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Research Interests

Comparative politics, authoritarian politics, elite studies, democratization, autocratization, education

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 (October 2022-), Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Visiting Professor, University Carlos III of Madrid, Dept. of Social Science, Madrid, Spain
(February-August)
- 2020- Research affiliate of the “Democracy under threat: How education can save it” project (PI:
Anja Neundorf, University of Glasgow)
- 2020- Research affiliate of the “The construction of political consensus in multiparty politics”
project (PI: Xavier Coller, National Distance Education University)
- 2020-21 Research Associate, Democracy and Autonomy Regions: Society and Politics research
group, UPO (June-February)

Publications

- 2022 Elite divisions, autocratic party origins, and political liberalization in autocracies (with
Masaaki Higashijima), n50, *The V-Dem Institute working paper series*.
- 2022 Strategic uncertainty and elite defections in electoral autocracies. A cross-national
analysis, *Comparative Political Studies*, 55 (13): 2251-82
- 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 & Joan Font)
- U/R Shooting stars in the dark sky: Elite divisions and the prospects of political liberalization in dictatorships (with Masaaki Higashijima)
- U/R Business as usual? The value of political connections under regime change. Evidence from Malaysia (with Jennifer Gandhi and Allison Cuttner)
- U/R Revisiting citizen preferences for participative, representative, and expert-based governance
- Submitted Education Policies and Systems across Modern History: A Global Dataset (with Carl H Knutsen & Philipp M Lutscher), *V-Dem working paper series*

Working Papers

- A new dataset for the study of elite defections in electoral autocracies
- Office insecurity and how elites defect. Evidence from Yeltsin's Russia
- Economic crises and Democratization: The role of elite defections
- Political representatives in Spain: profile and political career since the transition to democracy (with Pablo Domínguez, Xavier Coller & Antonio Jaime-Castillo)

Work in Progress

- Turncoat politics. The origins and consequences of defections from the ruling elite in electoral autocracies [book manuscript in progress]
- Channeling unrest? Opposition coordination in authoritarian elections. Evidence from 2021 smart voting strategy in Russia (with Galina Selivanova)
- How Data Collection Methods Affect Inferences: Lessons from Three Education Datasets (with Wooseok Kim, Carl H Knutsen, Eugenia Nazrullaeva, Anja Neundorf, and Agustina Paglayan)

Outreach Activities and Media Appearances

- The Kremlin and elites in war times, *The Conversation*. Republished in four other news media (12.01.2023)
- Between wishful thinking and fatalism? The Role of Elite Divisions in Autocracies, *ZOIS's spotlight* (30.11.2022), available in English and German. Spanish version [Pelea de perros bajo la alfombra: el papel de la división de las élites en dictaduras] published by *El País-Agenda Pública* (23.12.2022)
- A cat-dog called electoral autocracy, *ECPR political science blog's the Loop*.
- Invasión de Ucrania y los oligarcas rusos, interview in the program *Valors al'alça*, *Radio Matarò* (13.04.2022)
- ¿El Principio del fin? Fisuras dentro del aparato mediático del Kremlin, *El País-Agenda Pública* (19.03.2022)

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 24-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 the 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

- 2023 Paper presenter at the Comparative Politics workshop, University of Stockholm, Sweden (scheduled)
- 2023 Presenter, Online workshop to discuss my book proposal “Turncoats Politics” with Jennifer Gandhi, John Reuter, and Carl H Knutsen (TBC)
- 2022, 2023 Paper presenter, Authoritarian Political Systems Group workshop (online)
- 2022 Paper presenter, Innovations on education data workshop, Oxford University, UK
- 2022 Paper presenter, research seminar, Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
- 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, 2022 Organizer, chair, and paper presenter, APSA conference.
- 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

- 2021-23 Senior research assistant in the project Emergence, Life and Demise of Autocratic Regimes, University of Oslo (PI: Carl H Knutsen)
- 2018-19 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, researcher assistant 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, Italy
- 2017 Institute for qualitative and multi-method research, Syracuse University, United States
- 2016 Causal models and structural equation modeling, Essex University, United Kingdom

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 (2021)
- 4 Research assistants for the Education indoctrination dataset, University of Oslo (2021- March 2023)

Languages

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

References

Jennifer Gandhi, Professor of political science and global affairs, Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University, jennifer.gandhi@yale.edu

Carl H Knutsen, Associate professor in the Department of political science, University of Oslo, c.h.knutsen@stv.uio.no

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