Paula Montano

PhD researcher

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Current Position

PhD Researcher *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** *09/2021 - present*
- Dissertation: Assessing Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union and European Parliament.

- Supervision: Assoc.-Prof. James P. Cross, School of Politics and International Relations

Research Assistant *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** *01/2022 - present*
Projects: Irish Polling Indicator Project - Irish Politics Data with Dr. Stefan Müller

- Collect demographic data on Irish public opinion to estimate support for parties in Ireland, sources: Sunday Times, Behaviour & Attitudes and RedC polls.

- Collect the most important issues in Ireland, source: Ireland Thinks Polls by Kevin Cunningham.

- Clean and combine into a text corpus party manifestos in Ireland for Local and European Parliament elections. (some manifestos were shared by Michael Pidgeon: `https://pidgeon.ie/`)

Education

MSc International Development *University College Dublin* *2019-2020*
Dissertation: How economic satisfaction modifies the effect of levels of education on attitudes towards integration.
Relevant Courses: Intro to Statistics, Data Visualization in R & Research Methods in Political Science
BA International Bussiness and Foreign Affairs *Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador* *2011-2016*
Dissertation: The Role of Ecuador in the South-American Integration: UNASUR case. Relevant Courses: Mathematics, Political Science theory, Finance, Accounting I and II.

Work in Progress

Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union *(with James P. Cross and Yen-Chieh Liao).*

Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics Motivators in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis *(Paula Montano).*

Language a Hallmark of Emergency Politics: Mapping the Emergency Language in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis *(Paula Montano).*

Research Grants & Scholarships

Total Value of Grants: **€80,859**

- Vera E. Troeger Scholarship for Women in Political Methodology. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (05/2024) - **€1,409 (£1,200)**

- Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD (05/2024) - **€750**

- PEC Travel Grant Political Studies Association of Ireland (10/2023) - **€800**

- Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD (08/2023) - **€600**

- Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD (07/2022) - **€300**

- Iseult Honohan Doctoral Scholarship (09/2021- 07/2025) - **€77,000**

Datasets & Code

- **Irish Local and EP Election Manifestos** *(Contributors: Artur Baranov, Paula Montano, Michael Pidgeon, Maintainer: Stefan Müller, 2024)* Link: `https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/manifestoexplorer/`

- **Irish Demographic Polling Datasets** *(Müller, Pluck, and Montano, 2024)* Link: `https://github.com/Irish-Dem-Pollin` `datasets`

- **flaiR, R wrapper to access flaiR NLP library for R users.** *(Contributors: David Yen Liao and Paula Montano, 2024)* Link: `https://davidycliao.github.io/flaiR/`

Conferences & Workshops

American Political Science Association *09/2024*
- Featured paper: *Grandstanding in the EU? Elites crisis communication under the spotlight.*

European Political Science Association *07/2024*
- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.*

- Featured paper: Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.

Standing Group in the EU Conference, ECPR *06/2024*
- Featured paper: Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.

COMPTEXT *05/2024*
- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.*

Discourse in the Data PhD Workshop, Duitslaand Instituut Amsterdam *04/2024*
- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union*

Political Studies Association of Ireland *2022, 2023*
- Featured paper: *Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.*

PhD Workshop, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD *2022, 2023*
- Working paper: *Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.*

- *PhD project research design.*

Teaching

University College Dublin: Undergraduate level (Head Tutor / Teaching Assistant)......................................

POL20050: Research Methods in Political Science *Spring 2022/2023/2024*
- *Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning the DeclareDesign package in R for experimental research.*

- *Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning research methods with R and for data analysis.*

- *Conducted tutorials for learning research methods with STATA.*

POL20010: Individuals and the State: The idea of Freedom in the History of Political Thought *Autumn 2023*
- *Prepared guidelines for using generative AI tools for enhancing writing assignments. (with Dr. James P. Cross)*

INRL20160: Introduction to EU Politics *Autumn 2022*
- *Conducted a lecture on 'Writing Skills and Peer Review Process'.*

- *Review and provide feedback on blog posts on EU Politics.*

INRL10010: Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations *Autumn 2021/2022*
- *Prepared interactive and engaging tutorials for discussing political theory and international relations content.*

Academic Service

PhD Representative, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD *07/2023 – present*
Co-organiser, COMPTEXT Conference (Hosted by UCD) *05/2022*
Committee Member Diversity & Inclusion for Ad Astra Applicant Pool, UCD *01/2022*
Conference Support, PSAI Conference (Hosted by UCD) *10/2021*

Training & Summer Schools

Essex Summer School Social Science Data *University of Essex* *08/2024*
Oxford LLMs A Workshop for Social Science Researchers *University of Oxford* *09/2023*
Summer School for Women in Political Methodology (Fellowship) *University of Basel* *07/2023*
Intro to Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis *University of Essex* *07/2022*

Quantitative Skills

- **Programming languages:** R, Python, Git, GitHub, LaTeX

- **Natural Language Processing:** Embeddings (GloVe, Text2Vec), Scaling Methods, Machine Learning, Large Language Models (LLMs)

Languages

Spanish (native) - English (CEFR: C1) - French (CEFR: B1) - German (CEFR: A2)

Academic References

Dr. James P. Cross   *Associate Professor University College Dublin*

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