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## CV

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### Research Interests

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

### Education

- 2015-20 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
- 2013-15 Pompeu Fabra University, Spain, & the University of Konstanz, Germany  
M. Sci.& Arts: European Master in Government
- 2009-13 Pablo de Olavide University (UPO), Spain  
B.A in Sociology, *Cum Laude*, and academic awards in 2010, 2013, and for the BA thesis

### Professional Appointments

- 2021- Humboldt postdoctoral fellow, Center for East European and International Studies & Berlin Social Science Center WZB (2022-), Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Visiting Professor, University Carlos III of Madrid, Dept. of Social Science, Madrid, Spain (February-August)
- 2020-21 Research Associate, Democracy and Autonomy Regions: Society and Politics research group, UPO (June-February)

### Publications

- 2022 Strategic uncertainty and elite defections in electoral autocracies. A cross-national analysis, *Comparative Political Studies*
- 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 politicians? (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)
- U/R Participation, representation, and expertise: Revisiting citizen preferences for political decision-making processes

U/R Business as usual? The value of political connections under regime change. Evidence from Malaysia (with Jennifer Gandhi and Allison Cuttner)

### **Working Papers**

A new dataset for the study of elite defections in electoral autocracies (updating it)

Office insecurity and how elites defect. Evidence from Yeltsin's Russia

Elite divisions, autocratic party origins, and democratic transitions (with Masaaki Higashijima)

Channeling unrest? Opposition coordination in authoritarian elections. Evidence from 2021 smart voting strategy in Russia (with Galina Selivanova)

### **Work in Progress**

2020-22 Turncoat politics. The origin and consequences of defections from the ruling elite in electoral autocracies [book manuscript in progress]

2021-22 Education indoctrination dataset (PI: Carl H Knutsen, University of Oslo)

2020-23 Research affiliate of the “Democracy under threat: How education can save it” project (PI: Anja Neundorf, University of Glasgow)

2020-23 Research affiliate of the “The construction of political consensus in multiparty politics” project (PI: Xavier Coller, National Distance Education University)

### **Dissemination Articles and Media Appearances**

A cat-dog called electoral autocracy, ECPR political science blog's the Loop (accepted)

¿El Principio del fin? Fisuras dentro del aparato mediático del Kremlin, El País, Agenda Pública (19.03.2022)

Invasión de Ucrania y los oligarcas rusos, entrevista en el programa Valors al'alça, Radio Matarò (13.04.2022)

### **Academic Awards and Scholarships**

2022 Juan de la Cierva-Formación postdoctoral fellowship. Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation; fully-funded two-year scholarship [declined offer]

2021-23 Humboldt postdoctoral research fellowship. Humboldt Foundation; Fully-funded 16-month scholarship

2021 Grant of the university research program for a research stay at Uppsala University, Sweden, granted by University Carlos III of Madrid.

2021 Teaching distinction for obtaining high teaching evaluations, University Carlos III of Madrid

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

2015-19 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

2010, 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
- 2013-14 Young Research Fellowship, Spanish Association of Political Science and Public Administration
- 2013 First Finalist in the 5th Annual Innovative Business Project Ideas Competition, UPO
- 2009-13 University Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Education; awarded to students from low-income families to cover expenses of B.A. studies

### **Selected Conference Participation**

- 2022 Organizer, chair, and paper presenter, APSA conference, Quebec, Canada (scheduled)
- 2022 Paper presenter, research seminar, Berlin Social Science Center, Germany (scheduled)
- 2022 Paper presenter, European Political Science Association conference, Czech Republic
- 2022 Paper presenter, “Emergence, Life and Demise of Autocratic Regimes” Workshop, Norwegian Institute at Athens, Greece
- 2021 Paper presenter, research seminar, Dept. of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 2021 Paper presenter, 6th World Congress of Political Science, Portugal, online
- 2020 Paper presenter, panel European Consortium for Political Research conference, online
- 2019 Organizer, chair, and paper presenter, APSA conference, Washington DC, United States
- 2018 Paper presenter, British Association of East European Studies, Sweden
- 2018 Paper presenter, Società italiana de scienza politica, Italy
- 2018 Organizer and paper presenter, “On Authoritarian Power-Sharing” conference, EUI, Italy
- 2016 Organizer and paper presenter, “Elections in Autocracy” conference, EUI, Italy
- 2013 Paper presenter, Asociación Española de Ciencias Políticas y de la Administración, Spain

### **Professional Experience**

- 2021- Senior research assistant in the project 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
- 2016-18 Tutor in research design, quantitative methods, and techniques, yearly fixed-term contract (2016-2017 and 2017-2018), EUI
- 2015-17 R tutor at the EUI, yearly fixed-term contract (2015-2016 and 2016-2017)
- 2014-15 Erasmus-Internship, assistant researcher in the Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz (supervisor, Peter Selb)
- 2013-14 Founder and active partner of the cooperative “ISI, Investigación Social Integral s. coop.” (CIF: F 90084054)
- 2012-13 Research assistant, Internship of V Plan Propio, Center of Sociology and Local Politics, UPO (Supervisor, Clemente J. Navarro)
- 2009-13 Research assistant in the research group Democracy and Autonomous Communities: Society and Politics (PI: 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, Political Economy and Conflict Studies

## **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**

**Jennifer Gandhi**, Associate professor in the dept. of political science, Emory University,  
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**Carl H Knutsen**, Associate professor in the dept. of political science, University of Oslo,  
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