University Institute. Florence (Italy).

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

COMPUTATIONAL

- R (3 years)
- Python (2 year)
- Google Maps API
- Twitter Capture Analysis Toolkit (TCAT)
- Twitter API(s)
- Bash/shell
- GitHub
- Web management (typo3, wordpress, jekyll, octopress)
- Amazon EC2 (3 years)

DATA VISUALIZATION

- Tableau
- ggplot2
- Shiny
- Plotly
- Infogram

RESEARCH

- Social Network Analysis (Gephi and iGraph)
- Content and Sentiment analysis with quanteda and iSA

COMMUNICATION

- Interpersonal skills: used to multicultural team work.
- Public speaking experience in academic and professional events.
- Professional experience in communication strategies.

LEADERSHIP

- Successfully led organizations & projects at the local, national and EU level
- Management and leadership of teams of 50 people.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT	- Strong knowledge in planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and time management of complex projects.
LANGUAGES	- Spanish and Catalan (bilingual mother tongue) - English (Proficient C1) - Italian (Good Knowledge B1)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [7] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2019), "Commenting Politics through Twitter. Are European politics European" **[Work in Progress]**
- [6] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2019), "The mapping of the European Political Twittersphere and its significance for the European Public Sphere: a transnational EPS" **[forthcoming]**
- [5] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2018), "The last will be the first. A study of European Issue Publics on Twitter", special issue The Big Data Challenge. From Big Data in Politics to the Politics of Big Data, eds. Elena Pavan and Alice Mattoni, *Partecipazione e conflitto* 11(2)
- [4] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2017), "The European Public Sphere: exist, can exist, will exist", *APUZ-Bdp Bundestag Magazine*, 37/2017, pp. 35-40, ISSN: 0479-611 (In German).
- [3] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2017), "Twitter research for social scientists: a brief introduction to the benefits, limitations and tools for analysing Twitter data.", pp. 17-32 *Revista Dígitos*, 3, ISSN: 2444-0132.
- [2] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (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, ISBN 978-3-8325-3680-0
- [1] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2012), "Who blogs what? A qualitative study on the role of the Euroblogosphere in a context of a European Public Sphere. Master Thesis. Lund University, Sweden.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (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.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2017.1407586>
- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2018), [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. https://doi.org/10.1386/macp.14.2.265_5

PRESS

- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2019). "Are social media platforms good for democracy?" *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 34, pp-32-33, ISSN: 2340-9576. (In Spanish)
- Ruiz-Soler, Javier and Seóne Pérez, F. (2018). "Are bots dreaming in winning elections?" *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 23, pp. 11-15, ISSN: 2445- 3951. (In Spanish)

- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2016) "Reactions to Juncker's State of the Union speech show the difficulties in creating a European public sphere online." LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog (22 Sep 2016).
- Ruiz Soler, Javier (2012) "The Euroblogosphere has great potential to contribute to the European public sphere." LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog (27 Oct 2012).
- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2012), "How can internet contribute to civil participation? The case of Eurobloggers." Heinrich Böll Foundation. Blog (24 Sep 2012). Blog Entry.

CONFERENCES

ECREA 7th European Communications Conference	Lugano	November 2018
- Paper: A transnational European Public Sphere on Twitter		
ECPR European Consortium Political Research General Conference	Hamburg	August 2018
- Paper: "Political topics on Twitter: Are European politics European?"		
ECREA Symposium "Digital Democracy in the age of Big Data"	Stockholm	November 2017
- Paper: "Networked Publics on Twitter. The case for the TTIP"		
AOIR Association Internet Researchers Conference: Networked Publics	Tartu	October 2017
- PhD Colloquium: "A European Networked Public Sphere empirical method"		
ECPR European Consortium Political Research General Conference	Oslo	September 2017
- Paper: "A transnational European Public Sphere"		
EUSN 3rd European Conference on Social Networks	Mainz	September 2017
- Paper: "Network analysis of European Twitter networks"		
NordMedia 2017 bi-annual Conference	Tampere	August 2017
- Paper: "European transnational interactions on Twitter"		
IC2S2 3rd Computational Social Science Conference	Cologne	July 2017
- Poster: "Geolocation of Tweets for measuring transnational interactions"		
EPSA 7th Conference European Political Sciences	Milan	June 2017
- Paper: "European Networked Public Sphere on Twitter: #schengen and #TTIP"		
Mediaflows Congress of online political communication	Valencia	November 2016
- Paper: "An introduction to Social Network Analysis of Twitter data"		
PhD Symposium Media and Communications London School of Economics	London	June 2016
- Paper: "European Twitter Networks: #brexit"		
Conference European Dialogue on Internet Governance EuroDIG.	Lisbon	June 2014
- Contribution of youth work to the development of Internet Governance	Berlin	June 2013
	Stockholm	June 2012
Closing Conference of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU.	Vilnius	December 2013
- Blogger expert and representative of www.bloggingportal.eu		
Conference 14th Annual UACES Forum Conference.	Loughborough	July 2013
- Paper "The Euroblogosphere and European Online Communications".		
Conference The EU and the Politicization of Europe, by Euroacademia	Budapest	December 2012
- Selected paper for the Panel <i>The Europeanization of Digital Powers.</i>		
Conference Europe's common future organized by Böll Foundation.	Berlin	September 2012
- Blogger expert and representative of www.bloggingportal.eu		
Conference United We Stand organized by Copenhagen Business School.	Copenhagen	June 2012
- Paper "Fostering EU Engagement".		

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Seminar Mid Sweden University - Guest lecturer: "The European Twittersphere"	Östersund	April 2018
Seminar in course of Political Communication of Scuola Normale Superiore - Guest lecturer: "The European Public Sphere on Twitter"	Florence	February 2018
Workshop POMLAB University of Milan - Mapping the European Political Twittersphere with TCAT and Gephi	Milan	November 2016
International Seminar "Building European Citizenship", by JEF Europe. - Guest Speaker: "Social Media, European New Media and the EU Public Sphere"	Stockholm	October 2013
International Seminar "Our Europe 2021" organized by Europaforum - Panellist about different EU topics (immigration, eurocrisis, identity).	Malmö	April 2012

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

6th ICA International Summer School - Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour	Milan	July 2018
Voices of Blogs (University of Milan) - Content & Sentiment analysis with iSA. Professors: Curini and Ceron.	Milan	September – December 2017
UPF Social Media and Big Data Research (Online) - Big data management, network analysis & text data. Professor: P. Barberá	Spain	September 2017
Datacamp - Data Analyst with R (collection, process and visualization of data).	Spain	August 2017
Annenberg School for Communication (University of Pennsylvania) - Network Analysis with iGraph. Professor: S. González-Bailón.	Philadelphia	January – June 2017
Internet Institute Summer School Programme (Oxford University) - Research on the Internet related issues.	Oxford	July 2016
Quantitative Methods (European University Institute) - Statistics.	Florence	September 2014 – June 2015

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- YECREA Travel Grant for ECREA Lugano Conference 2018.
- Swedish Research Council Grant for PhD studies (2014-2018).
- Erasmus Internship Grant for graduate studies 2010.
- Bancaja Grant for undergraduate studies 2008.
- Erasmus Grant for undergraduate studies 08/09.

SERVICE

Organizer Workshop "Social Media and Politics" at the EUI. - Guest Professor: Anamaria Dutceac and Michael Bossetta (Lund and CHP U.)	Florence	May 2018
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Reviewer International Journal of Communication USC Annenberg - Papers in Digital Media and Politics	Philadelphia	January 2018
Reviewer International Communications Association (ICA) - Papers for section Political Communication	Milan	December 2017
Data for Democracy - Data analyst for different projects.	Online	From Sept. 2017
ECPR European Consortium Political Research General Conference - Co-chair and Discussant Political Networks Panel.	Oslo	September 2017
Organizer Workshop “Python for the Social Sciences” at the EUI. - Guest Professor: Jonathan Bright, Oxford University.	Florence	May 2016
Organizer Workshop “Social Scientific Network Analysis” at the EUI. - Guest Professor: Carl Nordlund, Central European University.	Florence	May 2015