

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- European Public Sphere, especially online.
- Political Communication, especially at the European level.
- Social Media and Politics.
- Digital Democracy.
- Big Data and Politics.
- Computational methods: network analysis, content & sentiment analysis, big data.
- Digital methods: Twitter data, issue mapping, social media analytics.

EDUCATION

European University Institute Florence | Italy 2014 – on going

PhD in Social and Political Sciences.

“The mapping of the European Political Twittersphere and its significance for the European Public Sphere”. Supervisor: Alexander Trechsel.

European University Institute Florence | Italy 2014 - 2015

Master of Research.

Quantitative and Qualitative Methods (130 ECTS).

Stockholm University Stockholm | Sweden 2013 – 2014

M. A. in Media and Communications (60 ECTS)

Individual courses.

Lund University Lund | Sweden 2010 – 2012

M. A. in European Studies (120 ECTS)

Thesis: “The European Blogosphere”. Supervisor Peter Dalghren.
Erasmus Exchange in Brussels (Belgium).

University of Valencia Valencia | Spain 2004 – 2009

Bachelor in Contemporary History (300 ECTS).

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

POLCON Project - Coder
Florence, Italy
January 2016 – May 2016

- Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession.
- Supervisor: Hanspeter Kriesi.
- Coding of protest events for content analysis.

PriFest Film Festival – Head of Communications
Prishtina, Kosovo
March 2014 – May 2014

- Coordination and implementation of the communication’s strategy
- Press management.
- Project & event management.

Bloggingportal.eu – Co-editor
Brussels, Belgium
February 2012 – February 2014

- Curator of blogs, posts, and the “Editors Choice”.
- Consultant European blogging campaigns.
- Speaker about EU social media and the EU blogosphere.

JEF Europe – Elected Federal Committee member
Brussels, Belgium
November 2013 – November 2014

- Elected as member of the Federal Committee.
- Appointed for Visual Identity by Presidency and Executive Bureau.
- Consultant in European Youth Policies.

TEDx Stockholm – Head of Communications
Stockholm, Sweden
September 2012 – September 2013

- Coordination and implementation of the communication’s strategy
- Press management.
- Project & Event Management.

Stockholm University - Researcher
Stockholm, Sweden
October 2012 – March 2013

- Coding Data from different international TV channels.
- Creating statistics and tables.
- Global Television Discourse.

VISITING PERIODS

- **September 2017 – January 2018.** Visiting Scholar at Public Opinion & Media Lab (POMLAB) and Voices from the BLOGS in the Department of Social and Political Sciences. [University of Milan](#). Supervisors: Mauro Barisione and Luigi Curini.

- **January 2017 – June 2017.** Visiting Scholar at the Digital Media, Networks, & Political Communication (DIMENET) research group at the Annenberg School for Communication. [University of Pennsylvania](#). Supervisor: Sandra González-Bailón.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

COMPUTATIONAL

- R (3 years)
- Python (2 year)
- Google Maps API
- Twitter Capture Analysis Toolkit (TCAT)
- Twitter API(s)
- Bash/shell
- GitHub
- Web management (typo3, wordpress, jekyll, octopress)
- Amazon AWS (3 years)

DATA VISUALIZATION

- Tableau
- ggplot2
- Shiny
- Plotly
- Sigma.js
- D3
- Infogram

RESEARCH

- Social Network Analysis (Gephi and iGraph)
- Content and Sentiment analysis with quanteda and iSA

COMMUNICATION

- Interpersonal skills: used to multicultural team work.
- Public speaking experience in academic and professional events.
- Professional experience in communication strategies.

LEADERSHIP

- Successfully led organizations & projects at the local, national and EU level
- Management and leadership of teams of 50 people.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Strong knowledge in planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and time management of complex projects.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish and Catalan (bilingual mother tongue)
- English (Proficient C1)
- Swedish (Good Knowledge B1)
- Italian (Good Knowledge B1)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [7] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2018), "The mapping of the European Political Twittersphere and its significance for the European Public Sphere: a Networked Public Sphere study", **[Work in Progress]**
- [6] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2018), "The mapping of the European Political Twittersphere and its significance for the European Public Sphere: a transnational EPS", **[Work in Progress]**
- [5] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2018), "The mapping of the European Political Twittersphere and its significance for the European Public Sphere: a content and sentiment analysis of European topics", **[Work in Progress]**
- [4] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2017), "The European Public Sphere: exist, can exist, will exist", APUZ-Bdp Bundestag Magazine, 37/2017, pp. 35-40, ISSN: 0479-611 (In German).
- [3] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2017), "Twitter research for social scientists: a brief introduction to the benefits, limitations and tools for analysing Twitter data.", pp. 17-32 Revista Dígitos, 3, ISSN: 2444-0132.
- [2] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (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, ISBN 978-3-8325-3680-0
- [1] Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2012), "Who blogs what? A qualitative study on the role of the Euroblogosphere in a context of a European Public Sphere. Master Thesis. Lund University, Sweden.

BOOK REVIEWS

Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2017), [Review of the Book "Integration, Diversity and the Making of a European Public Sphere", by Hakan Sicakkan] *Mass Communication and Society Journal*, Routledge.

PRESS

Ruiz-Soler, Javier and Seóne Pérez, F. (2018). "Are bots dreaming in winning elections?" *Magazine Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*, 23, pp. 11-15, ISSN: 2445- 3951. (In Spanish)

- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2016) "Reactions to Juncker's State of the Union speech show the difficulties in creating a European public sphere online." *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (22 Sep 2016).

- Ruiz Soler, Javier (2012) "The Euroblogosphere has great potential to contribute to the European public sphere." *LSE European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) Blog* (27 Oct 2012).

- Ruiz-Soler, Javier (2012), "How can internet contribute to civil participation? The case of Eurobloggers." *Heinrich Böll Foundation. Blog* (24 Sep 2012). *Blog Entry*.

CONFERENCES

- **ECREA Symposium "Digital Democracy in the age of Big Data"**

Stockholm

November 2017

Paper: "Networked Publics on Twitter. The case for the TTIP"

- Association Internet Researchers AOIR Conference: Networked Publics PhD Colloquium: "A European Networked Public Sphere empirical method"	Tartu	October 2017
- ECPR European Consortium Political Research General Conference Paper: "A transnational European Public Sphere"	Oslo	September 2017
- EUSN 3rd European Conference on Social Networks Paper: "Network analysis of European Twitter networks"	Mainz	September 2017
- NordMedia 2017 bi-annual Conference Paper: "European transnational interactions on Twitter"	Tampere	August 2017
- IC2S2 3rd Computational Social Science Conference Poster: "Geolocation of Tweets for measuring transnational interactions"	Cologne	July 2017
- EPSA 7th Conference European Political Sciences Paper: "European Networked Public Sphere on Twitter: #schengen and #TTIP"	Milan	June 2017
- Mediaflows Congress of online political communication Paper: "An introduction to Social Network Analysis of Twitter data"	Valencia	November 2016
- PhD Symposium Media and Communications London School of Economics Paper: "European Twitter Networks: #brexit"	London	June 2016
- Conference European Dialogue on Internet Governance EuroDIG. Contribution of youth work to the development of Internet Governance	Lisbon Berlin Stockholm	June 2014 June 2013 June 2012
- Closing Conference of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU. Blogger expert and representative of www.bloggingportal.eu	Vilnius	December 2013
- Conference 14th Annual UACES Forum Conference. Paper "The Euroblogosphere and European Online Communications".	Loughborough	July 2013
- Conference The EU and the Politicization of Europe, by Euroacademia Selected paper for the Panel <i>The Europeanization of Digital Powers.</i>	Budapest	December 2012
- Conference Europe's common future organized by Böll Foundation. Blogger expert and representative of www.bloggingportal.eu	Berlin	September 2012
- Conference United We Stand organized by Copenhagen Business School. Paper titled " <i>Fostering EU Engagement</i> ".	Copenhagen	June 2012
- European Weekend School, by Bogazicy University Jean Monnet Centre Accession to the EU: Expectations and Realities.	Istanbul	May 2011

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

- **Workshop POMLAB University of Milan** Milan November 2016
Mapping the European Political Twittersphere with TCAT and Gephi
- **International Seminar “Building European Citizenship”, by JEF Europe.** Stockholm October 2013
Guest Speaker: “Social Media, European New Media and the EU Public Sphere”
- **International Seminar “Our Europe 2021” organized by Europaforum** Malmö April 2012
Panellist about different EU topics (immigration, eurocrisis, identity).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- **Voices of Blogs (University of Milan)** Milan September – December 2017
Content & Sentiment analysis with iSA. Professors: L. Curini and A. Ceron.
- **UPF Social Media and Big Data Research (Online)** Spain September 2017
Big data management, network analysis & text data. Professor: P. Barberá.
- **Datacamp** Spain August 2017
Data Scientist with R (statistical and machine learning techniques).
- **Datacamp** Spain August 2017
Data Analyst with R (collection, process and visualization of data).
- **IC2S2 Tutorial** Cologne July 2017
Latent Semantic Analysis for Text in R. Professors: J. Miller and J. Fresneda.
- **IC2S2 Tutorial** Cologne July 2017
Topic Modeling with Python. Professors: C. Puschmann and D. Trilling.
- **Annenberg School for Communication (University of Pennsylvania)** Philadelphia January – June 2017
Network Analysis with iGraph. Professor: S. González-Bailón.
- **Internet Institute Summer School Programme (Oxford University)** Oxford July 2016
Research on the Internet related issues.
- **Quantitative Methods (European University Institute)** Florence September 2014 – June 2015
Statistics.

TEACHING

- 2016 Teaching Certificate. European University Institute.
- 2010 Undergraduate level. Contemporary History of Cuba. Lund University.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Swedish Research Council Grant for PhD studies (2014-2018).
- Erasmus Internship Grant for graduate studies 2010.
- Bancaja Grant for undergraduate studies 2008.
- Erasmus Grant for undergraduate studies 08/09.

SERVICE

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| <p>- Organizer Workshop “Social Media and Politics” at the EUI.
Guest Professor: Anamaria Dutceac and Michael Bossetta (Lund and CHP U.)</p> | <p>Florence</p> | <p>May 2018</p> |
| <p>- Reviewer International Journal of Communication USC Annenberg
Papers in Digital Media and Politics</p> | <p>Philadelphia</p> | <p>January 2018</p> |
| <p>- Reviewer International Communications Association (ICA)
Papers for section Political Communication</p> | <p>Milan</p> | <p>December 2017</p> |
| <p>- Data for Democracy
Data analyst for different projects.</p> | <p>Online</p> | <p>From Sept. 2017</p> |
| <p>- ECPR European Consortium Political Research General Conference
Co-chair and Discussant Political Networks Panel.</p> | <p>Oslo</p> | <p>September 2017</p> |
| <p>- Organizer Workshop “Python for the Social Sciences” at the EUI.
Guest Professor: Jonathan Bright, Oxford University.</p> | <p>Florence</p> | <p>May 2016</p> |
| <p>- Organizer Workshop “Social Scientific Network Analysis” at the EUI.
Guest Professor: Carl Nordlund, Central European University.</p> | <p>Florence</p> | <p>May 2015</p> |

OTHER INFORMATION

- + Affiliated member of Euroacademia.
- + Member of European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA).
- + Member of The Academic Association for contemporary European Studies (UACES).
- + Member of the European Political Science Association (EPSA).
- + Member of the Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR).
- + Member of the International Communications Association (ICA).
- + Personal interests: Travel, friends, literature, event planning.