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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Post doctoral Researcher Horizon Europe project “EXPRESS2: Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract” Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	<i>2025 - Ongoing</i>
Teaching fellow Universitat Oberta de Catalunya	<i>2026 - Ongoing</i>
Substitute Lecturer Universitat de Barcelona	<i>2025 - 2026</i>
Ph.D. Researcher in Social Sciences Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (FPI Grant) Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	<i>2020 - 2024</i>

RESEARCH STAYS

Dynamics Group, Humboldt University Visiting researcher. Host Professor: Heike Klüver	<i>Fall 2025</i>
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Visiting researcher. Host Professor: Ana Mar Fernández Pasarín	<i>Spring 2025</i>
Universitat de Barcelona Visiting PhD student. Host Professor: Macarena Ares Abalde	<i>Spring 2024</i>
European University Institute Visiting PhD student. Host Professor: Filip Kostelka	<i>Fall 2022</i>

EDUCATION

PhD in Social Sciences Universidad Carlos III de Madrid • <i>Socio-Economic Contexts, Status and Political Behaviour in Western Democracies (1964-2019)</i> • Supervisors: Juan J. Fernández (UC3M) and Antonio Jaime-Castillo (UNED) • Comitee: Ruth Dassonneville (KU Leuven), Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI) and Amutz Garmendia Madariaga (UC3M)	<i>2020 - 2025</i>
M.A. in Social Sciences Universidad Carlos III - Juan March Institute	<i>2018 - 2020</i>
B.A. in Political Science and Administration Universitat Pompeu Fabra	<i>2013 - 2017</i>

COMPLEMENTARY ACADEMIC TRAINING

<i>EUI Research Seminars:</i> - Parties and Party Systems by Simon Hix - Intermediate Quantitative Methods by Arnoud van de Rijdt and Filip Kostelka	<i>2022</i>
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UC3M Workshops:

2020 - 2025

- Conjoint Analysis by Sebastian Lavezzolo
- Behavioral and Experimental Social Sciences by Luis Miller
- Structural Equation Models by Modesto Escobar
- Qualitative Research Methods by Joanna Dreby
- Webscrapping by Andreu Rodilla

RECSM Summer Methods School

2021

- Multilevel I by Carla Rampichini and Leonardo Grilli
- Multilevel II by Malcolm Fairbrother

PUBLICATIONS

Tirado Castro, A., & Caihuelas Navajas, B. (2025). The gender gap in policy responsiveness in Spain. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*. <https://doi.org/10.1332/25151088Y2024D000000067>

Fernández, J., Jaime-Castillo A. M., & Caihuelas Navajas B. (2025) The Socio-structural Basis of the Long-term Decline in Traditional Left-right Class Voting in Affluent Democracies, 1968-2018. *Comparative Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.5129/001041525X17368768326041>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Working papers

- Legitimacy Under Pressure: Dynamics of Trust in the European Union Amid Polycrisis
With Alejandro Tirado Castro and Juan A. Mayoral [R&R European Union Politics]
- Governing or Delegating Democracy? Public Preferences for AI Governance and Democratic Authority in Europe
With Alejandro Tirado Castro [Under review]
- Democracy's Unsolved Dilemma: Education and Increasing Turnout Inequality
- Trust, Mistrust, and Distrust in the European Union: A Conceptual and Empirical Distinction?
With Alejandro Tirado Castro and Juan A. Mayoral
- Can Algorithms Govern? Public Trust and the Limits of GenAI in Public Policy Design
With Alejandro Tirado Castro and Juan A. Mayoral
- Compared to Whom? Gender, Generation, and the Reference Groups of Young Men's Grievance
With Rebeca González Antuña and Lúdia Núñez Alañón
- Zero-Sum Nationalism: Social Identity and (Dis)Trust in Supranational Institutions
With Tommaso Camilot and Íñigo Ruiz Hílera
- Backlash and Resilience of Gender Equality: A Two-Dimensional Mapping of 25 European Societies
With Zeynep Gülrü Göker, Ayşe Betül Çelik and Meriç Çağlar

Book chapters

- Diagnosing Trust in the European Union: Citizens and the Social Contract
With Alejandro Tirado Castro and Juan A. Mayoral in "The EU Social Contract", Routledge
- La europeización de la economía española
With Marco Pastor Mayo in "40 años de España en la Unión Europea", CEPC [Under Review]

RESEARCH PROJECTS

DECODE: Democratic Effects of Conspiratorial Disengagement <i>Team Member</i> Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: PID2025-171937NB-I00). PI: Carolina Galais (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)	2026-2030 252.750€
EXPRESS2: Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract <i>Post doctoral Researcher</i> Horizon Europe (Project ID: 101132426) PI: Antoni Abat i Ninet (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).	2024 - 2027 2.795.851€
Unravelling Gender Equality Resistance in Europe <i>Team Member</i> Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: PID2023-147429OB-I00). PI: Marta Fraile (Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC))	2023 - 2027 181.250€
Twice as Hard, Half as Good? Women Candidates on the Campaign Trail <i>Research Assistant</i> European Research Council (ERC) - EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation. PI: Susan Banducci (University of Birmingham).	2023 - Ongoing 2.499.998€
The mechanisms of social class effects in political preferences <i>PhD Researcher</i> Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: RTI2018-098781-B-I00). PIs: Juan J. Fernández (UC3M) and Antonio M. Jaime-Castillo (UNED)	2020 - 2023 130.680€
Comparative Campaign Dynamics Dataset <i>Research Assistant</i> Funded by the German Science Foundation. Country expert: Pedro Riera (UC3M); PI: Marc Debus (University of Mannheim)	2019 - 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universitat de Barcelona

Political Behavior Spring 2026
B.A. in Political Science. *Teaching Evaluation:* 7,4/10

Data Analysis II Spring 2025
M.A. in Political Analysis and Institutional Assessment. *Teaching Evaluation:* NA

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Master thesis supervision Spring 2026
M.A. in Political Analysis and Governance.

Research Design Spring 2026
M.A. in Political Analysis and Governance. *Teaching Evaluation:* 8,75/10

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

European Politics (TA) Spring 2026
Dual B.A. in Political Science and Sociology
B.A. in Political Science

Mutidisciplinary seminar on Globalization (TA) Fall 2023
Dual B.A. in International Studies and Political Science. Dual B.A. in International Studies and Law.
Dual B.A. in International Studies and Business Administration. *Mean Teaching Evaluation:* 4,70/5

<i>Interdisciplinary Seminar II</i>	<i>Spring 2023</i>
B.A. in Philosophy Politics and Economics. <i>Teaching Evaluation: 4,19/5</i>	
<i>Political Representation and Electoral Analysis (TA)</i>	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Dual B.A. in Political Sciences and Law. <i>Teaching Evaluation: 4,13/5</i>	
<i>Advanced Quantitative Techniques for Social Research (TA)</i>	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Dual B.A. in Political Sciences and Sociology. <i>Teaching Evaluation: 4,11/5</i>	
<i>Introduction to the Sociology of Work (TA)</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
B.A. in Labor Relations. <i>Teaching Evaluation: 4,48/5</i>	

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

IX Jornada de Comportament i Opinió Pública de Catalunya	<i>2026, Barcelona</i>
AECPA	<i>2026, Granada</i>
CES	<i>2026, Dublin</i>
EPCR General Conference	<i>2025, Thessaloniki</i>
EPSA	<i>2025, Madrid</i>
IPSA RC27 International Workshop	<i>2025, Barcelona</i>
EXPRESS 2 Midterm Conference	<i>2025, Istanbul</i>
PAPERSS	<i>2025, Madrid</i>
Inequality challenges. VII UB International Doctoral Workshop	<i>2025, Barcelona</i>
Early Research Workshop	<i>2025, Madrid</i>
VII Jornada de Comportament i Opinió Pública de Catalunya	<i>2024, Barcelona</i>
EPCR General Conference	<i>2024, Dublin</i>
EPCR General Conference	<i>2023, Prague</i>
DIGCLASS International Workshop	<i>2023, Seville</i>

HONORS AND GRANTS

Grant for Feminist Research [<i>declined</i>]	<i>2026</i>
<i>Institute of Women, Spanish Ministry of Equality</i>	<i>22.526 €</i>
Grant for organising scientific meetings on gender and equality	<i>2026</i>
<i>Gender Equality Unit - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	<i>500€</i>
Grants for holding congresses, conferences, scientific meetings and seminars	<i>2026</i>
<i>Social Sciences Department - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	<i>1000€</i>
Honorable Mention, Enrique Fuentes Quintana Prize for Doctoral Dissertation	<i>2026</i>
Political Science, Sociology and Communication category, <i>FUNCAS</i>	
Honorable Mention, Juan Linz Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science	<i>2025</i>
<i>Spanish Ministry of Presidency, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies</i>	
Letters of Honor for Excellence in Faculty Evaluation Surveys	<i>2020-2026</i>
<i>Deputy Vice-Rector for Quality, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Convenor of the <i>Young Researchers in Gender and Social Sciences Conference</i>	2026
Convenor of the <i>Women in Political Science Writing Club</i>	2026
Organizer of Working Groups for the <i>XVIII Congreso de la AECPA</i>	2026
• <i>Old and New Cleavages: Elites, Voters and Electoral Change</i> • <i>The Far Right and the Transformation of Political Conflict</i>	

SKILLS

Software & Tools	RStudio, Stata, Latex, Office Package
Languages	English (C1), French (B2), Spanish and Catalan (native)

REFERENCES

Juan J. Fernández - *PhD Supervisor*
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Susan Banducci - *Project Supervisor*
University of Birmingham. Contact: s.a.banducci@bham.ac.uk

Juan Antonio Mayoral - *Project Supervisor*
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