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CURRENT POSITION-----

Postdoctoral Fellow Digital Democracies Group (DDG), School of Communication, Simon Fraser University.

EDUCATION-----

- 2019** **Ph.D.** in Political and Social Sciences. Department of Social Sciences, Italy. Dissertation: “Is Twitter the new coffee house? The contribution of the European Political Twittersphere to a transnational European Public Sphere and European demos”.
- √ Supervisor: Professor Alexander Trechsel.
 - √ Awarded Best Thesis in Political Communication from the Spanish Association of Political Communication (ACOP).
- 2015** **Master of Science.** Research Methods. Department of Social Sciences, European University Institute, Italy.
- 2012** **Master of Arts.** European Studies. Department of Humanities, University of Lund, Sweden.
- 2009** **Bachelor of Arts.** Contemporary History. Department of Social Sciences, University of Valencia, Spain.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING-----

- 2018** 6th ICA International Summer School. Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour. Milan, Italy.
- 2017** DataCamp. Data Analysis with R (collection, process and visualization of data).
- 2016** Oxford Internet Institute Summer School. Internet Related workshops. Oxford, UK.

VISITING PERIODS-----

- 2020** Visiting Scholar at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society. Harvard University (USA). February-April 2020. Supervisor: Fernando Bermejo.
- 2017** Visiting Scholar at Public opinion and Media Lab (POMLAB). University of Milan (Italy). September 2017- December 2018Supervisors: Mauro Barisione and Luigi Curini.
- 2017** Visiting Scholar at the Digital Media, Networks and Political Communication (DIMENET) research group at the Annenberg School for Communication. University of Pennsylvania (USA). January-June 2017. Supervisor: Sandra González-Bailón.

RESEARCH-----

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020** “European Twitter Networks: Where are they? Towards a transnational European Public Sphere” [accepted and under review for International Journal of Communication. Expected in September 2020]
- 2019** “Commenting on Politics Topics through Twitter. Is European politics European?”, *Social Media + Society*, 5(4).
- 2018** “The last will be the first. A study of European Issue Publics on Twitter”, in E. Pavan and A. Mattoni (eds.), *Partecipazione e conflitto*, special issue The Big Data Challenge. From Big Data in Politics to the Politics of Big Data, 11(2): 423-447.
- 2017** “Twitter research for social scientists: a brief introduction to the benefits, limitations and tools for analysing Twitter data”, *Revista Dígitos*, University of Valencia, 3/2017: 17-32.

Book Chapters

- 2014** “The role of the Euroblogosphere in a context of a European Public Sphere”, in A. Stepinska (ed.) *Media and Communication in Europe*, Logos Verlag, pp. 61-73.

Book Reviews

- 2018** [Review of the Book “Integration, Diversity and the Making of a European Public Sphere”, by Hakan Sicakkan (Ed.)] *Mass Communication and Society* 21 (2): 269-271.

[Review of the Book “Decoding the Social World: Data Science and the unintended consequences of Communication”, by Sandra González-Bailón] *International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics* 14(2): 270-272.

Non-refereed Academic Publications

- 2019** “Are social media platforms good for democracy?”, *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 34: 32-33, ISSN: 2340-9576. (In Spanish)
- 2018** “Are bots dreaming in winning elections?” *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 23: 11-15, ISSN: 2445- 3951. (In Spanish)
- 2017** “The European Public Sphere: exist, can exist, will exist”, *APUZ-Bdp Bundestag Magazine*, 37/2017: 35-40, ISSN: 0479-611 (In German).

Press

- 2019** “A look from Twitter to Von Der Leyen’s election”, *Agenda Pública El País*, 19th July 2019.
- 2016** “Reactions to Jucker’s State of the Union speech show difficulties in creating a European public sphere online”, *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPPP) Blog*, 22 September.
- 2012** “The Euroblogosphere has great potential to contribute to the European public sphere”, *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog*, 27 Oct 2012.
- 2016** “How can the Internet contribute to civil participation? The case of Eurobloggers”, *Heinrich Boll Foundation*, 24 September.

Invited Talks and Seminars

- 2019** Talk: “Interacting outside the bubble”. European Commission (Directorate General Communication), Brussels, Belgium.
- 2018** Talk: “EU elections on Social Media”. Open EU Debate opening Conference, Madrid, Spain.
- 2016** Talk: “Mapping the European Political Twittersphere with TCAT and Gephi”. Milan University, Milan, Italy.
- Seminar: “Blogging about EU issues”. Closing Conference of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2013** Seminar: “Social Media, European New Media and the EU Public Sphere”. JEF Europe, Stockholm, Sweden.

- 2012-2014** Talk: “Youth online”. European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Seminar: “Blogging EU affairs”. Conference Europe’s common future. Böll Foundation, Berlin, Germany.

Conference Presentations

- 2020** “Sentiment Analysis on Twitter Data”, *Political Communications Section International Communications Association (ICA)*, Brisbane (Australia), May 2020. Declined due to Covid19.
- 2019** “Transnational public spheres online”, *Transformation in the Digital Age: The Public Sphere*, Hildesheim (Germany), April 2019.
- 2018** “A transnational European Public Sphere on Twitter”, *7th European Communications Conference (ECEA)*, Lugano (Switzerland), November 2018.
- 2017** “Networked Publics on Twitter. The case of the TTIP”, *ECEA Symposium Digital Democracy in the age of Big Data*, Stockholm (Sweden), November 2017.
- “A European Networked Public Sphere empirical method”, *Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR)*, Tartu (Estonia), October 2017.
- “A transnational European Public Sphere”, *European Consortium Political Research General Conference (ECPR)*, Oslo (Norway), September 2017.
- “Network analysis of European Twitter networks”, *3rd European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN)*, Mainz (Germany), September 2017.
- “European transnational networks on Twitter”, *NordMedia 2017 bi-annual Conference*, Tampere (Finland), August 2017.
- “Geolocation of Tweets for measuring transnational interactions”, *3rd IC2S2 Computational Social Science Conference*, Cologne (Germany), July 2017.
- “European Networked Public Sphere on Twitter: Schengen and TTIP”, *7th European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan (Italy), June 2017.
- 2016** “An Introduction to Social Network Analysis of Twitter data”, *MediaFlows Congress of online political communication*, Valencia (Spain), November 2016.
- “European Twitter Networks. The case of Brexit”, *PhD Symposium Media and Communications London School of Economics (LSE)*, London (UK), June 2016.
- 2013** “The Euroblogosphere and European Online Communications”, *14th Academic Association or Contemporary European Studies (UACES)*, Loughborough (UK), July 2013.

2012 “The Europeanization of Digital Powers”, *EuroAcademia*, Budapest (Hungary), December 2012.

Conference Panels Organized

2017 “Political Networks” (with Isabelle Borucki) at *7th European Consortium Political Research General Conference*, Oslo (Norway), September 2017.

Research Groups

2014-2016 Python and R programming for Social Sciences, organizer, European University Institute, Florence (Italy).

Research Grants and Awards

University of Hamburg

2019 Visiting Postdoctoral Grant Fellowship. Algorithmized Public Spheres Unit of the Hans-Bredow Institute. Declined.

European University Institute

2018-2019 Award Best PhD Dissertation in Political Communication by The Association of Political Communication, Spain.

2018 Yecrea Travel Grant for the ECREA Conference, Lugano (Switzerland).

2014-2018 Swedish Research Council Grant for PhD Studies.

Lund University

2011 Erasmus Grant for Graduate Studies.

University of Valencia

2008-2009 Erasmus Grant for undergraduate studies
Bancaja Grant for undergraduate studies

TEACHING-----

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Level

2018 Fall Social Media and Politics. Department of Social Sciences, University of Lucerne (Switzerland).

Undergraduate Courses

2020 Autumn Social Media and Political Engagement. School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver (Canada).

2018 Spring Communications Research Methods. Communications Department, Lorenzo di Medici Institute, Florence (Italy).

Workshops, Seminars and Lectures taught

2020 Lecture: "Misinformation in Canada". SFU Centre For Dialogue, Vancouver (Canada), May 2020.

2018 Workshop: Social Media and Politics (with Prof. Anamaria Dutceac and Michael Bossetta, Lund and Copenhauen University). European University Institute, Florence (Italy), May 2018.

Seminar: "The European Twittersphere". Mid Sweden University, Ostersund, (Sweden), April 2018.

Lecture: "The European Publics online". Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence (Italy), February 2018.

2017 Workshop: Python Programming for the Social Sciences (with Prof. Jonathan Bright from Oxford University). European University Institute, Florence (Italy), May 2017.

SERVICE-----

Service and Engagement (Academic)

2020-present Journal Reviewer Mis/Information Harvard Kennedy School.

2020 Programme Advisory Committee, Canada's Democracy Summit, Ryerson University.

2019-present Journal reviewer in Political Communication Papers: The International Journal of Press and Politics

2018-present Journal Reviewer in Digital Media and Politics papers: International Journal of Communication USC Annenberg.

2017 - present Conference Reviewer in Political Communication Association: International Communications Association ICA.
Public Service and Engagement (Non-Academic)

2019 Consultant on mis/disinformation on social media in the EU elections 2019.
Wahlbeobachtung Election-Watch EU NGO

SKILLS-----

COMPUTATIONAL - R.
- Python.
- Twitter Capture and Analysis Toolkit (TCAT).
- GitHub.
- Tableau for data visualization and analytics.

RESEARCH - Social Network Analysis with Gephi and iGraph in R.
- Content and Sentiment Analysis with Quanteda and iSA.
- Social media analytics with Tableau and R.

COMMUNICATION - Public speaking skills from conferences and professional events.
- Teaching courses about social media & politics, and digital democracy.
- Interpersonal skills: used to multicultural team work.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT - Strong knowledge in planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and time management of complex projects.
- I organized events, workshops and trainings for civil society organizations.
- Successfully led organization and projects at the local, national and European level.

LANGUAGES - Spanish and Catalan (bilingual mother tongue).
- English (Proficient C2).
- Italian (Good Knowledge B1).
- Swedish (Knowledge A2).

MEMBERSHIPS - International Communication Association (ICA).
- Association of Internet researchers (AOIR).
- Association of Political Communication (ACOP).