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## CV

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### Research Interests

Comparative politics, comparative government, authoritarian politics, elite studies, democratization

### 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-H 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 in Sociology, *Cum Laude*, and academic awards in 2010, 2013, and for the thesis “The Paradox of Democracy”

### Professional Appointments

- 2021 Visiting Professor, University Carlos III of Madrid, Department of Social Science

### Publications

- 2021 Territorial and National Identities in Times of Change (with Margarita Gómez-Reino Cachafeiro). [book chapter] In *Politicians in Hard Times. Facing Citizens after the Great Recession in Spain and Southern Europe*, eds. X Coller and L Sánchez-Ferrer, London: Palgrave Macmillan
- 2021 New Scenario, New Motivations to Become Politician? (with Manuel Portillo-Pérez) [book chapter] In *Politicians in Hard Times. Facing Citizens after the Great Recession in Spain and Southern Europe*, eds. X Coller and L Sánchez-Ferrer, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 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)
- R&R The Origins of Elite Defections in Electoral Autocracies. A Cross-National Analysis, *Comparative Political Studies* [Re-submitted]
- Submitted Beyond Elite Dissent. New Dataset for the Study of Elite Defections in Electoral Autocracies

### Working Papers

- Office Insecurity and How Elites Defect: Evidence from Yeltsin's Russia
- Explaining Why Citizens Express Ambivalent Support for Experts in Political Decision-making

## **Work in Progress**

- 2018-2021 The Value of Political Connections when Authoritarian Governments fall from Power. Evidence from Malaysia (with Prof. Jennifer Gandhi, Emory University)
- 2020-2023 The Politics of Turncoats. The Origin and Consequences of Defections from the Ruling Elite in Modern Autocracies [book manuscript in progress]
- 2021-2022 Elite Conflicts and the Distribution of Public Funding to Political Parties (with Dr. Sergiu Lipcean, Dublin City University)
- 2021-2022 Party Origins, Elite divisions and Authoritarian Breakdown (with Dr. Masaaki Higashijima, Tohoku 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 Collet, 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,” covering tuition and expenses
- 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, 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 conference “On Authoritarian Power-Sharing,” EUI
- 2016 Organizer and Paper presenter at the conference “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**

- 2021 Senior Research assistant in the “Emergence, Life and Demise of Autocratic Regimes,” University of Oslo (PI: Carl H Knutsen)
- 2018, 2019 Trainer in the workshop “Data Management in R: Tricks to Shape your Data Efficiently,” EUI
- 2016 Trainer in the workshop “Introduction to Data management and Analysis in R,” EUI
- 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

### **Teaching**

- Theory and Evolution of the State, University Carlos III of Madrid, undergraduate teaching (2021)
- Varieties of Capitalism, University Carlos III of Madrid, undergraduate teaching (2021)
- Data Management in R: Tricks to Shape your Data Efficiently, EUI, graduate teaching (2018, 2019)
- Introduction to Data management and Analysis in R, EUI, graduate teaching (2016)

### **Supervision**

- 4 BA thesis in the area of Comparative Politics and Conflict studies (in progress)

## Languages

Spanish: native speaker;                    English and Italian: very fluent;                    German: working knowledge

Programming skills: expert in R, advanced user of Stata, Latex, Wordpress, working knowledge in CSS

## References

**Stefano Bartolini**, Emeritus Professor, European University Institute, Stefano.Bartolini@eui.eu

**Jennifer Gandhi**, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Political Science, Emory University,  
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