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## CV

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative government, authoritarian politics, elite studies, democratization, and text mining

### EDUCATION

- 2015-2020 European University Institute (EUI), Italy  
Ph.D. in Social and Political Science (defended, 26 May 2020)  
Thesis: “Should I Stay, or Should I go? On the Determinants of Elite Defections in Electoral Autocracies”, “Thesis of the month” award  
Committee: Stefano Bartolini (supervisor), Jennifer Gandhi (co-supervisor), Carl-Henrik Knutsen, Elias Dinas
- 2013-2015 Pompeu Fabra University, Spain, and the University of Konstanz, Germany  
M. Sci.& Arts: European Master in Government
- 2009-2013 Pablo de Olavide University (UPO), Spain  
B.A with highest honors in Sociology, and academic awards in 2010 and 2013,  
*Thesis Suma Cum laude*: “The Paradox of Democracy”

### PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 “Ciudadanos, Políticos y Expertos en la toma de decisiones: La percepción de la calidad de los actores políticos importan” [Citizens, Politicians and Experts in political decision-making: Citizens’ perceptions of the quality of political actors matter], *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas* (REIS), 154: 83-102, (with Clemente J. Navarro and Joan Font)
- Forthcoming “Territorial and National Identities of Political Elites in Times of Change (2010-2018)” (with Margarita Gómez-Reino Cachafeiro). [book chapter] In *Politicians in Hard Times. Facing Citizens after the Great Recession in Spain and Southern Europe*, edited by Xavier Coller and Leonardo Sánchez-Ferrer, London: Palgrave Macmillan
- Forthcoming “New Scenario, New Motivations to Become a Politician?” (with Manuel Portillo-Pérez) [book chapter] In *Politicians in Hard Times. Facing Citizens after the Great Recession in Spain and Southern Europe*, edited by Xavier Coller and Leonardo Sánchez-Ferrer, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Under review “The Origins of Elite Defections in Electoral Autocracies. A Cross-National Analysis”
- Under review “Beyond Elite Dissent. New Dimensions and Data for the Study of Elite Defections in Autocracies”

### WORKING PAPERS

- “Political Resources and How Elites Defect: Evidence from Yeltsin’s Russia”
- “On Citizens’ Ambivalent Support for Technocrats making all the Political Decisions”

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- 2020-2022 “The Politics of Turncoats. The Origin and Consequences of Defections from the Ruling Elite in Modern Autocracies” [book manuscript]
- 2020-2022 “Elite Conflicts and the Distribution of Public Funding to Political Parties” (with Dr. Sergiu Lipcean, Dublin City University)
- 2018-2021 “The Value of Political Connections. Evidence from Malaysia” (with Prof. Jennifer Gandhi, Emory University)
- 2020-2023 Research affiliate of the “Democracy under Threat: How Education can Save it” project (PI: Prof. Anja Neundorf, University of Glasgow)
- 2020-2023 Research affiliate of the “The Construction of Political Consensus in Multiparty Politics” project (PI: Prof. Xavier Coller, National Distance Education University)

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2020 “Thesis of the Month,” Department of Social and Political Science, EUI.  
Awarded to one recipient based on the thesis’s excellence and potential impact
- 2019 “Peter Mair Travel Award,” European Politics and Society section of American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2017 “Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Scholarship”
- 2017 “Exchange program University of Wisconsin-Madison – EUI,” covering tuition
- 2015-2019 “Salvador Madariaga Scholarship,” EUI and the Spanish Ministry of Education; Fully-funded four-year scholarship for Ph.D. in Social and Political Science, EUI
- 2015 “Academic Excellence Award in Sociology,” Unicaja and the Social Science and Environmental Andalusia Academy; awarded to one recipient in Andalusia (Spain)
- 2014 “Academic Excellence Award in BA Sociology,” UPO
- 2013 “Academic Excellence Award,” Catalunya Caixa, awarded to one recipient in Spain study in the Dept. Political and Social Science at the Pompeu Fabra University
- 2013-2014 “Young Research Fellowship,” Spanish Association of Political Science and Public Administration
- 2013 “First Finalist in the 5th Annual Innovative Business Project Ideas Competition,” UPO
- 2010 “Academic Excellence award in Sociology,” UPO
- 2009-2013 “University Scholarship,” Spanish Ministry of Education; awarded to students from low-income families to cover expenses of B.A. studies

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- 2021 Paper presenter on the panel “Election Timing and Government Survival: Reactions from Ruling Elites, Opposition Parties, and Voters” at the 6th World Congress of Political Science (scheduled), Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2020 Paper presenter on the panel “Who change Parties, When, and Why: Party Switching in Developing and Developed Countries.” ECPR conference (scheduled), Online
- 2019 Organizer, Chair, and Paper presenter on the panel “Weakening Autocracies: Internal and External Opposition Forces in Dictatorships,” APSA, Washington DC, United States
- 2018 Paper presenter at the conference “Regimes and Societies in Conflict: Eastern Europe and Russia since 1956,” organized by the British Association of East European Studies (BASEES), Uppsala, Sweden

- 2018 Paper presenter at the conference “Democracy and Democratization,” organized by Società italiana de scienza politica, Turin, Italy
- 2018 Organizer and Paper presenter at the workshop “On Authoritarian Power-Sharing,” EUI
- 2016 Organizer and Paper presenter at the workshop “Elections in Autocracy,” EUI
- 2013 Paper presenter at the conference “Politics in a Time of Uncertainty,” organized by Asociación Española de Ciencias Políticas y de la Administración, Spain

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Teacher in the workshop “Data Management in R: Tricks to Shape your Data Efficiently,” EUI (20 participants)
- 2018 Teacher in the workshop “Data Management in R: Tricks to Shape your Data Efficiently,” EUI (10 participants)
- 2016 Teacher in the workshop “Introduction to Data management and Analysis in R,” EUI (21 participants)
- 2016 Teaching Assistant in the workshop “Introduction to Data Analysis in R,” EUI
- 2016-2018 Tutor in Research Design, Quantitative Methods and Techniques, yearly fixed-term contract (2016-2017 and 2017-2018) at the Methods and Data Clinic, EUI
- 2015-2017 R tutor at the EUI, yearly fixed-term contract (2015-2016 and 2016-2017)
- 2014-2015 Erasmus-Internship, Assistant researcher in the Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz (supervisor, Peter Selb)
- 2013-2014 Founder and active partner of the cooperative “ISI, Investigación Social Integral s. coop.” (CIF: F 90084054)
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, Internship of V Plan Propio at the Pablo de Olavide University in the Center of Sociology and Local Politics (Supervisor, Clemente J. Navarro)
- 2009-2013 Research Assistant in the research group Democracy and Autonomous Communities: Society and Politics (directors, Xavier Coller and Andrés Santana)

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- 2018 Teaching Training: Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education, EUI
- 2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
- 2016 Causal Models and Structural Equation Modeling, Essex University

## LANGUAGES

Spanish: native speaker; English and Italian: very fluent; German: working knowledge  
 Programming skills: expert in R, advanced user of Stata and Latex, working knowledge in CSS

## REFERENCES

**Stefano Bartolini**, Emeritus Professor, European University Institute, [Stefano.Bartolini@eui.eu](mailto:Stefano.Bartolini@eui.eu)  
**Jennifer Gandhi**, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Political Science, Emory University, [jgandh2@emory.edu](mailto:jgandh2@emory.edu)  
**Marta Fraile** (Teaching Reference), Permanent Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Goods and Policies, Superior Council of Scientific Research, [marta.fraile@cchs.csic.es](mailto:marta.fraile@cchs.csic.es)