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Título:

Environmental conflict and politics

Resumen de la Memoria:

I am an environmental social scientist working in the interdisciplinary subject area of environmental studies. My line of research elaborates the connection between politics and environmental conflict in two fields. The first is political ecology, where I examine two issues. The first is conflict and climate change. Through my work as the Scientific Coordinator of FP7 CLICO (2010-12), I have researched the role of politics and policy (such as adaptation policy), for shaping conflict and insecurity. I have developed this work through supervision of doctoral research on climate adaptation policy in Turkey, adaptation conflicts in Niger (on-going), and masters research on adaptive capacity in Spain (Ebro Delta) and Australia, and adaptation policy discourses in Spain. The second topic investigates under-researched dynamics that influence power balances in ecological distribution conflicts. Through supervision funded by FP7 CLICO and FP7 Marie Curie ENTITLE, I have worked with post-graduate students to reveal the operation of informal conflict resolution mechanisms in fisheries conflict in Senegal, the role of sustainability discourses in rural gentrification disputes in northern Catalonia, the relevance of biopolitics for adaptation policy in Turkey, and the role of emotional aspects in forest management conflicts in southern Chile (on-going). I have published this research in *Global Environmental Change*, *Climatic Change*, *Science for the Total Environment*, *Environmental Science and Policy*, and *Marine Policy*, and further disseminated it through keynote and invited speeches in international conferences. Through my own PhD, I empirically established the relevance of political ecology for explaining wind energy conflicts (2009, *Environment & Planning A*). My doctoral research was awarded a Cum Laude distinction. My other field is ecological economics, where I focus on three topics. First, economic tools for environmental decision-making, where I have co-authored publications (2013, *Ecological Economics*) that have shifted the terms of the major debate on the relevance of economic valuation for environmental decision-making. I was a lead author of a critical chapter for a TEEB project volume (2010, *Earthscan*), have explored the role of social enterprises for rural regeneration in Scotland (2007, *Journal of Rural Studies*), and co-authored articles on food sovereignty narratives in Catalonia (2015, *Agriculture & Human Values*) and eco-integrated methodologies for managing uncertainty in rural Spain (2012, *Ecological Economics*). The second topic is deliberative ecological economics as support for inclusive sustainability decision-making. I was the principal author of the edited book *Deliberative Ecological Economics* (2008, Oxford University Press) and authored a critical analysis of value deliberation in ecological economics for the *Handbook of Ecological Economics* (2015, Edgar Elgar). The third topic is direct democracy and its potential as a mechanism for achieving and governing radical socio-ecological transformations, such as degrowth. I have contributed an entry on **Direct Democracy** for the French (2015) edition of the book *Degrowth: A Vocabulary for a New Era*, and was a guest co-editor for a special issue on **Degrowth Futures and Democracy** (2012, *Futures*), the first ever scientific collection examining links between degrowth and democracy.

Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am an environmental social scientist (PhD Environmental Science, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2008) trained in ecological economics (MSc Ecological Economics, University of Edinburgh, 2000) and interdisciplinary social science (MAS History & Economic Institutions, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2007). My line of research is called Environmental Conflict and Politics and I develop it within the interdisciplinary fields of political ecology and ecological economics with my work at the Institute of Environmental Science & Technology (ICTA), one of the foremost centres for environmental science and studies research in Europe. During my career, I have published 21 papers in international peer-reviewed journals, 2 of which as a sole author, 7 as a first, and 6 as a second author in two-author papers. 12 of my publications are in upper quartile (Q1) journals, and for the last 5 years I have been producing 1-3 articles in Q1 journals annually without interruption. I have published as a first author 1 edited book volume (Oxford University Press), 7 book chapters (2 as a sole and 2 as first author) (Cambridge University Press, Edgar Elgar, Earthscan), and have been the sole author of 3 scientific reports for the European Commission and the Scottish Executive. I have delivered 16 international scientific conference paper presentations, including 1 keynote, 3 invited speeches, and 2 publications in international conference proceedings. Throughout my career, I have developed ample international activity as I have been the Scientific Coordinator of one large-scale, EU-funded research project (FP7 CLICO, €3 million), and I am currently a coordinator for another large-scale, EU-funded project (FP7 Marie Curie ENTITLE, €3 million). Through those projects I have developed my own, independent line of research, supervising 2 completed doctoral and 8 masters dissertations; I currently supervise 2 doctoral theses. I have also participated in 2 more such projects (FP7 EJOLT; FP6 PATHOGENCOMBAT), 1 international, multi-laterally-funded project (TEEB), and 1 project for European Commission's Joint Research Centre. I have considerable international mobility experience, as I: studied my first degree in Greece (country of origin); moved to work and complete a masters study (University of Edinburgh) in the UK and then worked in Scotland (Scottish Agricultural College) as a researcher; obtained my PhD (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) with a 6-month stay at Leeds University, UK) in Spain, where I stayed and work since 2009. I have also participated as co-PI in 5 projects with an international character funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy (1 R&D project) and Ministry of Science (1 Integrated Action and 3 Complementary Actions). The quality of my research has been acknowledged by a Cum



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Laude distinction granted to my doctoral thesis, and the relevance of my contribution for research into environmental conflicts and politics has been acknowledged through invitations to give speeches (Euro-Mediterranean Innovation) and keynote addresses (CADS-GECC) in international conferences. My ability to obtain grants (Juan de la Cierva) or raise funds as a Co-PI (Scottish Executive funding) and through my participation in successful international proposal preparation teams (CLICO) is evidence of my top-quality capacity for fundraising and grant writing.



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Título:

Family Dynamics and Social Stratification

Resumen de la Memoria:

I completed undergraduate studies in Labour Economics, Demography and Social Sciences at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona (Spain), where I also obtained a doctoral degree with distinction (summa cum laude) in November 2009. My doctoral thesis is grounded in life course theory and features empirical research on residential trajectories and social ties using German and British panel data and event-history, multilevel, and multi-process models. After my PhD, I have spent four additional years in Germany (Bremen International Graduate School of social Science, Institute for Empirical and Applied Sociology at the University of Bremen, Population Europe at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research; 2009-2013) and two years in Australia (Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Queensland; 2014-currently).

My key research areas lie at the intersection between family dynamics and social stratification and adopt a longitudinal and life course approach. To date, I have participated in ten nationally and internationally funded research projects and have undertaken quantitative empirical research on a number of relevant areas, including spatial mobility and migration, partnership and family, housing wealth, gender-based labour market inequality, and labour union membership.

My main research line focuses on persistent social inequalities in relation to household relocations and home tenure transitions over the life course. So far, I have obtained four grants to conduct projects on patterns and determinants of sub-national migration and housing tenure. Among others, I am Chief Investigator of a research project funded by the German Research Council and entitled **◆The Interplay between Gender, Occupations and Family Migration in Germany◆** (2014-2016). In this project, I examine within-couple inequalities in the determination and the economic consequences of long-distance couple relocations, and how these relate to pervasive gender inequalities in the labour market. I use a cross-national comparative perspective, collaborating with partners in Australia, Britain, Germany and Sweden.

Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

After completing a doctoral degree (summa cum laude) in Political and Social Sciences at the University Pompeu Fabra (Spain, 2009), I have worked at internationally reputed institutions such as the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (Germany), the Institute of Empirical and Applied Sociology at the University of Bremen (Germany), and the Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Queensland (Australia). In these centres, I have undertaken quantitative empirical research on a number of relevant intertwined areas of demographic research - including partnership dissolution, fertility and internal migration - and social inequality research - including housing, female labour market participation, and union membership.

In the exercise of these academic appointments, I have engaged in ten national and international research projects, a collaborative European network of excellence for the study of social exclusion EQUALSOC (2005-2013), and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course (2014-onwards). Overall, my academic career has been fully funded by competitive research grants to the value of ca. 800,000 EUR, which I acquired as sole chief investigator. This also includes a prestigious research grant funded by the German Research Foundation to conduct a project entitled **◆The Interplay between Gender, Occupations and Family Migration in Germany◆**, where I coordinate a team consisting of a doctoral candidate, a research assistant and three external collaborators. Additionally, I have accrued one research price (3,000 EUR), three funds for research visits and conference attendance (ca 34,000 EUR), and two research funds to organize one symposium on family dynamics and one methods course on sequence data (ca. 20,000 EUR).

My work has been disseminated in 31 conferences and specialised workshops, as well as 13 invited talks in University colloquiums. My research work has been published in 10 international peer-reviewed journals, 3 national peer-reviewed journals, in one peer-reviewed book chapter of an international series, in 9 commissioned reports (e.g. Danish Ministry of Immigration, Catalan Ombudsman, Comisiones Obreras), and in a number of publications for lay audiences (i.e. policy briefs, scientific blogs, newspaper articles, and webcasts). Among others, I have several recent publications in leading scientific outlets such as Journal of Marriage and Family, Regional Studies, European Sociological Review, Social Science Research, Economic and Industrial Democracy, Population Space and Place, and the British Journal of Industrial Relations.

My academic activities have also involved regular teaching of sociology and quantitative methods courses, directing one master and one PhD thesis, reviewing regularly for several academic journals and serving in numerous evaluation committees. I have also done research stays in internationally reputed centres such as the Danish Institute for Social Research, the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, the Nuffield College, ISER at the University of Essex, and Population Europe - the network of European Demographic Centres. As a result, I have forged a solid network of contacts and research associates from important stake-holders in social stratification and demographic research across Europe and Australia.



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Título:

The Ethics of Citizenship

Resumen de la Memoria:

My research and publications straddle the fields of ethics, social and political philosophy, and legal theory. The content of my research has been shaped by two fundamental questions: first, how can individual persons find the knowledge, know-how and motivation to contribute to the public life of their communities in a responsible and effective manner? Second, how can individual persons remain faithful to their own ethical commitments as they exercise their social and civic roles? I have discussed the first question in an article published in *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" (2005) and in an article at *Journal of Social Philosophy* on "The Normative and Motivational Inadequacy of Resource Management Approaches to Beneficence" (2015). I have undertaken an in-depth study of the second question in my recent book, *Citizenship and the Pursuit of the Worthy Life* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

The first phase of my research career, devoted to the ethical challenges confronting the modern citizen, will now be followed by a wider-ranging investigation of the problem of coordination and authority in a social space marked by conflicting and plural communities. This would fit into one of the lines of research of the "Religion and Civil Society Project" at the University of Navarra, devoted to the development of a constructive vision of civil society that can accommodate a plurality of religious and moral practices.

Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

At the time of application, I have been employed for 3 years 4 months as a Research Fellow in the Religion and Civil Society Project, Institute for Culture & Society, University of Navarra, where I have been conducting research in moral and political philosophy. I studied philosophy and French for my undergraduate degree at University College Dublin, Ireland (1994-97), after which I obtained an MA in philosophy (1997-98) from the same institution and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame's Political Science Department. Upon completion of the Ph.D (May 2006), I took a teaching position as Visiting Assistant Professor at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania (2006-07), followed by two years of postdoctoral research at the Witherspoon Institute, Princeton (2007-08), and the James Madison Program, Princeton University (2008-09). Subsequently I served for three years as Visiting Assistant Professor at Villanova University (2009-12). Finally, I took up my current position as Research Fellow at the ICS, University of Navarra, where I have conducted research in political philosophy and taught an introductory course on ethics (2012-13) and an elective course on social authority (Autumn 2014).



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Título:

Anthropology of Reproduction

Resumen de la Memoria:

I am a social anthropologist with over ten years of research experience. I have worked on reproduction, gender, and health in Latin America and Europe, and I have a strong track record in securing high profile fellowships and research grants, including a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Columbia University, a Marie Curie Fellowship at Goldsmiths-University of London, and an ERC Starting Grant at the University of Sussex that I have recently been awarded. I have disseminated my work through a number of peer-reviewed articles (10) in highly ranked anthropological, medical and public health journals. I have co-edited three books as well as a Special Issue of Anthropology & Medicine, and I am working on a book manuscript based on my current research on barriers to legal abortion, abortion stigma and conscientious objection in Europe.

My PhD research on family planning politics and the embodiment of social/gender inequalities in Brazil at the EHESS (Paris), supervised by Prof. Didier Fassin, has contributed to the anthropological debates on reproductive politics, development, inequalities and racism, in Brazil and internationally. The Post-doctoral Fellowship that I was offered after finishing my Thesis at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University (NY-USA) allowed me to complement my anthropological methods with public health methodologies to investigate health professionals' religious/moral attitudes and their experiences of legal and illegal abortion in Brazil. After my postdoctoral research in Brazil I moved back to Europe. As a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at Goldsmiths-University of London, I undertook a 2-year study in Italy and the UK, which examined physicians' experiences and attitudes towards abortion, stigma and conscientious objection. The Beatriu de Pinós Fellowship at the University of Barcelona (UB) allowed me to expand my previous research, by including a new European country, Spain. My postdoctoral research in Italy and Spain has contributed to the international debate in the social sciences on abortion stigma and conscientious objection, by showing that not only individual religiosity/morality influences obstetricians-gynaecologists' attitudes towards abortion, but also physicians' experience/fear of stigmatization/discrimination. At the same time, the medicalization of pregnancy (prenatal screening) and contraception have made abortion less morally acceptable, contributing to increase its stigmatization. While undertaking my research in Spain, I have also been the Principal Investigator on a pilot-study on foreign women seeking abortion care in England that was awarded the European Society of Contraception grant.

The ERC (European Research Council) Starting Grant that I have recently been awarded will allow me to develop a 5-years, mixed-methods, multi-disciplinary study on the impact of procedural and social barriers to safe, legal abortion on women living in countries with ostensibly liberal abortion laws, focusing particularly on in-country and cross-country abortion travel and on delayed gestational age at termination. This new project will allow me to deepen my previous pioneering research on abortion stigma and conscientious objection, and to expand it, by including new countries, and new topics, namely women's perspectives and experiences with barriers to legal abortion and abortion travelling.

Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I am a social anthropologist with over ten years of research experience. I have worked on reproduction, gender, and health in Latin America and Europe, including over two years of ethnographic fieldwork in Brazil, one year of research in Italy and the UK and two years of research in Spain that I recently completed. I have a strong track record in securing high profile fellowships and research grants, including a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Columbia University, a Marie Curie Fellowship at Goldsmiths-University of London, a Beatriu de Pinós Fellowship at the University of Barcelona, and an ERC Starting Grant at the University of Sussex that I have recently been awarded.

My PhD research on family planning politics and the embodiment of social and gender inequalities in Brazil has contributed to the anthropological debates on reproductive politics, development policies, inequalities and racism, in Brazil and internationally. My current research on barriers to legal abortion, abortion stigma, and conscientious objection is expanding and advancing the debate in the social sciences on medicalization, personhood, citizenship, and gender inequalities and is highly relevant also from public health and human rights perspectives. In fact, over the last decade women's health and rights have been at the centre of heated political and scientific debates in several countries, and at the European level as well. I have disseminated my work through a number of peer-reviewed articles (10) in highly ranked anthropological, medical and public health journals, such as Anthropology & Medicine and Women's Health Issues. I have co-edited three books (including a book published by Routledge in 2014, entitled Reproduction and Biopolitics: Ethnographies of Governance, Irrationality and Resistance) as well as a Special Issue of Anthropology & Medicine, and I am working on a book manuscript entitled: Abortion stigma and reproductive governance in Europe in the age of fertility decline, based on my current research.

At the same time, I have actively disseminated my work at international scholarly conferences like AAA (American Anthropological Association) and EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists), where I have an established record of organising panels in addition to presenting papers. Simultaneously, I have taught undergraduate and MA courses and seminars at several universities (Columbia



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University, USA; Goldsmiths-University of London; University of Barcelona) and have supervised several BA dissertations. At the University of Barcelona I have been teaching a module of the MA course on Kinship, Culture and Society (2013-2014 and 2014-2015). The Ramón y Cajal programme would allow me to base my research projects at a Spanish University, offering the possibility of a permanent position there on the long run. If I am awarded the Ramon y Cajal contract, my aim is to create new fruitful scientific exchanges between the Spanish, European and US researchers and research centres that will be involved in my new, ERC research project.



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Título:

Ethnoecological research

Resumen de la Memoria:

I have a proven ability to work across disciplines and in multicultural contexts, a large number of publications in peer-reviewed journals, and considerable experience in international and national research projects and conferences. I am an Environmental Scientist (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2002), who in 2009 completed a four year Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB), to which I am associated as a member of the Laboratory of Global Social-Ecological systems Analysis (LASEG), a Consolidated Research Group on anthropology and conservation recognized by the Catalan Government. I am currently working as a senior researcher at the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (IN3)-Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, from where I am coordinating a 2M€ Horizon 2020 research project on participatory methods for engaging young people in science (PERFORM, 2015-2018).

Other than Spain, my home country, my training includes a M.Sc. degree (2005) at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and research stays in other well-recognized and prestigious universities and research centers in Europe (University of Kent, UK), Latin America (Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil, Instituto de Ecología A.C, Mexico) and Australia (University of Deakin). These stays have been instrumental in strengthening my research network on ethnoecology and environmental education. I had also worked at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Vienna (BOKU), Austria.

My doctoral research focused on participatory approaches for environmental education while introducing myself in the novel research area of ethnoecology. I analyzed and assessed young people's environmental knowledge acquisition in a Mexican indigenous community internationally recognized for sustainable forest management. My results showed that strengthening links between school system and local livelihoods is vital for improving young people's learning and engagement in environmental issues, and important to design education programs related to their life experience. I published these findings in a dozen of scientific publications of international distribution. In this period I also collaborated in international research projects (e.g., funded by NSF) on local perceptions and representations of global environmental change, and the relations between economic development and human wellbeing among indigenous peoples.

As a postdoctoral researcher I have strengthened my expertise on ethnoecological research by collaborating in more than twenty research projects, 7 of them on community-based conservation in Latin America to explore the socio-economic, cultural and institutional factors affecting biodiversity conservation initiatives in a context of global environmental change. In one of these projects, EU-FP7 COMBIOSERVE, I co-led a Work Package on analyzing rural communities' participation in conservation and their adaptive capacity in the face of global changes. Resulting scientific publications (only in 2015, 7 articles in Q1&2) have informed academic and political debates on conservation governance and adaptation to climate change through the lens of ethnoecology. My current research focuses on young people's scientific learning and engagement to build a knowledge-based society able to deal with socio-ecological challenges.

Resumen del Currículum Vitae:

I have a record of proven ability to work across disciplines, publishing and dissemination capacities, and considerable experience in international and national research projects that I led both independently and in collaboration. Through my academic and professional career, I have contributed to fill the gap between social and natural sciences research by conducting ethnoecological studies on the ways in which different human groups perceive, represent and interact with ecological systems through an ensemble of traditional and local knowledge, beliefs, practices and institutions regulating natural resource management. I have focused on exploring people's environmental and scientific learning and analyzing their engagement in sustainability.

My initial training was as Environmental scientist at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB, 2002). I then obtained a Master's degree in Biological Sciences at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM, 2005), which was ranked as one of the world's top 100 universities in Life sciences. In 2009 I finished my Ph.D in Environmental Sciences at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB) in a highly prestigious interdisciplinary research group on anthropology and conservation led by ICREA Prof. Victoria Reyes-García. My doctoral research has shed light on how young people learn and participate in natural resource management and conservation practices in rural communities. In my postdoctoral period I did stays in top-tier research centers and universities in the United Kingdom (U. of Kent), Mexico (INECOL) and Brazil (U. Sao Paulo). My postdoctoral research have mainly contributed to the understanding of cultural, socio-economic and institutional factors affecting biological and cultural diversity conservation in rural and indigenous communities through the lens of ethnoecology. I have also worked in science communication and education research to explore young people's perceptions and motivations towards scientific issues and participatory methods to engage them in science.

In sum, during the years of doctoral training and post-doctoral research, I have participated in 35 competitive and non-competitive international and national research grants, 6 as principal investigator including the current coordination of a 2M€ EU H2020 project (PERFORM). I have co-authored more than 40 scientific publications (24 as a leading author), 26 of them in peer-reviewed journals and most of these of high impact (19 in Q1 and Q2, such as Global Environmental Change, Environmental Science & Policy, PLOS One,



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Conservation Biology, Ecology and Society). I have also authored 8 book chapters of international distribution, including a co-edited book on Community Conservation published by Springer Ltd. I have participated in 21 international and 5 national scientific conferences, including two policy conferences, and 15 seminars and workshops. I have directed one doctoral thesis and two other Ph.D. thesis are in course.

In the near future, I plan to advance our understanding of human behavior for effective sustainability through analyzing how young people share knowledge on, perceive, engage, and become informed about scientific issues to respond to current socio-environmental challenges.