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## Employment

### *Academic Employment*

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2017-Today.

*Interim Chair.* Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, MacMillan Center (SP 2023)

Juan de la Cierva Post-doctoral Researcher, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), 2015-17.

Adjunct Professor:

- ESADE Business School, AY 2015/16.
- IE Business School, Spring 2015.
- George Washington University in Madrid, Fall 2014.
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spring 2013.

### *Non-Academic Employment*

External Consultant. European Social Survey - Spanish National Coordinating Team (R7)  
Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Madrid, 2014-15.

Research Technician. European Social Survey - Spanish National Coordinating Team (R5 & R6)  
RECSM-Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2009-13.

Coordinator for Public Awareness and Volunteer Opportunities.  
International Rescue Committee- Spain, RESCATE, Madrid, 2002-04.

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), 2012.

Dissertation: "Change in National Identification. A Study of the Catalan Case."  
*Best Dissertation Award in Political Science.* UAM, 2012.

M.A. Social Sciences, Juan March Institute, 2004-2007.

M.A. International Relations, Ortega y Gasset Research Institute, 2000-2001.

B.A. Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2000-2003.  
*National Award for Academic Excellence. Political Science.*  
Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia, 2003.

B.A. Sociology, Universidad de Salamanca, 1996-2000.

## Visiting Positions

- Visiting Professor. Master in Institutions and Political Economy. Universitat de Barcelona, May 2025.
- Invited Researcher. Department of Political Science. UAB, June-July 2023, July 2024.

## Publications

### *Peer Reviewed Articles*

- 2025 “Struggling against spectres of the past: democratisation and nation-building in Southern Europe.” (with José Pedro Monteiro and Ioannis N. Grigoriadis) *South European Society and Politics*, accepted for publication.
- 2025 “The Makeover of Southern Europe. Fifty years after Portugal, Spain, and Greece Transitions to Democracy. Introduction to Special Issue.” (with Jorge M.Fernandes, Nuno Garoupa, and Sofia Vasilopoulou). *South European Society and Politics*, accepted for publication.
- 2024 “The POLAT Panel: Spanish Political Attitudes Survey.” (with Tomic, Damjan, Carol Galais, Enrique Hernández, Dani Marinova, Roberto Pannico, Guillem Rico, Macarena Ares, Jordi Muñoz, and Eva Anduiza). *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, 65:73-88.
- 2021 “The Divide Over Independence: Explaining Preferences for Secession in an Advanced Democracy” (with Didac Queralt), *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(2):422-442. *Award to the Best Article published in 2021*. Institut d’Estudios d’Autogovern.
- 2019 “Economic Crisis and Nationalist Attitudes: Experimental Evidence from Spain” (with Guillem Rico), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 42(5):820-837.
- 2018 “Identities in Between: Political Conflict and Ethno-National Identities in Multicultural States” (with Aina Gallego). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 62(6):1314-1339.
- 2016 “Word on the Street: the Persistence of Leftist-Dominated Protest in Europe” (with Toni Rodon and Mariano Torcal). *West European Politics*, 39(2):326-350.
- 2016 “Podemos and Ciudadanos Shake Up the Spanish Party System. The 2015 Local and Regional Elections in Spain” (with Toni Rodon). *South European Society and Politics*, 21(3):339-357.
- 2015 “Crafting Identities in a Multinational Context. Evidence from Catalonia”, *Nations and Nationalism*, 21(3):461-482.

### *Chapters in Books*

- 2025 “National Attitudes.” in Jonathan Hearn, Gëzim Krasniqi, and Daphne Halikiopoulou (eds.), *Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Nationalism*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2020 “National and Regional Identities” in Ignacio Lago and Diego Muro (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Spanish Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 494-508.
- 2021 “Autodeterminación e Independencia desde la Ciencia Política Comparada. Libro Homenaje al profesor Dr. Joan J. Queralt Jiménez” (with Didac Queralt) in Santana Vega, D. et al. (eds.), *Una perspectiva Global del Derecho Penal*. Barcelona: Atelier Libros Jurídicos.

- 2011 “España en las Urnas: Territorialización del Voto y Movilización de la Identidad Nacional Española en las Elecciones de 2008” (with Eduard Bonet and Santiago Pérez-Nievas) in José Ramón Montero and Ignacio Lago (eds.) *Elecciones Generales 2008*. Madrid: CIS.

### ***Reviews of Books***

- 2020 Review of “Partitions. A Transnational History of Twentieth-Century Territorial Separatism.” Edited by Arie M. Dubnov and Laura Robson. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2019, in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 44(3): 489-490.
- 2018 Review of “Metaphors of Spain: Representations of Spanish National Identity in the Twentieth Century.” Edited by Javier Moreno-Luzón and Xosé M. Nuñez-Seixas. New York, Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2017, in *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*, 43(1), Article 25.

### ***Current Projects***

Book Project: *Nurturing Independentism. Movements and Parties in Secessionist Contexts*.

- 2025 Nationalism and Secessionism. Article commissioned by *State of Nationalism*
- 2025 Case Study. Catalonia 2017. A Secession Crisis.
- 2024 Affective Polarization during a Secessionist Push. Research Note (with Didac Queralt). *Under Review*.
- 2023 Is my Nation Cool Enough? Nationalism under Economic Adversity.

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards.**

- The Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund (\$22,000)
- Institut d’Estudis d’Autogovern. Visiting Program. UAB. Summer 2023, 2024 (€11,955)
- Instructional Enhancement Fund (IEF). Yale, 2019 (\$350), 2020 (\$250), 2021 (\$500).
- Sokoloff Fund For Teaching Excellence. Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 2018 (\$3000).
- Research Grant. MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, 2018 (\$8,250).
- Research Grant. Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, 2013 (€6,000).
- Dissertation Research Grant. Fundació Jaume Bofill, Barcelona, 2009-2010 (€10,000).
- CaixaBank Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. Fundació la Caixa. Yale University, 2007-2009.
- Juan March Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. Fundación Juan March, 2004-2008.

### **Workshops, Roundtables and Invited Talks**

#### ***Invited Talks***

- 2023 Departament de Ciències Polítiques, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, July 4.
- 2020 Center for Comparative & International Studies (Online). Zürich University, December 10.
- 2018 CLAIS Colloquia Series, Yale, September 26.

## Workshops

- 2024 *On Nationalism*, The Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University. May 20-21.
- 2023 *Homenaje al Profesor Jose Ramón Montero*, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid (online). September 25-26; *Identity and Secessionism in Historical and Comparative Perspective*. Institut d'Estudis d'Autogovern, Swiss Chair EUI-Florence, IPERG-UB, Barcelona, June 19-20. *The Makeover of Southern Europe Online Workshop. Fifty years after Portugal, Spain, and Greece's Transitions to Democracy*, Online, May 25-26.
- 2016 *Spanish Stata Users Group Meeting*, Barcelona, October 20; *Jornada de Comportament Polític i Opinió Pública*. Universitat de Barcelona (UB), Barcelona, June 21; *Barcelona-Gothenburg Workshop on Experimental Political Science*, Barcelona, May 3-4;
- 2014 *The Politics of Identity Adoption and Change*. IBEI. Barcelona, October 13.
- 2012 *Nationalism & Conflict: Interdisciplinary Methodological Approaches*. Warsaw, December 10-15; *Change in Political Attitudes: Panels and Experiments*. UAB. Barcelona, June 7-8.
- 2010 *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops. New Directions in Political Socialization Research*. Münster, March 22-27.

## Roundtables

- 2024 *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Teaching about Nationalism's Multifaceted Nature,* Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention, May 16-18.
- 2023 *Contested National Identities and the Problem for Self-Determination*, Institut d'Estudis d'Autogovern. June 20.

## Participation in Conferences

APSA, Boston 2018, Seattle (Online) 2021, Montreal 2022, Philadelphia 2024; ASN World Convention, 2022, 2024; Council for European Studies, Lyon 2024; ASEN Conference, London (Online) 2021; EPSA, Madrid 2025, Vienna 2018, Brussels 2016; Conference of Doctores Miembro and Former and Current Research Fellows of IC3JM, Madrid 2016; International Conference on the European Social Survey, Cyprus 2012; ECPR, Potsdam 2009.

## Teaching

### Yale

- Self-Determination, Secession, and Accommodation. Seminar. SP2025.
- Nationalism and Ethnic Politics. Lecture. FA2019, SP2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2025.
- Political Protests. Seminar. SP2018, 2019, FA2020 - FA2024, YSS2019, 2023.
- Nationalism in the World. Seminar. Graduate/Undergraduate Seminar. SP2021, FA2021.
- Introduction to Research Design. Seminar. FA2017, 2018, SP2021.
- Contemporary Spanish Politics. Seminar. FA2017, 2018, SP2020.
- The Senior Colloquium. Seminar. SP2020, 2022, 2023, FA2020, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- The One-Semester Senior Essay. Seminar. SP2024.

*Previous*

- Qualitative Research Methods (co-taught with Marga León). Seminar. UAB, Fall 2016, 2017.
- Master Thesis Tutorials. UAB. Seminar. Spring 2016, 2017.
- Institutions and Decision Making. Lecture. ESADE, Fall 2016.
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods. Lecture. ESADE, Spring 2015.
- Comparative Politics. Lecture. Instituto de Empresa, Spring 2015. GWY in Madrid, Fall 2014.
- Qualitative Research Methods. Lecture. UPF, Spring 2013.

**Student Advising****Yale University***M.A. Theses and Senior Advising*

2024-2025: Anthony Andrews, Rohan Handa, Olivia Ang-Olson, Ryan Stevens, CJ Akhigbe, John Choe, Sherry Chen (EPE), Kiana Flores, Megan Rouro, Mahika Ahmed, Miette Maoulidi, Chernice Mbogori, Megan Blackwell, Ciara Lonergan, Daniela del Angel.

2023-2024: Elisabeth Moore, Nicole Lee (EP&E), Razel Suansing, Anthony Andrews, Rohan Handa, Olivia Ang-Olson, Ryan Stevens, CJ Akhigbe, John Choe, Sherry Chen (EP&E).

2022-2023: Atia Ahmed, Alice Litvak, Theo Dean, Sofia Godoy, Natalie Luong, Holly Harris (M.A. Thesis).

2021-2022: Erti Tushe, Barbara Mola, Aria Falcone, Kathryn Attar, Morgan Ross, Isabel Johnson, Caleb Crayton.

2020-2021: Feyistan Falana, Nissim Roffe.

2019-2020: Alfredo Calvo, Andrew Carton, Annie Cheng, Lucas Cotler, Kendall Easley, Meng Yuan Li, Max Solotar, Valeria Wakeman.

2018-2019: John Dannigelis, John Lager, Idris Mitchell, Scott Patton, Joe Snively, Shelby Pinkerton (M.A. Thesis)

2017-2018: Hanna Herzog, Hayden Kline.

*Second Year Academic Advising:*

2022-2023: Daviana Rodriguez Zamora 2019-2020: Unique Parker 2018-2019: Jason Contino

**Instituto de Empresa***Academic Advising:*

2014-2015: Margarete Albrecht, Eugenia Bandin, Beatrice Grek-Fritzner, Christian Heise, Georgia Lawton, Moritz Maguerez, Laura Robiou, Laura Sánchez.

## Service

### *APSA Section*

Promoter of the Nationalism & Politics Section with Maya Tudor (Oxford University).

### *Panel, Working Groups and Roundtable Organizer*

Roundtable “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Teaching about Nationalism’s Multifaceted Nature,” ASN Annual World Convention,” New York, May 16-18, 2024.

Working Group. “The State of Nationalism Scholarship: Bridging Disciplinary, Methodological, and Regional Research,” APSA Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 15-18 (with Maya Tudor).

Panel on “Societies Behind Secessionist Conflicts,” APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle (online), September 30–October 3, 2021 (with Laia Balcells)

Panel on “Endogenous State Formation: Secessionism, Self-Rule, and Irredentism,” APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, August 28–September 2, 2018 (with Didac Queralt).

Panel on “Experimental Design in the Analysis of Political Attitudes and Behavior,” XI Congreso de la AECPA, Sevilla, September 18-20, 2013 (with Aina Gallego).

### *Evaluator and Member of Selection Committee*

Observatorio Social de la Fundación La Caixa, 2025 Flash Call.

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) (2017-2023, 2025)

Tinker Field Research Grants (Yale, 2019-2023)

Fulbright Brazil Distinguished Award Committee (Yale, 2021, 2022)

La Caixa Fellowships (2019, 2020, 2022).

### *Reviewer*

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Sociological Review, Comparative Politics, European Journal of Political Research, European Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, International Security, Mobilization, Nationalities Studies, Nationalities Papers, Political Behaviour, Publius, Regional Studies, Research and Methods, Sociological Forum, South European Society and Politics.

## Professional Affiliations

APSA, EPSA, CES, ASN, ASEN, Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM)

## Languages

Spanish (native), Catalan (bilingual), English (proficient), French (reading)