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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

## RESEARCH STAYS

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

## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD in Social Sciences</b><br>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Socio-Economic Contexts, Status and Political Behaviour in Western Democracies (1964-2019)</i></li><li>• Supervisors: Juan J. Fernández (UC3M) and Antonio Jaime-Castillo (UNED)</li><li>• Comitee: Ruth Dassonneville (KU Leuven), Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI) and Amutz Garmendia Madariaga (UC3M)</li></ul> | <i>2020 - 2025</i> |
| <b>M.A. in Social Sciences</b><br>Universidad Carlos III - Juan March Institute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>2018 - 2020</i> |
| <b>B.A. in Political Science and Administration</b><br>Universitat Pompeu Fabra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>2013 - 2017</i> |

## COMPLEMENTARY ACADEMIC TRAINING

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| <i>EUI Research Seminars:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Parties and Party Systems by Simon Hix</li><li>- Intermediate Quantitative Methods by Arnoud van de Rijdt and Filip Kostelka</li></ul> | <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**

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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> [Q1; JIF: 2.2; Areas: Political Science, Women's Studies]

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> [Q1; JIF: 2.3; Area: Political Science]

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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- 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]
- Democracy's Unsolved Dilemma: Education and Increasing Turnout Inequality
- Trust, Mistrust, and Distrust in the European Union: Conceptual Distinctions and Democratic Implications  
*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*

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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### [EXPRESS2: Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract](#)

2024 - Ongoing

*Post doctoral Researcher*

Horizon Europe (Project ID: 101132426)

PI: Antoni Abat i Ninet (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

### [Unravelling Gender Equality Resistance in Europe](#)

2023 - Ongoing

*Team Member*

Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: PID2023-147429OB-I00).

PI: Marta Fraile (Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC))

### [Twice as Hard, Half as Good? Women Candidates on the Campaign Trail](#)

2023 - Ongoing

*Research Assistant*

European Research Council (ERC) - EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation.

PI: Susan Banducci (University of Birmingham).

[The mechanisms of social class effects in political preferences](#)

2020 - 2023

*PhD Researcher*

Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: RTI2018-098781-B-I00).

PIs: Juan J. Fernández (UC3M) and Antonio M. Jaime-Castillo (UNED)

[Comparative Campaign Dynamics Dataset](#)

2019 - 2022

*Research Assistant*

Funded by the German Science Foundation.

Country expert: Pedro Riera (UC3M); PI: Marc Debus (University of Mannheim)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Universitat de Barcelona

*Political Behavior*

Spring 2026

B.A. in Political Science

*Data Analysis II*

Spring 2025

M.A. in Political Analysis and Institutional Assessment

### 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

### 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 / Law / Business Administration.

*Teaching Evaluation: 4,70/5*

*Interdisciplinary Seminar II*

Spring 2023

B.A. in Philosophy Politics and Economics *Teaching Evaluation: 4,19/5*

*Political Representation and Electoral Analysis* (TA)

Fall 2021

Dual B.A. in Political Sciences and Law. *Teaching Evaluation: 4,13/5*

*Advanced Quantitative Techniques for Social Research* (TA)

Spring 2021

Dual B.A. in Political Sciences and Sociology. *Teaching Evaluation: 4,11/5*

*Introduction to the Sociology of Work* (TA)

Fall 2020

B.A. in Labor Relations. *Teaching Evaluation: 4,48/5*

## CONFERENCES

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2026

EPSA

2025

EPCR General Conference

2023; 2024; 2025

AECPA

2020 (accepted); 2026

## INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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| Coffee Forum. Who Governs What? Citizens, Trust, and the Future of EU Governance | 2026 |
| PAPERSS                                                                          | 2025 |
| IPSA RC27 International Workshop                                                 | 2025 |
| Inequality challenges.VII UB International Doctoral Workshop                     | 2025 |
| Early Reasearch Workshop                                                         | 2025 |
| VII Jornada de Comportament i Opinió Pública de Catalunya                        | 2024 |
| DIGCLASS International Workshop                                                  | 2023 |

## HONORS AND GRANTS

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| Grant for organising scientific meetings on gender and equality                                        | 2026      |
| <i>Gender Equality Unit - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>                                         | 500€      |
| Grant for organising scientific meetings on gender and equality                                        | 2026      |
| <i>Social Sciences Department - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>                                   | 1000€     |
| Honorable Mention, <a href="#">Juan Linz Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science</a> | 2025      |
| <i>Spanish Ministry of Presidency, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies</i>                 |           |
| Letters of Honor for Excellence in Faculty Evaluation Surveys                                          | 2020-2024 |
| <i>Deputy Vice-Rector for Quality, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>                                |           |

## SKILLS

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| <b>Software &amp; Tools</b> | RStudio, Stata, Latex, Office Package                   |
| <b>Languages</b>            | English (C1), French (B2), Spanish and Catalan (native) |

## REFERENCES

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- Juan J. Fernández - *PhD Supervisor*  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Contact: jjfgonza@clio.uc3m.es
- Susan Banducci - *Project Supervisor*  
University of Birmingham. Contact: s.a.banducci@bham.ac.uk
- Juan Antonio Mayoral - *Project Supervisor*  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Contact: juamayor@inst.uc3m.es