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1 Research Interests

Political Communication, Public Opinion, Political Behavior, International and Comparative Media Research, Media Systems & Media Structures, Media Bias, Media Effects, Selective & Cross-cutting Exposure, Central and Eastern Europe, Interpersonal Communication

2 Education

01/2014 - 12/2017	PhD in Social Sciences DCM - Department of Communication and Media Research Unifr - University of Fribourg, Switzerland Dissertation: Partisan Media Bias, Cross-cutting Exposure and Political Participation: A Cross-National Analysis Summa cum laude, Vigener Award
01/2014 - 12/2017	PhD at the National Center of Competence in Research - Democracy Studies UZH - University of Zurich, Switzerland
09/2006 - 09/2008	MA in Political Marketing: Strategies and Political Communication UAB - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain Title of Master's thesis: Values and political discourse in the 1993 Spanish General Elections With high distinction
09/2001 - 09/2005	BA in Political Science (4-year degree) UPF - Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
09/1986 - 06/2001	CEIP Costa i Llobera (School and High School), Barcelona, Spain 8.94/10 in University Admission Exam

3 Appointments

09/2022 -	Assistant Professor (Professora Lectora) Department of Political Science and Constitutional Law Universitat de Barcelona
09/2021 - 08/2022	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Communication and Media Research University of Zurich (on maternity leave in Fall 2021)
12/2020 - 08/2022	Tenure Track Assistant Professor (Professora Col.laboradora) Faculty of Communication Sciences Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
10/2017 - 08/2021	Senior Research and Teaching Associate Department of Communication and Media Research University of Zurich (on maternity leave in Fall 2018)
09/2013 - 10/2017	Research and Teaching Assistant Chair of Media Systems and Media Structures Department of Communication and Media Research University of Fribourg
02/2013 - 06/2013	Student Assistant Chair of International and Comparative Media Research Department of Communication and Media Research University of Zurich
05/2008 - 08/2011	Advisor to the Mayor's Office Barcelona City Council
01/2004 - 04/2008	Assistant to the Vice-President Parliament of Catalonia

4 Stays abroad

07/2016 - 09/2016	Visiting scholar at the Department of Political Science Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
08/2019 - 09/2019	Visiting scholar at the School of Media and Public Affairs George Washington University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

5 Research

5.1 Journal Publications

1. 2022 *Perceived prevalence of misinformation fuels worries about COVID-19: a cross-country, multi-method investigation*
(Jörg Matthes, Nicoleta Corbu, Soyeon Jin, Yannis Theocharis, Christian Schemer, Peter van Aelst, Jesper Strömbäck, Karolina Koc-Michalska, Frank Esser, Toril Aalberg, Ana Sofia Cardenal, Laia Castro, et al.)
Information, Communication & Society
2. 2022 *The Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak on Selective Exposure: Evidence from 17 Countries*
(Alon Zoizner; Tamir Sheafer; Laia Castro; Peter Van Aelst, et al.)
Political Communication, 39-5, pp.674-696.
3. 2022 *Changing Media Systems in the Digital Age: A Comparison of 30 Countries*
(Edda Humprecht, Laia Castro Herrero, Sina Blassnig, Sven Engesser, Michael Brueggemann)
Journal of Communication
IF (2020, Web of Science): 7.270; 5-year IF: 9.539; Q1, 6/95 Communication
4. 2021 *Does the Platform Matter? Social Media and COVID-19 Conspiracy Theory Beliefs in 17 Countries*
(Yannis Theocharis, Cardenal, A., Jin, S., Aalberg, T., Hopmann, D.N., Strömbäck, J., Castro, L., Corbu, N., de Vreese, C., Esser, F., Koc-Michalska, K., Matthes, J., Schemer C., Sheafer, T., Splendore, S., Stanyer, J., Agnieszka Stepinska, Stetka, V., Van Aelst, P.)
New Media and Society
IF (2020, Web of Science): 8.061; 5-year IF: 7.736; Q1, 2/95 Communication
5. 2021 *Does a crisis change news habits? A comparative study of the effects of COVID-19 on news media use in 17 European countries*
(Peter van Aelst, Fanni Toth, Laia Castro, Vaclav Stetka, Claes de Vreese, Frank Esser, Toril Aalberg, Nicoleta Corbu, David Nicolas Hopmann, Karolina Koc-Michalska, Jorg Matthes, Christian Schemer, Tamir Sheafer, Sergio Splendore, James Stanyer, Agnieszka Stepinska, Jesper Stromback, Yannis Theocharis)
Digital Journalism
IF (2019, Web of Science): 4.476; 5-year IF: 4.959; Q1, 8/92 Communication
6. 2021 *What News Users Perceive as "Alternative Media" Varies Between Countries: How Media Fragmentation and Polarization Matter*
(Desiree Steppat, Laia Castro-Herrero & Frank Esser)
Digital Journalism
IF (2019, Web of Science): 4.476; 5-year IF: 4.959; Q1, 8/92 Communication
7. 2021 *Do not blame the media! The role of politicians and parties in fragmenting the online public debate*
(Raphael Heiberger, Silvia Majo-Vazquez, Laia Castro, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, Frank Esser)
International Journal of Press/Politics. Link
IF (2019, Web of Science): 2.612; 5-year IF: 3.110; Q1, 32/181 Political Science; Q1, 17/92 Communication
8. 2021 *Navigating high-choice European political information environments: A comparative analysis of news user profiles and political knowledge*
(Laia Castro, Jesper Stromback, Frank Esser, Claes de Vreese, Peter Van Aelst, Toril Aalberg, Ana Sofia Cardenal, Nicoleta Corbu, David Nicolas Hopmann, Karolina Koc-Michalska, Jorg Matthes, Christian Schemer, Tamir Sheafer, Sergio Splendore, James Stanyer, Agnieszka Stepinska, Vaclav Stetka, Yannis Theocharis)
International Journal of Press/Politics, recipient of the Top Faculty Paper Award, ICA Political Communication Division (2021). Link
IF (2019, Web of Science): 2.612; 5-year IF: 3.110; Q1, 32/181 Political Science; Q1, 17/92 Communication
9. 2021 *Measuring Partisan Media Bias Cross-Nationally*

(Laia Castro)

Swiss Political Science Review. [Link](#)

IF (2019, Web of Science): 2.065; 5-year IF: 1.532; Q2, 51/181 Political Science

10. 2021 *Selective Exposure in Different Political Information Environments: How Media Fragmentation and Polarization Shape Congruent News Use*
(Desiree Steppat, Laia Castro & Frank Esser)
European Journal of Communication, recipient of the Top Student Paper Award, ICA Political Communication Division (2020). [Link](#)
IF (2019, Web of Science): 2.500; 5-year IF: 2.346; Q1, 19/92 Communication
11. 2020 *News Media Performance Evaluated by National Audiences: How Media Environments and User Preferences Matter*
(Desiree Steppat, Laia Castro-Herrero & Frank Esser)
Media and Communication. [Link](#)
IF (2019, Web of Science): 1.400; 5-year IF: n/a, Q3, 54/92 Communication
12. 2020 *Whose Media Are Hostile? The Spillover Effect of Interpersonal Discussions on Media Bias Perceptions*
(Laia Castro, David Nicolas Hopmann & Lilach Nir)
Communications: European Journal of Communication Research. [Link](#)
IF (2019, Web of Science): 1.302; 5-year IF: 1.259, Q3, 63/92 Communication
13. 2020 *Political Power Sharing and Crosscutting Media Exposure: How Institutional Features Affect Exposure to Different Views*
(Laia Castro & Lilach Nir)
International Journal of Communication. [Link](#)
IF (2019, Web of Science): 1.194; 5-year IF: 1.640, Q4, 70/92 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 2
14. 2018 *Bridging Gaps in Cross-Cutting Exposure: The Role of Public Service Broadcasting*
(Castro, L., Nir, L., Skovsgaard, M.)
Political Communication, winner of the Best Paper Award for the ICA Political Communication division (2017). [Link](#)
IF (2018, Web of Science): 4.339; 5-year IF: 5.068; Q1, 3/176 Political Science; Q1, 3/88 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 35
15. 2017 *The Virtue of Moderation: A Cross-National Analysis of Exposure to Cross-Cutting Information and Turnout*.
(Castro, L., Hopmann, D.N.)
International Journal of Public Opinion Research. [Link](#)
IF (2017, Web of Science): 1.417; 5-year IF: 2.215; Q2, 81/176 Political Science; Q2, 38/84 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 9
16. 2017 *Rethinking Hallin and Mancini Beyond the West: An Analysis of Media Systems in Central and Eastern Europe*.
(Castro, L., Humprecht, E., Engesser, S., Brüggemann, M., Büchel, F.)
International Journal of Communication. [Link](#)
IF (2017, Web of Science): 1.128; 5-year IF: 1.388; Q3, 50/84 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 80
17. 2016 *Building Empirical Typologies with QCA: Towards a Classification of Media Systems*.
(Büchel, F., Humprecht, E., Castro, L., Engesser, S., with Brüggemann, M.)
International Journal of Press/Politics. [Link](#)
IF (2016, Web of Science): 1.523; 5-year IF: 2.870; Q2, 59/165 Political Science; Q2, 24/70 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 63

18. 2016 *Parties, Ideology, and News Media in Central- Eastern and Western Europe: A Comparison of Media Bias 20 Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain.*
(Castro, L., Hopmann, D.N., Engesser, S.)
East European Politics and Societies. [Link](#)
IF (2016, Web of Science): 0.400; 5-year IF: 0.585; Q3, 48/69 Area Studies; Q4, 135/165 Political Science
Citations (Google scholar): 15
19. 2014 *Hallin and Mancini Revisited: Four Empirical Types of Western Media Systems.*
(Brüggemann, M., Engesser, S., Büchel, F., Humprecht, E., Castro, L.)
Journal of Communication. [Link](#)
IF (2014, Web of Science): 3.748, 5-year IF: 4.197, Q1, 3/79 Communication
Citations (Google scholar): 454

5.2 Book Chapters (selected)

Content analysis in mixed method approaches

(Castro, L., Gessler, T., Majo-Vazquez, S)

chapter in edited volume *Content analysis in mixed method approaches Standardisierte Inhaltsanalyse in der Kommunikationswissenschaft-Standardized Content Analysis in Communication Research.* Springer. (Oehmer-Pedrazzi, F.; Kessler, S. H.; Humprecht, E.; Sommer, K.; Castro, L.) (eds.). [Link](#)

Challenges and Prospects of Public Service Broadcasting in the Western Balkans

(Castro, L., Jusik, T., Marko, D & Puppis, M.)

chapter in book published at Central European University Press (Jusik, T.,Puppis, M., Castro, L. & Marko, D.) (eds.). [Link](#)

Divided we trust? The effects of polarization on rally-around-the-flag effects during the Covid-19 crisis

(Ana Cardenal, Laia Castro-Herrero, Christian Schemer, Jesper Strömbäck, Agnieszka Stepinska, Claes De Vreese & Peter Van Aelst)

chapter in book *Political Communication in the Time of Coronavirus* (Peter Van Aelst and Jay Blumler (Eds.), Routledge. [Link](#)

5.3 Edited Volumes

- 2023 *Standardisierte Inhaltsanalyse in der Kommunikationswissenschaft-Standardized Content Analysis in Communication Research: Ein Handbuch-a Handbook*
(Oehmer-Pedrazzi, F.; Kessler, S. H.; Humprecht, E.; Sommer, K.; Castro) (eds.)
Springer [Link](#)
- 2021 *Up in the Air? The Future of Public Service Broadcasting in the Western Balkans*
(Jusik, T.,Puppis, M., Castro, L. & Marko, D.) (eds.)
Central European University Press. [Link](#)

5.4 Other Publications

- 2021 *Negative campaigning (Election Campaigning Communication)*
(Steppat, D., & Castro Herrero, L.)
DOCA-Database of Variables for Content Analysis. [Link](#)
- 2021 *Interaction (Election Campaigning Communication)*
(Steppat, D., & Castro Herrero, L.)
DOCA-Database of Variables for Content Analysis. [Link](#)
- 2021 *Correlational linkage analyses*
(Castro Herrero, L., Majo-Vazquez & S., Gessler, T.)
DOCA-Database of Variables for Content Analysis. [Link](#)
- 2021 *First-order linkage analyses*
(Castro Herrero, L., Majo-Vazquez & S., Gessler, T.)
DOCA-Database of Variables for Content Analysis. [Link](#)

6 Transfer

- 2021 "What's the healthiest news diet? Probably traditional media, but don't gorge yourself: Too much can leave you less informed" May 17, 2021. *Niemanlab*. [Link](#)
- 2021 "L'intelligenza artificiale salvera il giornalismo dalla "grande abbuffata"" May 27, 2021. *La Repubblica*. [Link](#)
- 2021 "Perche e il momento dei content hub" May 23, 2021. *La Stampa*. [Link](#)
- 2021 Castro, Laia and Ana Cardenal "Ha aumentado la COVID-19 la confianza en los gobiernos?" February 7, 2021. *Agenda Publica*. [Link](#)
- 2020 Castro, Laia "Escuchar al adversario en tiempos de coronavirus" May 8, 2020. *Agenda Publica*. [Link](#)

6.1 Projects (selected)

2022 -	Co-PI From Uncivil Disagreement to Political Unrest? A cross-platform & cross-national analysis of the offline consequences of online incivility Project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (587,432 CHF) Team: Frank Esser, Laia Castro, Lilach Nir, Michael Amsler
2019 -	Assistant Coordinator Project on news media use and political attitudes in different political information environments (Comparative two-wave survey study in 16 countries) Network of European Political Communication Scholars (NEPOCS) (160,000€) PIs: Claes de Vreese and Frank Esser
2017	Research Associate Project "Catmón. The International News Coverage of the Independence of Catalonia" University Pompeu Fabra (UPF) Research project funded by University Pompeu Fabra and the autonomous Government of Catalunya (15,548€) PI: Carles Pont
2014 - 2017	Research Associate Project "The prospect and development of public service media: Comparative study of PSB development in Western Balkans in light of EU integration" University of Fribourg and Analitika Research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) (103,000€) PIs: Manuel Puppis and Tarik Jusic
2013	Project assistant Project "Framing Climate Change" Research project funded by the University of Zurich PIs: Michael Brüggeman and Sven Engesser
2012 - 2016	Communications Manager Social Innovation on Active and Healthy Ageing (SIforAge) Research project funded by EU Comission FP7 Programme (3,484,788€). PIs: Antoni Font and Elena Urdaneta

7 Conferences, Colloquiums and Invited Talks

08/2023 Is it anger or thirst for knowledge? How online incivility impacts political participation
ECREA Polcomm 2023, Berlin, Germany (Laia Castro; Yuan Zhang; Jihye Park; Frank Esser;
Pamina Syed Ali; Michael Amsler)

05/2022 How Healthy Political Discussions Invigorate Online Participation: Evidence From 17
European Countries
ICA 2022, Paris, France (Laia Castro; Yannis Theocharis; Agnieszka M. Stepinska; David Nicolas
Hopmann; Christian Schemer; Nicoleta Corbu; Jorg Matthes; Karolina Koc-Michalska; Toril
Aalberg; Ana S. Cardenal; Claes d. Vreese; Frank Esser; Tamir Sheafer; Sergio Splendore; James
Stanyer; Jesper Stromback; Vaclav Stetka; Peter V. Aelst)

05/2022 Media Systems in the Digital Age: An Empirical Comparison of 30 Countries
ICA 2022, Paris, France (Edda Humprecht; Laia Castro; Sina Blassnig; Michael Brueggemann;
Sven Engesser)

05/2022 The Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak on Selective Exposure: Evidence From 17
Countries
ICA 2022, Paris, France (Alon Zoizner; Tamir Sheafer; Laia Castro; Toril Aalberg; Ana S.
Cardenal; Nicoleta Corbu; Claes d. Vreese; Frank Esser; David Nicolas Hopmann; Karolina
Koc-Michalska; Jorg Matthes; Christian Schemer; Sergio Splendore; James Stanyer; Agnieszka M.
Stepinska; Vaclav Stetka; Jesper Stromback; Yannis Theocharis; Peter V. Aelst)

05/2022 Do People Ever Learn From Social Media? A Cross-National and Cross-Temporal
Analysis of Social Media Use on Political Knowledge
ICA 2022, Paris, France (Peter V. Aelst; Patrick van Erkel; Laia Castro; Jesper Stromback;
James Stanyer; Toril Aalberg; Karolina Koc-Michalska; Frank Esser)

10/2021 The More We Choose, the Less We Learn? The Impact of Media Polarization and
Fragmentation on Political Knowledge in Five Countries
ECREA 2021, Prague, Portugal (with Steppat D., Esser F., Gross, K.)

05/2021 Exploring Perceptual Gaps in Alternative News Media Use in Different Political
Information Environments. A Comparative Study of News Users in Five Countries
ICA 2021, Virtual conference (Steppat D., Castro, L., Esser F.)

05/2021 Don't blame the media! The role of politicians and parties in fragmenting the online
public debate
ICA 2021, Virtual conference (Raphael Heiberger, Silvia Majo-Vazquez, Laia Castro, Rasmus
Kleis Nielsen, Frank Esser)

05/2021 Does a crisis change news habits? A comparative study of the effects of COVID-19 on
news media use in 17 European countries
ICA 2021, Virtual conference (Peter van Aelst, Fanni Toth, Laia Castro, Vaclav Stetka, Claes de
Vreese, Frank Esser, Laia Castro, Toril Aalberg, Nicoleta Corbu, David Nicolas Hopmann,
Karolina Koc-Michalska, Jorg Matthes, Christian Schemer, Tamir Sheafer, Sergio Splendore,
James Stanyer, Agnieszka Stepinska, Jesper Stromback, Yannis Theocharis)

05/2021 The Anatomy of European Political Information Environments
ICA 2021, Virtual conference (with Jesper Stromback, Frank Esser, Claes de Vreese, Peter Van
Aelst, Toril Aalberg, Ana Sofia Cardenal, Nicoleta Corbu, David Nicolas Hopmann, Karolina
Koc-Michalska, Jorg Matthes, Christian Schemer, Tamir Sheafer, Sergio Splendore, James
Stanyer, Agnieszka Stepinska, Vaclav Stetka, Yannis Theocharis)

05/2021 How civil political discussions invigorate online participation: Evidence from 17 EU
countries
ICA 2021, Virtual conference (with Yannis Theocharis, Agnieszka Stepinska, Aalberg, T.,
Cardenal, A., Corbu, N., de Vreese, C., Esser, F., Hopmann, D.N., Koc-Michalska, K., Matthes,

J., Schemer C., Sheaffer, T., Splendore, S., Stanyer, J., Strömbäck, J., Stetka,V., Van Aelst,P.)

05/2021 The More We Choose, the Less We Learn? The Impact of Media Polarization and Fragmentation on Political Knowledge in Five Countries

ICA 2021, Virtual conference (with Steppat D., Esser F., Gross, K.)

09/2020 The Anatomy of European Political Information Environments

IJPP virtual conference 2020 (with Aalberg, T., Cardenal, A., Corbu, N., de Vreese, C., Esser, F., Hopmann, D.N., Koc-Michalska, K., Matthes, J., Schemer C., Sheaffer, T., Splendore, S., Stanyer, J., Stepinska, A., Strömbäck, J., Stetka,V., Theocharis, Y., Van Aelst,P.)

09/2020 Don't blame the media! The role of politicians and parties in fragmenting the online public debate

IJPP virtual conference 2020 (with Heiberger R., Majo-Vazquez S., Nielsen R. K., Congosto M., Esser F.)

06/2020 The more we choose, the less we learn? The impact of media polarization and fragmentation on political knowledge in five countries

EPSA 2020, Prague, CZ (with Steppat D., Esser F., Gross, K.)

05/2020 Selective Exposure in Different Political Information Environments: How Media Polarization and Fragmentation Shape Congruent News Exposure

ICA 2020 virtual conference (with Steppat D., Esser F.). Winner of the Best Student Paper Award for the Political Communication Division

08/2019 A Three-country Analysis of Online Political Fragmentation Using Topic Modelling

APSA 2019, Washington, USA (with Heiberger R., Majo-Vazquez S., Nielsen R. K., Congosto M., Esser F.)

08/2019 Empowering or Alienating News? News Use and Political Efficacy and Trust across 5 Decades

APSA 2019, Washington, USA (with Esser F., Nir L.)

07/2019 Individual Partisanship and Response to Corrections: Evidence from a Cross-National Experiment

Research seminar, Department of Political Science, Constitutional Law and Philosophy, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain (with Andrew Guess)

07/2019 Political Fragmentation in the Digital Domain: Evidence from a Structural Topic Modelling Approach in France, Germany and the UK

EPSA 2019, Belfast, UK (with Heiberger R., Majo-Vazquez S., Nielsen R. K., Congosto M., Esser F.)

07/2019 Political Fragmentation in the Digital Domain: Evidence from a Structural Topic Modelling Approach in France, Germany and the UK

EPSA 2019, Belfast, UK (with Heiberger R., Majo-Vazquez S., Nielsen R. K., Congosto M., Esser F.)

05/2019 Political Power Sharing and Cross-Cutting Media Exposure: A Comparison between Italy, Mexico and Spain

ICA 2019, Washington, USA (with Nir, L.)

11/2018 The Impact of Cross-Cutting Exposure on Turnout in Referendums and General Elections

ECREA Conference, 2018, Lugano, Switzerland. (with Hopmann, D, Knudsen, E., Steppat, D.)

05/2018 The Spillover Effect of Interpersonal Discussions on Media Bias Perceptions

ICA 2018, Prague, Czech Republic (with Hopmann, D, Nir, L.)

11/2017 Social Networks and Hostile Media Bias Perceptions
 ECREA 2017 Political Communication Interim Conference, Zurich, Switzerland (with Hopmann, D, Nir, L.)

05/2017 Bridging Gaps in Cross-Cutting Media Exposure: The Role of Public Service Broadcasting
 ICA 2017 Conference, San Diego, USA (with Nir, L., Skovsgaard, M.). Winner of the Best Paper Award for the Political Communication Division

05/2017 The Contribution of the Media to Cross-Cutting Exposure: A Comparison Between Italy, Mexico and Spain
 ICA 2017 PhD Pre-conference from the Political Communication Division, San Diego, USA

11/2016 Between Legacies of the Past and Imperatives of the Future: Evaluating PSM's Democratic Functioning in Central and South Eastern Europe
 ECREA 2016 Conference, Prague, Czech Republic (with Puppis, M., Marko, D., Jusic, T.)

06/2016 Rethinking Hallin and Mancini Beyond the West: An Analysis of Media Systems in Central and Eastern Europe
 ICA 2016 Conference, Fukuoka, Japan (with Brüggemann, M., Engesser, S., Büchel, F., Humprecht, E.)

06/2016 Regulating public service media in a changing media ecology: A comparative analysis of 18 media systems
 ICA 2016 Conference, Fukuoka, Japan (with Puppis, M., Schweizer, C.)

08/2015 Rethinking Hallin and Mancini 2004 Beyond the West: A Test of their Dimensions of Media Systems in Central and Eastern Europe
 ECREA Political Communication 2015 Conference, Odense, Denmark
 (with Brüggemann, M., Engesser, S., Büchel, F., Humprecht, E.)

07/2015 Uncovering the Nature of Media Bias: The Role of Media Structures
 IAMCR 2015 Conference, Montreal, Canada. (with Puppis, M.)

05/2015 Building Empirical Typologies With QCA: Towards a Classification of Media Systems
 ICA 2015 Conference, San Juan de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico (with Büchel, F., Humprecht, E. , Engesser, S., with Brüggemann, M.)

04/2015 La Recerca en Comunicació Política a Suïssa
 Taula de Nova Recerca DCM, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona, Spain

03/2015 How to Identify Partisan Media Bias in News
 SGKM 2015 Conference, Bern, Switzerland

02/2015 Separating the Wheat from the Chaff: A Measure of Partisan Media Bias in 24 EU Countries
 Re-Inventing Journalism Conference, ZHAW, Winterthur, Switzerland

01/2015 Partidos, Medios y Democracia: Los Efectos del Partidismo de Medios en el Voto
 DCM, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Bellaterra, Spain

12/2014 A New Measure of Partisan Media Bias
 Research Colloquium of the International and Comparative Media Research Division, IPMZ, University of Zurich, Switzerland

12/2014 How to Find Partisan Media Bias in News Coverage
 Centre for Journalism, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

11/2014 Some Disagreement is Engaging: An Analysis of Cross-cutting News Exposure and Turnout
ECREA 2014 Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (with Hopmann, D.N.)

05/2014 When the Media Make a Difference: A Cross-National Analysis of Exposure to Cross-Cutting News and Turnout
ICA 2014 Conference, Seattle, USA. (with Hopmann, D.N.)

04/2014 Media Crisis and Media Bias: Uncovering the Nature of Biased Coverage in Current Media Environments
SGKM 2014 Conference, Zurich, Switzerland (With Puppis, M.)

06/2013 Parties, Ideology, and News Media in Central-Eastern and Western Europe
ICA 2013 Conference, London, UK (with Hopmann, D.N., Engesser, S.)

05/2013 Parties, Ideology, and News Media in Central-Eastern and Western Europe
21. Tagung junger Osteuropa-Experten, Berlin, Germany (with Hopmann, D.N., Engesser, S.)

12/2012 News Media Bias in Central and Eastern Europe
Doktoranden-Kolloquium des Gastprofessor
Institut für Publizistikwissenschaft und Medienforschung, University of Zurich

8 Teaching

1. Spring semester 2022-2023 Lecture "Ciència Política II" (BA Degree, University of Barcelona)
2. Spring semester 2022-2023 Lecture "Parties and party systems" (BA Degree, University of Barcelona)
3. Spring semester 2022-2023 Lecture "Partidos y sistemas de partidos" (BA Degree, University of Barcelona)
4. Fall semester 2022-2023 Lecture "Comunicació Estratègica" (MA Degree, University of Barcelona)
5. Fall semester 2022-2023 Lecture "TICs y procesos políticos" (MA Degree, University of Barcelona)
6. Fall semester 2021 Lecture "Anàlisi d'Audiències" (BA Degree, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya)
7. Fall semester 2020 Research seminar "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose? Political communication in multi-platform media environments" (BA Degree, University of Zurich)
8. Spring semester 2020 Seminar "Comparative Political Communication Research" (BA Degree, University of Zurich)
9. Fall semester 2019 Seminar "Studying Political Communication and Public Opinion in the Digital Age" (BA Degree, University of Zurich)
10. Spring semester 2019 Seminar "Medien, Politik und öffentliche Meinung" (BA Degree, University of Zurich)
11. Spring semester 2018 Seminar with Prof. Frank Esser "Internationale Mediensysteme - Aktuelle Trends" (BA Degree, University of Zurich)
12. Spring semester 2018 Research seminar with Dr. Edda Humprecht & Ben Bretwurst "Fake News, Bots and Trolls: Politische Kommunikation im Netz" (Master Degree, University of Zurich)
13. Fall semester 2017 Vorlesung with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Comparing Media Landscapes" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
14. Spring semester 2017 Seminar with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Media Industries: Between Culture and Commerce" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
15. Fall semester 2016 Vorlesung with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Comparing Media Landscapes" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
16. Spring semester 2016 Seminar with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Journalism in the 21st Century: Chronicle of a Death Foretold?" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
17. Fall semester 2015 Vorlesung with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Comparing Media Landscapes" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
18. Spring semester 2015 Vorlesung with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Media Systems and Media Structures" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
19. Fall semester 2014 Seminar with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Mr. Gates Isn't Calling the Shots Anymore: The Influence of News Organizations and Routines on Journalism" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
20. Spring semester 2014 Vorlesung with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Media Systems and Media Structures" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)
21. Fall semester 2013 Seminar with Prof. Manuel Puppis "Media Crisis - Policy Solutions?" (Master Degree, University of Fribourg)

9 Training Courses & Workshops

June 2021 Workshop "Methods for Communication and Journalism Studies" (Prepared for faculty at Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona).

Spring semester 2021 Research seminar to prepare BA theses, University of Zurich.

10 PhD supervision

Yuan Zhang, PhD candidate at SNF-funded project online incivility, University of Zurich, 2023
Pamina Syed Ali, PhD candidate at SNF-funded project online incivility, University of Zurich, 2023

11 MA advising

Carmen Bauer, MA thesis, successfully defended, University of Zurich, 2022
Florencia Olivares, MA thesis, successfully defended, University of Barcelona, 2023

12 Grants, Awards and Research Merits

2023	R3 (Established researcher) Accreditation, Agència Estatal de Investigació
2023	Tenure Track Associate Professor (Professor Agregat) Accreditation, Agència per la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya (AQU), Generalitat de Catalunya
2021	Top Faculty Paper Award, ICA Political Communication Division, Virtual conference, 2021 (with Aalberg, T., Cardenal, A., Corbu, N., de Vreese, C., Esser, F., Hopmann, D.N., Koc-Michalska, K., Matthes, J., Schemer C., Sheaffer, T., Splendore, S., Stanyer, J., Stepinska, A., Strömbäck, J., Stetka, V., Theocharis, Y., Van Aelst, P.)
2021	Top Method Paper Award, Communication Theory and Methodology Division, (virtual) AEJMC annual convention (with: Matthes, Jorg, Nicoleta Corbu, Soyeon Jin, Yannis Theocharis, Christian Schemer, Karolina Koc-Michalska, Peter van Aelst, Toril Aalberg, Ana Cardenal, Laia Castro, Claes de Vreese, David Hopmann, Tamir Sheaffer, Sergio Splendore, James Stanyer, Agnieszka Stepinska, Jesper Strömbäck & Vaclav Stetka)
2020	Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Fellowship (international mobility postdoctoral programme, co-funded by the European Commission under the Marie Curie COFUND action (144,300€) (declined)
2020	Juan de la Cierva Postdoctoral Fellowship (Juan de la Cierva-Incorporación). Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain (87,000€) (declined)
2020	Tenure Track Lecturer (Lector) Accreditation, Agència per la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya (AQU), Generalitat de Catalunya
2020	Top Student Paper Award, ICA Political Communication Division, Virtual conference, 2020 (with Desiree Steppat (lead author) & Frank Esser)
2019	GRC-University of Zurich grant for a research stay at George Washington University (1,800€)
2018	Prix Vigener for the best dissertation in the Social Sciences, Fribourg, 2018 (1,500€)
2017	Top Paper Award, ICA Political Communication Division, San Diego, 2017 (with Lilach Nir & Morten Skovsgaard)
2014 - 2017	NCCR Doctoral grant of the Doctoral Program Democracy Studies - NCCR (5,600€)
2016	Jean Nordmann Foundation grant for a research stay at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2,700€)
2013	3-year PhD grant at the Center for Journalism - University of Southern Denmark (declined)
2013 - 2014	Travel grants of the International Communication Association and the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Science (6,000€)

13 Technical Skills

Advanced user of R, STATA, SPSS, WinEdt/Overleaf, Mplus (frequent user of R, STATA, SPSS, Overleaf; occasional user of Mplus)

Basic understanding of Gephi, SAP and HTML programming

14 Additional Training and Summer Schools

Experiments in the Study of Public Opinion

University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Introduction to Webscraping

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Social Media Research/Big Data

University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Introduction to R

University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Workshop on R statistical software

University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Workshop on SNA

University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Mediation and Moderation

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Doing Social and Political Research in the Digital Age

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands - University of Zurich, Switzerland

Swiss Summer School Democracy Studies

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Multilevel Modelling

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Structural Equation Modelling with Mplus

University of Essex, UK

Multilevel Analysis for the Social Sciences

University of Oxford, UK

Project Management for Research

UZH – University of Zurich, Switzerland

Introduction to STATA

UZH – University of Zurich, Switzerland

American Popular Culture

University of California, Berkeley, US

Advertising America

University of California, Berkeley, US

15 Academic Service

15.1 Activities and Memberships

Chair of the 2021 ECREA panel "Trust in Media and Communication: Antecedents and Consequences"

Chair of the 2021 ICA panel "Social Media, Knowledge and Participation: The Role of Incidental Exposure and Media Environment"

2015-2017 Founding member of the female peer-mentoring group Women in Democracy Studies (WIDE) at the NCCR

2013-2014 Representative of the researchers of the Department of Mass Media and Communication Research at University of Fribourg in the departmental council

2013-present Discussant at multiple Doctoral and MA Colloquia at the Departments of Communication & Media Research University of Zurich - University of Fribourg

Organizer "Applying for a Job in Academia", Workshop at University of Zurich (August 21, 2017)

Co-organizer "Doing Social and Political Research in the Digital Age", Workshop at University of Zurich (November 5-6, 2015)

Member of ICA, ECREA and SGKM

15.2 Referee Work

Reviewer for Nature Human Behaviour, the Journal of Politics, Political Communication, the International Journal of Press/Politics, the International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Electoral Studies, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, Digital Journalism, Journalism, the International Journal of Communication, Mass Communication & Society, Social Media & Society, Media and Communication, South European Society and Politics, Studies in Communication Sciences, the Political Communication and Journalism Sections of ICA, and for ECREA and SGKM. Reviewer for the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences.

16 Academic References

Available upon request