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#### Título:

Human geography and political ecology

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a human geographer and a political ecologist. My research is interdisciplinary and focuses on various aspects related to the uneven production of nature and space within and beyond cities with an emphasis on social-environmental conflicts in the era that followed the 2008 financial crash. It is guided by critical research on human geography and political ecology on the neoliberalisation of nature and space, uneven geographical development, social-environmental conflicts and movements, environmental markets, green and ungreen grabbing, austerity politics, infrastructure, housing and communities, (planetary) urbanisation, social, spatial and environmental inequality and justice, and grassroots activism. In particular, in my PhD, obtained in 2009 from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, I focused on the conflicts between conservation and urban development and the role of large-scale infrastructure (Olympic Games 2004) for social-environmental justice. After my PhD, I conducted research on the role of scale in biodiversity policy and governance supported by SCALES Project (FP7-ENV-2008-2) leading a large-scale comparative research on the neoliberalisation of conservation with a focus on the post-2008 era. In 2013, I was awarded an Individual Marie Curie Fellowship (Host: Department of Geography, University of Cambridge; Scientist-in-charge: Prof. Bill Adams) to explore biodiversity offsetting in the UK. By drawing on extensive fieldwork across England, I brought forward a radical retheorisation of offsetting as a process that enables and facilitates the reordering of landscapes according to the patterns of economic (urban) development, reinforcing a socially and geographically uneven production of nature and space. This work consolidated my expertise on critical geographies of the post-crisis production of nature and space and led to my monograph on offsetting published in 2020 by Springer-Palgrave, and supported by a Rachel Carson Writing Fellowship. From 2016 to 2019, while being a Lecturer in Human Geography in Oxford and then in Cambridge, I have done extensive comparative research on social-environmental conflicts in post-crisis Europe with an emphasis on Greece, Spain and the UK. This work has been supported by a British Academy Grant and a Geoforum/Elsevier Grant that allowed me to organise the Rights to Nature Conference that led to the publication of an edited volume entitled The Right to Nature by Routledge. The conference, the grant and the book signalled a sustained collaboration with numerous scholars from across the Global South and North on linking struggles for the right to nature, a term coined by me, with struggles for the right to the city (from community gardening to anti-mining struggles), a work further supported by a grant from the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI). Currently, I am continuing my research on social-environmental movements and conflicts supported by both the HFRI and a Royal Geographical Grant focused on energy justice. I am also conducting cutting-edge research on a new and exciting area, namely on tracing the links between infrastructure-led development, urban transformation and inequality in China's Belt and Road Initiative, supported by a Global Sustainability Research Grant and a Cambridge Humanities Grant including case studies from across the Global South and North.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am a Senior Research Fellow in the University of Cambridge and the recipient of a prestigious Global Sustainability Fellowship on China's Belt and Road Initiative. I am also the PI of two more grants: one from Royal Geographical Society and one from the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation focusing on social-environmental movements across Europe. In parallel, since October 2020, I am a Visiting Lecturer in Hellenic Open University (ranked 1st in the list of successful candidates). I have been a Lecturer in Human Geography at the Department of Geography at the University of Cambridge (2017-2019) and the Department of Geography and Environment at the University of Oxford (2016-2017), the 3rd & 1st top Departments of Geography globally (QS rankings). During 2017, I was an academic visitor at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, as one of the recipients of the prestigious Rachel Carson Fellowship conducting research on offsetting, urbanisation and social justice. In 2015, I was a visiting academic at the Centre for Place, Culture and Politics at City University of New York. From 2012 to 2016, I have been a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Geography at the University of Cambridge: from 2014 to 2016, a Marie Curie Fellow (recipient of an Individual Intra-European Fellowship, score: 95.1/100 the 1st and only time I applied) and from 2012-2013 a post-doctoral researcher. From 2014 until today, I have been a Fellow of distinguished colleges of the University of Cambridge (Churchill College; Trinity College) and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. To date, I have published 34 peer-reviewed papers, 23 of these in Q1 journals. In 18 of these I am the first author, in 8 the second author and in 7 the sole author. These include publications in leading international journals, such as Dialogues in Human Geography, Antipode, Geoforum, Urban Geography, Environment and Planning A and C, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, Biological Conservation, Journal of Environmental Management, Ecology & Society and Landscape & Urban Planning, and leading book publishers, including Springer and Routledge (1st & 3rd in PSI for Geography). I have given more than 30 invited lectures around the world, including talks at Cornell University, Autonomous University of Barcelona, City University of New York, University of Helsinki, Wageningen University, University of Manchester, Durham



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University, SOAS London, King's College London, Cayetano Heredia University of Peru, University of Canberra and Toronto. Beyond the individual Marie Curie and Carson Fellowships, over the last decade, my research has been consistently supported by fellowships of international excellence and competitive research grants, from Royal Geographical Society, British Academy, the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation, and Cambridge Arts Humanities and Social Sciences. In all these grants, I was the leading or the sole author of the proposals and the PI. I have also been actively involved in large-scale collaborative projects (FP7, H2020) and international research networks that, inter alia, include a long-term collaboration with academic institutions and scholars in Spain. Since 2020, I am one of the five members of the editorial board of *Dialogues in Human Geography* (IF: 10,231), the 2nd journal in the world in all fields of Geography.



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#### Título:

The political ecology of environmental conflicts and land use change

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I conduct my research in the social-environmental sciences, particularly in the interdisciplinary sub-fields of political ecology and ecological economics. My research line is called the political ecology of environmental conflicts and land-use change, in which I have specifically studied the interactions between societal resources and land uses, environmental conflicts, grassroots movements emerging out of such conflicts, and their implications for sustainability. Much of my research has focused specifically on land and forestry conflicts within the context of global land grabbing, i.e. the rise of large-scale land acquisitions. This is a highly interdisciplinary field that requires the integration of social dimensions, such as power dynamics, institutional and socio-economic aspects, as well as biophysical dimensions, such as processes of resource extraction, environmental degradation, and land-use change. It is also of high societal relevance, given that many grassroots movements involved in environmental conflicts (recently termed environmental and land defenders ) make key contributions to sustainability by opposing unsustainable and unjust resource uses; however, they face high levels of violence and repression.

In my research career, I have a proven track record that shows my commitment to the advancement of innovative interdisciplinary methods and theory in environmental conflicts research. I have substantially advanced the systematic study of environmental conflicts and movements as a research strand in sustainability science; I have played a leading role in the development of the global Atlas of Environmental Justice (EJAtlas), the world's largest and most renowned online database on environmental conflicts and mobilizations; and I have been among the pioneers in developing a comparative, statistical political ecology approach to environmental conflicts research. Furthermore, I have a strong record of publications that demonstrate my contributions to a better understanding of land conflicts caused by the global land-grab phenomenon, its interrelations with land-based climate change mitigation initiatives ( green grabbing ), and related implications for rural livelihoods and multidimensional poverty reduction.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am an environmental social scientist with an interdisciplinary background. During my graduate studies, I was trained in natural sciences (bachelors in ecology and biodiversity, Graz, Austria, 2007). During my post-graduate studies, I was increasingly interested in the social aspects of human-environment interactions (master's in social and human ecology, Vienna, 2009; Ph.D. in environmental science and technology, on the topic of global land grabbing, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), 2013). After completing my Ph.D. with cum laude and with an extraordinary doctoral award, I refined my research focus on the social dimensions of land-use change and environmental conflicts as a visiting scholar at Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic (2014), and as a postdoctoral researcher at the leading International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands (2015-2017). Furthermore, I have served as an academic consultant for Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University, China (2018) and SOAS London University, UK (2020). My current research line, pursued at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB), a Maria de Maeztu Unit of Excellence and a globally leading institution in environmental research, is called the political ecology of environmental conflicts and land-use change.

The high quality of my independent career is evidenced by the 22 articles I have published in JCR-indexed, international journals. 18 of my articles are in Q1 journals, and 13 signed as first or sole author in top journals. Since July 2020, I am an editor of the Q1 journal Sustainability Science (IF=5.301). For my post-graduate and post-doctoral academic work, I received 4 academic awards. I am a frequently consulted expert for numerous JCR journals (40 verified reviews), funding programs (e.g. ACRP climate research fund, Austria), and public reports (6th IPCC assessment report). I have been invited to give public guest lectures in 4 different universities across the US, China, Cambodia, and the Czech Republic.

I have a strong research experience and proven leadership and fund writing capacities. I won several grants, including 2 highly competitive personal Catalan Beatriu de Pinós research grants (together approx. 160.000 €), for which I wrote and executed my own research projects as Principal Investigator. I have been employed as a senior researcher in the ERC Advanced grant EnvJustice (1.9M €), where I have led and coordinated large research teams, and worked as a researcher in several EU projects (EU-FP7 EJOLT (4M €); EU-FP7 SMILE (1.5M €) and international research network grants (MOSAIC network (730K €), SESYNC grant (150K\$)). As a member of the Direction and Coordination group of the Global Environmental Justice Atlas, I have a leading role in the development of the largest global database on environmental conflicts. I currently supervise 3 Ph.D. theses and several Master theses. My plan for the next 5 years is to consolidate a strong and international research team on the political ecology of environmental conflicts and land-use change, with world-leading expertise in comparative, statistical political ecology.



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#### Título:

Improving public understanding of risks through better communications: Overcoming common misconceptions and biases

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

Effective risk communication is vital for improving public understanding of threats and for informing decisions about potential risk-reduction actions. Ineffective communications can promote harmful misunderstandings and undermine healthy choices. My research addresses these problems by examining (1) how risks and benefits of medical treatments, screenings, or lifestyles are conveyed to the public, (2) how people respond to commonly used risk communication formats (e.g., simple graphs), and (3) how to design communications that can reach diverse audiences and support better decisions.

After completing an MSc in Cognitive and Decision Sciences at University College London (UK) (2008) I joined the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Granada (Spain) as a predoctoral researcher. In my initial research I applied insights from the cognitive science of graph comprehension to improve the design of graphs presenting medical and health risks. During my PhD I spent 6 months at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (Germany) and 1 month at the Michigan Technological University (US). My PhD was partly supported by competitive research funding I obtained from the US Informed Medical Decisions Foundation.

I continued developing my research program at the Centre for Decision Research (University of Leeds, UK) as a Lecturer in Behavioral Decision Making (2013-2018) and subsequently as an Associate Professor with tenure (i.e., Senior Lecturer) (2018- present). In 2014 I obtained funding in a competitive grant call as a Principal Investigator from the Worldwide Universities Network to develop an international interdisciplinary network of experts to improve health risk communications through graphs, involving researchers across Europe (e.g., ETH Zurich, Switzerland) and the US (e.g., Wake Forest University, University of Oklahoma). In 2017 I obtained additional funding as a Principal Investigator from Cancer Research UK ( £216,061) to examine how to improve web-based communications about cancer screening using an interdisciplinary approach.

Besides the projects I have led, I have also collaborated on numerous international projects on health risk communication and decision making. Examples include an ongoing project funded by Breast Cancer Now examining how to maximize the acceptability of risk-stratified breast cancer screening (led by King's College London) and another ongoing project funded by the US National Institute on Aging examining how to help hypertension patients to interpret blood pressure readings (led by the University of Southern California). I recently also started broadening the scope of my work to important areas such as climate change communications, together with collaborators at the Stockholm University (Sweden), Utrecht University (Netherlands) and Heidelberg University (Germany).

In the last year I have contributed to different projects involving large international networks to help address the Covid-19 crisis through the social sciences, including a longitudinal cross-cultural study involving researchers from Japan, Taiwan, Spain, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, the US, and the UK. Moving forward I plan to continue leading my established interdisciplinary research program on risk communication to help overcome common misconceptions and ultimately improve people's wellbeing.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

Since I completed my PhD in 2013 at the University of Granada I have been working at the Centre for Decision Research at the University of Leeds (UK), initially as a Lecturer in Behavioral Decision Making (2013-2018) and subsequently as an Associate Professor with tenure (i.e., Senior Lecturer) (2018-present). My interdisciplinary research program has helped to advance understanding of how people respond to commonly used risk communication formats and how to design communications that can reach diverse audiences and support better decisions. My research outputs include 24 papers indexed in JCR, including 17 ranked in either the 1st or 2nd quartile. I am first author in 11 papers (one of which has been cited 120 times) and second author in 7 papers. My outputs also include 4 chapters in edited books, over 60 peer-reviewed contributions to conferences in 12 different countries and 23 invited talks for academics, practitioners, patients, and governmental agencies.

My work has been supported by 8 grants awarded through competitive schemes, including 3 as a Principal Investigator (e.g., a project funded by Cancer Research UK, £216,061). Overall, my grants and publications involve researchers from more than 25 different international institutions across the US, Australia, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK, from disciplines including psychology, sociology, economy, philosophy, epidemiology and environmental science. I have acted as a reviewer of grant applications



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(e.g., UK Economic and Social Research Council), 14 peer-reviewed journals, and submissions to international conferences, and currently serve as a Guest Editor of a special issue on biases in judgment and decision making with real life consequences. I have experience supervising PhD and Master s students from different international institutions and social science backgrounds, and have served in PhD examination committees.

I am committed to conducting high-quality, reproducible and transparent research, and I make my data and study materials publicly available, with 8 datasets published to date ([osf.io/tnrw9](https://osf.io/tnrw9)). I also regularly contribute to public engagement and outreach activities. For example, based on findings from my Cancer Research UK grant I advised Public Health England on the design of their new cervical cancer screening information leaflet, which is sent to over 14 million women across England. Additionally, I have ample experience teaching (including developing and managing undergraduate and postgraduate modules) and have received two teaching awards in recognition of excellence in teaching. Through my role as the president of the Society for the Advancement of Judgment and Decision Making Studies I have helped to bring together social scientists across different disciplines and increase the international visibility of research on judgment and decision making in Spain.



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#### Título:

Spaces and politics of domestic energy poverty

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a social environmental scientist conducting interdisciplinary research on the human, spatial and material dimensions of household energy and low-carbon transitions. A main focus of my past and present work is the examination of differences across space and time of the incidence of energy poverty. In light of the profound socio-spatial inequalities in structural factors driving lack of access and affordability to domestic energy services, my research interrogates the ways in which the deployment of low-carbon solutions that disregard pre-existing socio-economic and material inequalities may result in transitions deepening disparities or creating new energy-related vulnerabilities. Underpinning these efforts is the notion of domestic energy deprivation being a highly political issue that reflects power imbalances embedded in the infrastructural and institutional arrangements for energy and housing provision. In connection with those perspectives, my current work looks into insecure access to energy including supplier-enforced cut-offs, self-disconnections, informal, irregular or illegal connections, and dependence on pre-purchased forms of energy such as bottled gas or prepayment meters. These are all a highly political and under-researched aspect of deep energy poverty. Building on ongoing collaborations with civil society organizations in Spain and Hungary, I investigate the potential of collective action and social movements to transform individually experienced conditions of poverty and vulnerability.

My research has a regional focus in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Mediterranean with an explicit urban emphasis in the understanding of cities as central site of global de-carbonisation efforts where and inequalities and struggles over basic amenities such as energy and housing are especially salient. At a time when energy poverty issues were virtually unknown in the post-socialist states of the EU, I contributed to bring them up in research and policy agendas in the CEE region. My applied research work in Spain where I wrote and coordinated the first ever report on energy poverty indicators in 2012 has laid the groundwork for key conceptual and methodological challenges and provides substantial empirical evidence on the links between recession, austerity and domestic energy deprivation.

My 10 most relevant achievements include: 1. Leading-edge research on the spatial and temporal patterns of domestic energy deprivation in Europe; 2. Prominent contributions on the geographical dimensions of sustainable energy transitions; 3. Pioneering critical assessments of the politics and policies of energy poverty; 4. Leading research on energy poverty metrology and data politics; 5. Key insights on the societal impacts of climate and energy action; 6. Leader in an emerging generation of energy and society researchers in the EU; 7. One of the few social science academics based in Spain active in Central and Eastern Europe; 8. Renowned subject matter expert in Spain; 9. An outstanding 873,000 record in research funding through competitive calls and commissioned work; 10. Course leader, supervisor and guest lecturer at 9 institutions across Europe, Africa, America and Australia.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am a social environmental scientist conducting interdisciplinary research on the human, spatial and material dimensions of household energy and low-carbon transitions. My research interrogates inequalities in energy provision and low-carbon transitions and has a regional focus in Central and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and urban areas.

My current Research Fellow position at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ICTA-UAB) is self-funded through the Horizon 2020 project EmpowerMed ( Empowering women to take action against energy poverty in the Mediterranean ). From March 2018 to March 2020 I was a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at ICTA-UAB with the project TRANSFAIR ( Unfair transitions? A critical examination of low-carbon energy pathways in the EU from a domestic energy vulnerability perspective ).

Since 2017 I am co-lead of Working Group 3 ( Dialogues Co-producing emancipatory research and practice ) and Core Group Member of the COST Action European Energy Poverty: Agenda Co-Creation and Knowledge Innovation ( ENGAGER ) a network of over 250 energy poverty practitioners and researchers from 36 EU and neighboring countries.



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Prior to that, I have been affiliated to the Centre for Urban Research (CUR) of RMIT University in Melbourne and Barcelona (2015-2018); at the Human Geography discipline of the University of Manchester (2013-2015); and at the Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Policy (3CSEP) of Central European University in Budapest (2008-2013).

Throughout my academic career I have led or participated in more than 20 research projects and contracts. This activity has resulted in 58 publications and 53 oral and written contributions in international and national conferences (29 accepted abstracts or communications) and policy events (24 presentations as invited speaker). Among these are 13 articles in peer-reviewed, JCR-indexed journals of the geography, environment, economics, urban studies and energy fields, 8 of which are in upper quartile (Q1) journals and 5 are in the top decile (D1). My publications record also includes one book, 7 book chapters and 17 high-impact reports and policy documents. As of January 2021, my research has 569 citations (in 459 documents) in Scopus (h index = 11); 453 citations in Web of Science (h index = 11); and 1,782 citations in Google Scholar (h index = 22).

My work has advised the European Commission, the EU Energy Poverty Observatory, the European Climate Foundation, the Hungarian National Development Agency, the Barcelona City Council and Engineers without Borders. My research has been instrumental in the development of national energy poverty indicators by the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transitions (MITECO).

Since 2010 I have raised through individual or consortium-based proposals 873,000 in external research funding through competitive research calls or contracts for commissioned work. Around 73% of the total ( 591,000) corresponds to the 2016-2020 period and 74% ( 642,000) comes from Horizon 2020 calls





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#### Título:

Towards sustainable and healthy cities: Associations between the built environment and active travel

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a Human Geographer with special interest on active mobility and how the built environment shapes our daily travel behavior. I am currently a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Previous to that I held two other postdoctoral positions one at the Center of Geospatial Analytics, North Carolina State University (USA), and the other at the Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative at ISGlobal.

My research career has been funded by winning several competitive grants such as FPI (Ministerio de Ciencia y Innovación), a postdoctoral contract funded by the Robert Wood-Johnson Foundation and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, USA), a Juan de la Cierva-Formación fellowship (Ministerio de Ciencia y Innovación) and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships (European Commission). I am currently Principal Investigator of a European Project Marie Curie project (TUASPA) while also PI of a National R&D Plan project, and a project funded by the Ajuntament de Barcelona, together with two projects funded by the UAB and NCState University.

My main line of research deals with how environmental features shape human behavior. In particular, it examines the links between the built environment and active travel as a tool to build more sustainable and healthier cities. To this end I have conducted research in Spain, USA, Chile, Colombia as well as throughout the European Union (Belgium, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden and Poland), using a wide range of methods and models to understand mobility and socio-spatial determinants of travel behavior. I have been an early adopter in the use of smartphone and GPS tracking technologies to obtain high-accuracy mobility data, and my research has been heavily featured in the fields of transportation and spatial energetics, thanks to the novel pairing of GPS tracking with accelerometry and physical activity data.

My leadership in the field is demonstrated by the 40 publications in JCR-Indexed high-impact journals (20 as first author) and by my role as Principal Investigator in five different projects funded by national and international institutions. I have also presented my work at 33 international conferences and acted as invited reviewer for international R&D project calls for the CONACYT (Mexico) and CONICYT (Chile) as well as for international postdoctoral fellowship calls such as Banting Postdoctoral Scholarships (Canadian Institutes of Health Research).

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I have developed a solid international academic trajectory thanks to having conducted research while in the US, Denmark, Netherlands, and Chile. In 2015 I obtained my PhD in Geography (UAB) and afterward I completed a two-year postdoc at North Carolina State University and one year at ISGlobal. Working at the intersection between geography, transport, urban planning and public health fields, my line of research is focused on the associations between the built environment and travel behavior, and how urban planning can create healthy and clean environments for all. I am currently working at the Geography Department, UAB as a Marie Curie fellow, developing my own project on how personal time use constraints can mediate the relationship between the environment and physical activity.

Starting in 2014, my scientific production consists of 57 peer-reviewed academic publications, 40 of them in high ranked JCR journals. I have published 20 JCR-articles as a first author, 10 as a second author and 16 without my PhD supervisor. 23 of my JCR-publications have appeared in Q1 journals. Together with that I also have 8 publications in journals ranked within the top decile (top 10%) and 6 book chapters. To date, I accumulate 752 citations according to Google Scholar (403 Scopus) with an H index of 16 (12 Scopus) and an I10 index of 25. I have also presented my work in 33 international conferences been invited to a number of international events and successfully supervised 1 PhD (4 more in progress) and 7 Master Thesis (four more in progress). I have also been a member of one PhD tribunal, and multiple master thesis in Spain, the Netherlands and Mexico, and I also act as a reviewer of competitive research calls for Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología de México (CONACYT), Chile (CONICYT) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). I am also on the editorial board of the Journal of Healthy Eating and Active living, and I am a member of the board of the Colegio de Geógrafos de Cataluña, y la Asociación Profesional de Geógrafos de Cataluña.

As a researcher, I am acting as Principal Investigator on one European Horizon project (TUASPA), One project funded by the Plan Nacional de I+D Retos de la Sociedad (MICROMOV), one project funded by the Municipality of Barcelona (FMCMORE) and two projects funded by universities (NCState, UAB). I have also participated in 14 other International and national research projects, including four projects from the Plan Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas, three EU funded Projects and four projects funded by US institutions. The interdisciplinary character of my research has led me to publish in journals belonging to 13 different JCR-disciplinary fields, including Geography; Transportation; Environmental sciences; Urban studies; and Women's studies. In turn, I have presented my research in international





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conferences organized by transportation, urban planning and health professionals, such as the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers or the Active Living Research Conference, helping bridge the discipline gap and putting in contact professionals from diverse backgrounds.

I have also collaborated as an expert with several public institutions and boards in knowledge transfer activities. Among them, Ministerio de Conocimiento y Talento Humano (Gobierno de Ecuador), the Diputació de Barcelona, Autoritat del Transport Metropolità, or Generalitat de Catalunya.



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#### Título:

Attitudes towards democracy: tradeoffs, challenges and methodological innovations

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I hold a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute. After completing my PhD, I joined the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) political science department as a postdoctoral researcher. Since 2020 I am a Juan de la Cierva (incorporación) fellow at the Democracy, Elections and Citizenship research group at the UAB. I have also been a visiting fellow at the University of Zurich, the Universidad Carlos III, and the University of Lisbon.

My scholarly work lies at the intersection of comparative politics and political behavior, with a special focus on the study of political attitudes and democracy. In particular, my research agenda concentrates on: (i) attitudes towards democracy; (ii) some of the key challenges faced by European democracies such as corruption, economic crises or polarization; (iii) methodological innovations in the study of political attitudes. My use and development of state-of-the-art methods to relate some of the most pressing challenges faced by European democracies to citizens' attitudes towards their political systems has allowed me to build a solid reputation as an independent and highly innovative researcher. Since 2016 I have published ten articles and five book chapters on these topics in flagship journals and presses like the EJPR, EPSR, EUP, OUP, and Political Analysis. This publication record, combining substantive and methodological contributions on these topics, has established me as an emerging leading scholar in the study of political attitudes and behavior in Europe. This has been recognized through three awards from the Spanish Political Science Association and the European Social Survey.

My publications, visibility and broad network at the European and national levels have allowed me to take a central role in the design and implementation of multiple research projects. I am currently the principal investigator of the project *Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* funded by *la Caixa* foundation. The project brings together researchers from the University of Zurich and the UAB to analyze the attitudinal and behavioral consequences of corruption using innovative experimental methods. I am also part of the team that was awarded the opportunity to include a new set of questions on *Europeans' Understandings and Evaluations of Democracy* in the 2021 round of the European Social Survey. As a co-applicant of this project, I developed these new questions, which will become one of the prime tools for the study of attitudes towards democracy in the near future. Having a central role in the design and generation of this data situates me at the forefront of this field of study for the coming years. This new data will, in fact, expand my research on individuals' attitudes towards democracy by relating it to recent challenges faced by European democracies such as democratic backsliding. Moreover, in the next years my research on this field will focus on tackling a fundamental issue neglected by the literature: understanding citizens' preferences in those dimensions of democracy in which there is a tradeoff between two normatively desirable goals, and how these might be related to declining support for liberal democracy in Western societies. This will provide new insights on the mounting crisis of democracy that scholars frequently allude to.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

Since 2020 I am a Juan de la Cierva (incorporación) fellow at the UAB Democracy, Elections and Citizenship research group. Previously I was a postdoctoral researcher at the UAB Political Science department (2017-2020). I hold a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute (2016).

In 2019 I spent four months as a visiting fellow at the Department of Social Sciences of the Universidad Carlos III. In 2018 I was a visiting fellow at the Political Science department of the University of Zurich for seven months. In 2015 I spent three months as a visiting researcher at the Institute for Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon.

Since 2016 I have published ten articles (6 Q1 JCR and 10 Q1 SJR) in top journals like the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Analysis*, the *European Political Science Review*, *European Union Politics*, or *Electoral Studies*, as well as five book chapters published in major presses such as Oxford University Press or Routledge. In most of these publications I am either first or single author. These studies have already had a relevant impact in the discipline: they have been cited 582 times according to Google Scholar. Moreover, some of these studies have received awards from the *Asociación Española de Ciencia Política (AECPA)* and the *European Social Survey (ESS)*.

I am a regular participant at national and international conferences like, for example, the annual conferences of the main political science associations (EPSA, APSA, ECPR, WAPOR, AECPA). Besides presenting my own work, I usually play an active role in these conferences by acting as a discussant and chairing and organizing panels. I am also an active reviewer, having served as a referee of 59 manuscripts for 28 international journals and presses such as APSR, BJPS, CPS, EJPR, EPSR, JOP, OUP, or PA.



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I am currently involved in several national and international research projects. I am the principal investigator of the project Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption funded by la Caixa foundation. This project brings together researchers from the University of Zurich (Macarena Ares) and the UAB (Sofia Breitenstein) to study the effects of corruption using innovative experimental methods. Moreover, in 2018 together with Mónica Ferrín (UDC), Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI), and Levente Littvay (CEU) we successfully applied for the inclusion of a new rotating module of 30 questions about Europeans Understandings of Democracy in the 2021 round of the ESS. As a co-applicant and member of the Question Design Team I have been directly involved in all the phases of this project during the last two years. In the coming months I will also initiate my collaboration in a new NORFACE project led by Sigrid Roßteutscher (University of Frankfurt) that focuses on the rural-urban cleavage in Europe. Beyond these international collaborations, I also participate in different projects of the National R&D plan

I have taught at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels at the EUI, the UAB and UPF. I have supervised four BA theses and eight MA theses, and I am currently supervising a PhD thesis (expected defense in September 2023).



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#### Título:

Public Opinion and Voting in Multi-Level Politics

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I work on public opinion and political behaviour, particularly, on issues related to territorial questions. My research has been related to three main topics: voting in multi-level contexts, preferences about the territorial constitution in multi-national polities, and referendum vote choice. I have conducted most of my research using observational and experimental quantitative data, mainly from survey studies.

Voting in multi-level contexts is a line of research that started with my PhD dissertation. I have dealt with questions related to second-order effects (do voters think in national or regional politics when deciding their regional elections vote), attributions of responsibility (how voters attribute credit and blame in federal systems), and dimensions of electoral competition (left-right vs national positions). My articles in *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior* (2018), *Publius*, *South European Society & Politics*, and *Regional & Federal Studies* deal with these questions. My participation as Research Fellow in the 2016 "Scottish Election Study" also belongs to this line of research.

The analysis of constitutional preferences also started with my PhD dissertation. I have studied individual-level determinants of constitutional preferences mostly, but not exclusively, in the contexts of Spain and the UK. My dissertation analysed preferences on the territorial organization of the state in Spain and the variation of these preferences across regions, time, electorates, and generations. It was published by the CIS and awarded the XII Best Book prize by the Spanish Political Science Association.

I explored similar issues in the UK context through my participation in the research project "The Constitutional Future of Scotland and the UK" (PI Michael Keating) which analysed different aspects of the UK territorial governance in the context of the Scotland independence referendum. Participating in the "Future of England Survey" and "Smith Commission Survey" projects, I explored constitutional preferences, attitudes towards territorial politics, and attitudes towards territorial redistribution in England, Wales and Scotland. My *JCMS* article, three articles on *Political Quarterly*, and several book chapters rely on data drawn from these surveys.

Referendum voting and attitudes towards referendums constitute my most recent research line. My participation in research projects related to the Scottish independence referendum brought together my interests in constitutional preferences and voting. We obtained funding for different panel surveys related to the Scottish independence and the Brexit referendums. I used this data to publish an article on risk attitudes and support for independence in *Political Behavior* (2019).

Currently, I am the Principal Investigator of a three-year project financed by the Ministry of Science. The project, entitled "Referendum Democracy? Public Opinion and Direct Voting in Comparative Perspective", aims to get insight on referendum voting and citizens attitudes towards referendums. In particular, the project wants to understand the status quo bias (i.e. the tendency of citizens to come back towards the status quo at the end of referendum campaigns) by analysing the profile of those who rejected ballot proposals in past referendums and by using survey experiments to disentangle the causal mechanism behind this pattern.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am Lecturer in Politics (tenured) at the University of Glasgow. Previously, I was Assistant Professor (Ayudante Doctor) at the Autonomous University of Madrid (2018-20), Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh (2014-18), and Adjunct Professor (Asociado) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2008-13). I hold a PhD in Political Science from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2012).

I have published in the top journals of my research fields, political behaviour and multi-level politics: *Political Behavior*, *Party Politics*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, and *South European Society & Politics*, amongst others. The monograph that resulted from my PhD dissertation was published by the Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas and was awarded the 2015 Best Book prize of the Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA). I have also published 10 book chapters in publishers such as Oxford University Press.

I am the Principal Investigator of the three-year long research project "Referendum Democracy: Public Opinion and Voting in Comparative Perspective" financed by the Ministry of Science. Previously, I participated in the project "Political Change in Spain: New Dimensions of Conflict" and in three successful bids to finance election and referendum studies by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC):



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the "Risk & Constitutional Change" that studied the Scottish independence referendum, the "EU perceptions and the Vote" that analysed the Brexit referendum, and the "Scottish Election Study" that analysed the 2016 Scottish Parliament election.

I have presented my work at international conferences (APSA, MPSA, ECPR, EPSA, AECPA, PSA, EPOP), and I have been invited to present my research by different institutions such as the Cabinet Office of the UK government, the University of Minnesota, the University of Leuven, and the Parliament of the German-speaking Community in Belgium.

I have obtained scholarships and grants in various competitive calls: ESRC Research Fellowships (2014-16; 2016-18), Juan de la Cierva-Incorporación and Beatriu de Pinós post-doctoral grants in 2018 (both desisted), and a pre-doctoral grant from the Fundación Ramón Areces (2004-07).

I belong to different research groups. I am a member of the Democracy, Participation and Government research group at the UAM, where I also participated in the establishing of Elites and Political Actors emergent research group. I am also an Associated Fellow of the Centre on Constitutional Change at the University of Edinburgh (directed by Michael Keating), and a member of the Democracy, Elections and Citizenship at the UAB (directed by Eva Anduiza). I am also a member of different political science societies (APSA, MPSA, EPSA, PSA).

I have reviewed projects for the Agencia Estatal de Investigación and political science journals such as British Journal of Political Science and Electoral Studies.

I have a long and wide experience in lecturing at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels at the universities of Glasgow, Autònoma de Madrid, Edinburgh, and Autònoma de Barcelona. I have taught courses on political behaviour, quantitative methods, comparative politics, and political science.

I regularly supervise undergraduate and master dissertations. Currently, I also supervise a PhD dissertation on comparative referendums.



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#### Título:

Temas de Política Comparada: Identidad, Redistribución y Participación Política

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I completed my PhD in Political Science at the University of Oxford in 2014. My dissertation explored the redistributive consequences of territorial politics in parliamentary democracies. My PhD advisors at Oxford University were Pablo Beramendi and David Rueda. My PhD dissertation passed with the maximum qualification at Oxford - pass as it stands .

My postdoctoral stage can be divided in two periods. First, between 2014 and 2017, I was a postdoctoral researcher at IPEG-Pompeu Fabra University. At UPF I completed projects related to my dissertation but also started new ones. In that period I published my Comparative Political Studies piece as well as my first book that was published by the Generalitat de Catalunya (IEA) since I won the Vilaseca i Marcet International Prize . Also, at UPF, I started my research exploring the political economy of electoral participation with Pablo Beramendi (Duke). We wrote a piece on economic inequality and political participation in Brazil that is now forthcoming at the Journal of Politics.

The second period started in the Fall 2017 when I became a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG) at the University of Barcelona. At IPERG-UB, I worked first in the ERC-Advanced project led by Carles Boix exploring topics in historical political economy. We wrote a piece exploring historical turnout and the role of political mobilization with individual voting roll calls that is also forthcoming at the Journal of Politics. Also at IPERG I worked with Pablo Beramendi on a book manuscript that investigates the relationship between economic inequality and political inequality. The book manuscript was accepted, and it is now under contract and forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

Afterwards, in 2018, I won a La Caixa Junior Leader Fellowship and I am now developing my own research project that explores the redistributive consequences of identity politics. More specifically, I am investigating the redistributive consequences of the structure of inequality, the voters and parties responses to inequality increases, the rise of radical-right wing parties in Europe, and the effect of social capital and economic shocks on electoral behavior. At IPERG-UB I now direct a team of two research assistants that work with me (Alejandra Suarez and Emmy Lindstam).

More recently, I have been appointed Deputy Director of the Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG) at the UB. During the academic years 2019-2020 I have been the PI a research grant from the Spanish Plan Estatal, Retos de Investigación to follow my work on historical political economy and explore the causes of female political participation upon formal electoral enfranchisement. Very recently, I have been awarded the Social Research Call Grant by la Caixa Foundation (2020) with the project COVIDEMO, to explore the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on democracy (100.000 Euros, PI). I have also been appointed member of the Academic Council of the Master in Institutions and Political Economy at the UB.

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Since September 2020 I am the Deputy Director of the Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG) at the UB. I supervise a team of approximately 12 people at IPERG (<http://www.ub.edu/iperg/>). During the academic years 2019-220 I have also been the PI a research grant from the Spanish Plan Estatal, Retos de Investigación to follow my work on historical political economy and explore the causes of female political participation upon formal electoral enfranchisement.

Recently I have been awarded as a PI the Social Research Call Grant by la Caixa Foundation (2020) with the project COVIDEMO, to explore the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on democracy (100.000 Euros) and I have also been appointed member of the Academic Council of the new Master in Institutions and Political Economy (MIPE) at the UB.





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#### Título:

Privatisation and marketisation of education

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the School of Education at the University of Glasgow (UK). Previously, I was a postdoctoral research at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and a research fellow during my doctoral studies at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain). I have participated in four different competitive research projects before and after the completion of my PhD. Currently, I am the principal investigator of the research project *Is it Possible to Decommodify Education? Evidence and Lessons from the Chilean Education Market Reform* funded by the British Academy. I have also led research contracts for different international organisations, as well as for different governmental agencies and research foundations. I have been actively involved in comparative education and education policy research communities through my participation in international academic international conferences, which has allowed me to articulate an extended academic international network of scholars. I have published 49 different research outputs, including a monograph (Teachers College Press) and 12 Q1 journal articles.

During my career, my research has mainly focused on privatisation and marketisation policies in education. In the context of this main research line, I have developed three interconnected research strands. First, the analysis, from a political economy approach, of the reforms conducting to the adoption of privatisation and marketisation policies. Second, the study of actors (e.g., schools, students, families, etc.) responses to education markets and their effects on different education dimensions, with a particular focus on equity. Third, the evaluation of education markets impact on school segregation and how different school choice systems affect this impact. The research I developed during my career so far has been characterised by the use of novel methodologies (e.g., realist evaluation, Geographic Information System Techniques) and analytical frameworks, and it has contributed to addressing research gaps in the area of education privatisation and marketisation.

Currently, I am developing a new research line that continues the work developed in the past years by studying the policy initiatives oriented towards reforming the governance and the regulatory frameworks of education markets. To date, I have focused my research on the case of the Chilean education reforms adopted between 2014 and 2018 mainly oriented to reduce the negative effects on equity of more than four decades of pro-market policies in education. The research conducted on the Chilean case has provided valuable findings of the reforms oriented to reduce the role of market dynamics in education systems that adopted these policies in the past. These findings have also demonstrated the academic relevance of this research line. In the next years, I aim to expand the international perspective to this topic line by including new cases of study and the comparative analysis of the reforms oriented to alter education markets regulation.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I hold a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in educational research and a PhD in Sociology from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. During my PhD, I worked as a research fellow in the context of the Marie S. Curie project *Public-Private Partnerships in Educational Governance: An analysis of its dissemination, implementation and impact in a globalising world*. After completing my PhD, I obtained two prestigious postdoctoral fellowships. First, in 2017, the Marie S. Curie COFUND MOVE-IN Louvain postdoctoral fellowship at the Catholic University of Louvain. Second, in 2018, the British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, one of the most UK's prestigious postdoctoral fellowships in social sciences and humanities. Currently, I am a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the School of Education at the University of Glasgow.

I have published 49 research outputs, including journal articles, books, books chapters and research reports, about different topics such as education privatisation, education markets, school segregation or vocational education. Some of these papers have been published by high impact factor journals, and 12 of them in Q1 journals. I have also published a co-authored monograph about the political economy of education privatisation from a global perspective edited by Teachers College Press, which was awarded as the 2016 Best Book on Globalization and Education by the Comparative and International Education Society's Globalization and Education SIG. In terms of the impact and academic relevance of my research outputs, according to Google Scholar metrics, my publications have received 787 citations, an annual average of 171 citations in postdoctoral period (2017-2020), and my h-index is 12.

During my career, I have participated in different competitive research projects. After completing my PhD, I have co-led a research project funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council. Currently, I am the principal investigator of a research project funded by the



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British Academy. I have also participated and led different research contracts with international organisations such as UNESCO, Open Society Foundations and Education International. In the Spanish context, I have also led research projects for the Jaume Bofill Foundation, the Catalan Youth Observatory, the Barcelona Education Consortium, the Childhood and Adolescence Institute and the Barcelona Provincial Council.

I have experience teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses, as well as designing methods courses of the Erasmus+ Master Education Policies for Global Development and the University of Glasgow Education Public Policy and Equity master. I am currently the supervisor of three doctoral students working in the areas of education markets and education and development in Chile and Mexico. I have also experience supervising master dissertations in the context of the Erasmus+ Master Globed, one already submitted and one in the process of elaboration.

My doctoral thesis was awarded as the 2018 Best Doctoral Dissertation by the Comparative and International Education Society's Globalization and Education group, and my article about TVET policy reforms in Chile received the Journal of Vocational Education & Training 2019 best paper award.



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#### Título:

Globalisation and transnationalism

#### Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a Marie Curie fellow at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies. I hold a PhD in political science from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2014) and previously held a senior research position at the University of Bern (2014-2019). I have a strong publication background, a highly international profile and a successful record of attracting research funding and coordinating research projects. In my research, I am interested in how globalisation and transnationalism affect institutions, policies and social groups. I seek to capture the spirit of our contemporary societies, characterised by the transnationalism from below of people and social groups, and the transnationalism from above of political elites and institutions. Consequently, my research interests span over three interrelated subfields: EU integration, migration and regulatory governance. Within the broader field of EU integration studies, I inquire about the possibility of social solidarity and cohesion in the context of European integration. The core interest is to underpin the role of political attitudes, party preferences and individual transnationalism in shaping support for transnational solidarity and redistribution. Among the contributions that I have already published on the topic, I signal the journal articles from the Journal of Common Market Studies and Acta Politica, as well as two book chapters at prestigious presses. My most recent line of work brings together migration (Muslim residents in Europe), morality policies and regulatory governance. I am leading an innovative research project in collaboration with Christian Joppke (University of Bern), Christoph Knill and Eva Marie Euchner (LMU Munich). The project is an interdisciplinary and original approach to the inclusion of religious minorities in policy making process. The project makes an important contribution to the nascent theories on regulatory intermediation developed by Kenneth Abbott and David Levi Faur in 2017, by studying religious groups as intermediaries in the policy process. To our knowledge, this approach has never been applied to the study of religious actors and deepens the understanding of the role of religion in contemporary politics.

#### Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am a political scientist interested in how globalization and transnationalisation affect institutions, citizens and policy-making. I study these phenomena from a comprehensive perspective that substantially contributes to the fields of European integration, migration studies and regulatory governance. In less than six years after the completion of my PhD (2014) I published most of my work in first quartile journals and have been successful in attracting substantial research funding from competitive sources. My work comprises 22 articles and book chapters that have been published, among others, in the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Common Market Studies, West European Politics, Party Politics, European Political Science Review and Political Geography. I have participated at more than 20 international conferences and chaired various sessions and seminars.

I have a highly international profile in terms of academic mobility and scientific collaboration. I was senior research fellow at the University of Bern between 2014-2019. During this period, I published various journal articles and book chapters and secured external funding from the Swiss Science Foundation. I also drafted and won a competitive MSCA -IF fellowship that allowed me to return to the Barcelona Institute of International Studies. In 2015 I had a two month stay at Sciences Po where I worked on the paper on transnational solidarity that has been subsequently published in the Journal of Common Market Studies. In 2009, I had a four-month research stay at the European University Institute where I received important feedback on my PhD thesis from Reiner Baubok. Between 2010-2011 I spent four months at the University of Amsterdam in order to complete the data analysis of my doctoral thesis which led to the publication of my paper in the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.

My network of international collaborators spans from the Autonomous University of Barcelona to the LMU Munich, Sciences Po and the University of Sussex. The project on religious groups and regulatory governance has been developed in collaboration with renowned academics from the University of Bern and LMU Munich such as Christian Joppke, Christoph Knill and Eva-Marie Euchner. Together we are working on high quality publications in that contribute to the field of religion and politics. Additionally, I have a fruitful collaboration with Ettore Recchi at Sciences Po, with whom I am working on a paper on social mobility and migration. Together with Malcolm Ross from the University of Sussex I am coordinating a special issue on transnational solidarity that will be published in 2020 by Acta Politica. I am also continuing the academic collaboration with Eva Ostergaard-Nielsen from the UAB on topics related to transnational political engagement.

I have solid experience in leadership and project management. I am principal investigator of the collaborative research project between the University of Bern and LMU Munich on religious groups and regulatory governance in Europe where I coordinate the work of two PhDs and several research assistants engaged with data collection. I have recently started a MSCA-IF fellowship regarding the impact of European social policy on Euroscepticism in Europe where I will design a survey experiment and conduct qualitative fieldwork with EU



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