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- since 2022 Juan de la Cierva postdoctoral researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Barcelona
- since 2022 Member of Institution and Political Economy research group
- 2021 Maternity leave (October 2020 – October 2021)
- 2014 Researcher at research group Democracy, Elections and Citizenship (DEC) of the Autonomous University of Barcelona

EDUCATION AND VISITINGS

- 2020 PhD in Politics, Policies and International Relations, Autonomous University of Barcelona. Dissertation with distinction Cum Laude “Attitudes towards corruption and their consequences on political behavior”
- 2018 Feb-May, Visiting period at the Department of Political Science of the University of Gothenburg
- 2017 June, Visiting period with the NASP network at different Italian universities (University of Padova, University of Milan and Collegio Carlo Alberto)
- 2014 Master’s degree in Political Science Autonomous University of Barcelona (Mark: 9,2/10)
- 2012 Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology (Erasmus) University of Copenhagen
- 2011 Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology (licenciatura) University of Barcelona (Mark: 8,8/10)

PUBLICATIONS

“*Do they really care? Social desirability bias in attitudes towards corruption*”, in Research & Politics, SAGE Journals, 2022 (with Eva Anduiza and Jordi Muñoz)

Impact factor JCR: 4.357. Q1 Political Science. Rank: 23/188
Citations Wos Core Collection: 0. Google scholar: 0

“*Candidate Authenticity: ‘To thine own self be true’*”, in Political Behavior (with Michael S. Lewis-Beck, Dieter Stiers, Jac Larner, John Kenny and Florence Vallée-Dubois), 2021

Impact factor JCR: 4.605. Q1 Political Science. Rank: 18/188
Citations Wos Core Collection: 10. Google scholar: 28

“*Choosing the crook: A conjoint experiment on voting for corrupt politicians*” in Research & Politics, SAGE Journals, 2019

Impact Factor JCR: 3.141 (2020). Q2. Rank: 49/183
Citations Wos Core Collection: 19 Google scholar: 45

“*The Political Consequences of Corruption Scandals: Main Findings and Challenges*” in H Tumber and S Waisbord (Eds.), The Routledge Companion to Media and Scandal (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández), 2019

Citations Google scholar: 3

WORK IN PROGRESS

*“The Authentic A**hole: The causal linkages between politicians' consistency, authenticity and the vote”.* (With Michael S. Lewis-Beck, John Kenny, Dieter Stiers and Jac Larner) *Under review in the British Journal of Political Science*

“Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption” (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández)

“Rural-urban consciousness and their stereotypes” (with Toni Rodon and Guillem Riambau)

“Too crooked to be good? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians” (with Enrique Hernández)

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 AECPA prize for best book chapter *“The Political Consequences of Corruption Scandals: Main Findings and Challenges”* (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández)

2021 Phd thesis short listed for the ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize for the best dissertation

2020 Juan de la Cierva formación, postdoctoral scholarship (FJC2020-045084-I), funded by the Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain, 52600€

2020 PhD thesis with distinction Cum Laude *“Attitudes towards corruption and their consequences on political behavior”*

2017 NASP scholarship for Young Investigator Training Program in Political Studies, 3000€

2016 FPI Pre-doctoral scholarship (BES-2015-072756), funded by the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness of Spain, 100 000€

2014 Master's Thesis with Honors (highest mark reserved for the best 5%)
“The effect of public sector wages on corruption: Evidence from a within country analysis”

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

EPSA General Conference, Glasgow, June 2023 *Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* (with Macarena Ares and [Enrique Hernández](#))

MPSA General Conference, Chicago, April 2023, *Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández)

MPSA General Conference, Chicago, April 2023, *“The Authentic A**hole: The causal linkages between politicians' consistency, authenticity and the vote”.* (With Michael S. Lewis-Beck, John Kenny, Dieter Stiers and Jac Larner)

IPERG seminar, Universitat de Barcelona, January 2023, *Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández)

WAPOR Annual Conference, Online, November 2021, *Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández)

EPSA General Conference, Online, June 2021 *Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption* (with [Macarena Ares](#) and Enrique Hernández)

Workshop on Corruption, Manipulation and Accountability, Universitat de Barcelona, December 2019
Too crooked to be good? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians (with Enrique Hernández)

PhD Workshop on Empirical Political Science, Universidad de Barcelona, December 2019, *Too crooked to be good? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians* (with Enrique Hernández)

APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, September 2019, *Candidate's Authenticity: Measures and Consequences* (with Michael S. Lewis-Beck, [John Kenny](#), Dieter Stiers, Jac Larner, and Florence Vallée-Dubois)

International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Lisbon, July 2019, *Candidate's Authenticity: Measures and Consequences* (with Michael S. Lewis-Beck, John Kenny, Dieter Stiers, Jac Larner, and Florence Vallée-Dubois)

EPSCA General Conference, Belfast, June 2019, *Too crooked to be good? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians* (with Enrique Hernández)

MPSA General Conference, Chicago, April 2019, *Too crooked to be good? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians* (with Enrique Hernández)

ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, August 2018, *Efficient but Crooked? Dilemmas and the Punishment of Corrupt Politicians* (with [Enrique Hernández](#))

EPSCA General Conference, Milan, June 2017, *Choosing the crook: A conjoint experiment to assess under what conditions voters support corrupt candidates*

ECPR General Conference, Prague, September 2016, *Choosing the crook: A conjoint experiment to assess under what conditions voters support corrupt candidates*

International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Rome, April, *Economic Considerations in the Electoral Punishment of Corruption*

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND OTHER COURSES

Bayesian inference for Hierarchical/Multilevel Modelling, Universitat de Barcelona, 30 January – 3 February, 2023

ESS workshop on Designing Mixed Mode Surveys, online 16 - 17 de November 2022

International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy, Lisbon 9-11 July 2019

Course on Panel Data analysis, taught by Anja Neundorff, UAB 29-31 of May 2018

Course in Advanced Regression Techniques at the University of Gothenburg, 2 February 26 of March 2018. Responsible of the course Stefan Dahlberg.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Turin 24 June- 08 July 2017

Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data, ECPR Winter School, Bamberg 6-10 March 2017

3rd Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven 26 February- 5 March 2017

Course in Advanced Regression and Multilevel analysis, UAB, Barcelona 25-29 July 2016

Course in Survey Experiments taught by Thomas J. Leeper at Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology UPF, Barcelona 4-8 July 2016

Course in Data Analysis with R, UAB, Barcelona 6-9 June 2016

Training workshop in claims analysis taught by Maria Kousis at University of Crete, Crete 18-19 September 2015

Designing Conducting and Analyzing Field Experiments taught by Professor Donald P. Green at Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, Barcelona 5-6 March 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Electoral Analysis, Undergraduate course, Universitat de Barcelona. 3 credits.
- 2022 Seminar on causal inference and experimental Political Sciences at the Master's Program, UAB
- 2021 Workshop on Survey Experiments at the Dynamics Research Group, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Hertie School
- 2021 RECSM Winter Methods School: Experiments in the Study of Public Opinion, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. With Luis Miller and Amalia Álvarez
- 2018 and 2019 Seminar on causal inference and experimental Political Sciences at the Master's Program, UAB
- 2019 Seminar on Researching Corruption in Undergraduate program, UAB
- 2015 – 2019 Teaching assistant since 2015 at the Undergraduate courses on Methodologies for Political Sciences, Spanish Politics, Politics and Contemporary World, UAB

MENTORING

- 2023 Supervision of Undergraduate in Political Science final thesis (TFG), Júlia Díaz-Portales, February – June, Universitat de Barcelona
- Supervision of Undergraduate in Political Science final thesis (TFG), Oriol Martínez Domínguez, February – June, Universitat de Barcelona

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PROJECTS

- “Setè fòrum interdisciplinari de corrupció (ICRN forum)”, Ajuntament de Barcelona (PI Sofia Breitenstein), 5.362€
- “Geography, polarization and the rural-urban divide in the XXI century”, Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (PI Antoni Rodon), 55.055€
- “Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption”, Observatorio Social de la Caixa, 11601€
- “Political Change in Spain: Populism, Feminism and new dimensions of conflict”, FEDER/Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades CSO2017-83086-R from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2020, 105.270€ (PI Guillem Rico and Eva Anduiza, UAB)
- “Politician's Authenticity: conceptualization, measurement and its political consequences” (PI Michael S. Lewis-Beck, University of Iowa)
- “Living with hard times: How European citizens deal with economic crises and their social and political consequences”, EU 7th Framework Program grant FP7-SSH- 613237, EU, from 1/11/2013 to 31/10/2016, 270.000€ (PI Marco Giugni, Université de Genève)
- “LIMCOR: Limits on political corruption: the media, the system of political parties, civil society and citizens”, Recercaixa grant, 96.930€ (PI Pilar Sorribas Navarro, UB)
- “L'efecte de la Universitat sobre la formació dels valors i les actituds socials i polítiques dels estudiants” (PI Lucia Medina, ICPS)
- “Populist attitudes in Spanish public opinion”, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness grant CSO2014-52950-R, from 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2017, 75.000€ (PI Eva Anduiza and Guillem Rico, UAB)

OUTREACH

Votar al corrupto o la lógica electoral que (casi) nadie entiende, ABC, 25/06/2023

Així és el perfil dels votants de cada partit a les municipals de Barcelona, interview on newscast of TV3, 07/06/2023

Així és el perfil dels votants de cada partit a les municipals de Barcelona, article on 3/24, 30/05/2023

El bajo coste de la corrupción, La Vanguardia, 07/08/2021

¿Por qué no se castiga electoralmente la corrupción?, (with Macarena Ares and Enrique Hernández) Informes la Caixa, 08/2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Founder of Women in Political Science network (WOPS)

Organization of the 7th Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Forum, Universitat de Barcelona, June 2023. With 40 participants from 30 countries

Organization of Roundtable discussion: What questions on anti/corruption are of TOP policy relevance today and which ones are outdated? With Lara Baena García (Oficina Antifrau de Catalunya) Simona Levi (anti-corruption activist and founder of Xnet) and Branislav Radeljic (United Arab Emirates University), June 2023, Universitat de Barcelona

Member of the tribunal of Master in Institutions and Political Economy Thesis Defense, June 2023, Universitat de Barcelona

Organizer of seminar on "Female Academic Career", Universitat de Barcelona, November 2022

Chair of "Political consequences of corruption" panel at AECPA conference, September 2022

Speaker on seminar about the "The Academic Career" master Mater in Institutions and Political Economy, Universitat de Barcelona, January 2022

Manuscript reviewer for: American Political Sciences Review (x3), The Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Science, Public Opinion Quarterly, Governance (x2), Electoral Studies (x3), Research and Politics and European Journal of Political Research

Discussant at: DEC seminar (UAB), PhD workshop on empirical Political Science, MPSA General Conference, PhD seminar at UAB

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English proficiency
Spanish native
German native
Catalan native
French beginner

OTHER SKILLS

STATA user level
Qualtrics advanced
R basic