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## Employment

*University of Lucerne*

Postdoctoral Researcher 2022 - current

External Lecturer 2022

## Visiting Positions

*Autonomous University of Barcelona* (hosted by *Enrique Hernández*) 2025

*London School of Economics & Political Science* (hosted by *Chris J. Anderson*) 2021

## Education

PhD in Political and Social Sciences, *European University Institute* 2023

Committee: Hanspeter Kriesi (supervisor), Elias Dinas, Chris J. Anderson, Ruth Dassonneville

MRes in Political and Social Sciences, *European University Institute* 2019

MSc in Social Sciences, *Carlos III-Juan March Institute, University Carlos III of Madrid* 2018

— First Class

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Padilla-Galviz, E.S., & Canalejo-Molero, Á. (2026). The winner–loser gap in democratic attitudes among politicians: Individual and collective outcomes. *European Journal of Political Research*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1475676526101662>
2. Le Corre Juratic, M., & Canalejo-Molero, Á. (2026). Blinded by out-group hatred: Why does radical party entry fail to boost its voters' satisfaction with democracy? *European Political Science Review*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773926100575>
  - *Djof Forlag Prize for the best paper presented by a junior researcher at the 2023 DPSA conference*
  - *Wilson Award for the best paper on French politics presented at the 2022 APSA meeting*
3. Canalejo-Molero, Á., Cicchi, L., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A., & Trechsel, A. H. (2026). Priming common European and democratic values does not reduce affective polarization. *European Political Science Review*, 1–20. [doi:10.1017/S1755773926100496](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773926100496)
4. Moreno-Torres, J. P., Canalejo-Molero, Á., & López Ortega, A. (2025). When the party is over: Explaining the rise of the Spanish far-right SALF. *Research & Politics*, 12(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680251357602>

## Other Publications

1. Cicchi, L., Reiljan, A., Canalejo-Molero, Á., Ferreira da Silva, F., Garzia, D., Trechsel, A. H., & Fiselier, T. A. G. (2026). [EU&I 2024 party and user dataset](#). EUI, RSC, Research Data.
2. Canalejo-Molero, Á. (2023). [New party entry and political engagement: electoral turnout and satisfaction with democracy](#). Florence: European University Institute, EUI, SPS, PhD Thesis.

## Working Papers

Canalejo-Molero, Á. & Le Corre Juratic, M. *When Losers Dissent: Affective Polarization and the Logic of Contestation* (Under review, BJPols)

Canalejo-Molero, Á. *Boost or Backlash? The Heterogeneous Effects of Parliamentary Representation on Satisfaction with Democracy* [[Preprint](#)]

Canalejo-Molero, Á., López Ortega, A. & Moreno-Torres, J. P. *A Theory of Relative State Devolution Preferences: Evidence and Implications* (Working paper available upon request)

Ferreira da Silva, F., Canalejo-Molero, Á., Cicchi, L., Garzia, D., Reiljan, A. & Trechsel, A. H. *Reducing Partisan Animosity with Voting Advice Applications (VAAs)* (Working paper available upon request)

Canalejo-Molero, Á., Bürgisser, R., van Ditmars, M. M. & Trechsel, A. H. *The Political Conflict Potential of Digitalization* (Working paper available upon request)

## In Preparation

The Politicization of Digitalization (with Flechtner, M. & Trechsel, A. H.)

Understanding losers' consent and its withdrawal (with Jurado, I. & Serrano-Serrat, J.)

Early political socialization and school-based interventions (with Trechsel, A. H.)

## Research Grants (as PI or Co-PI)

UniLu FoKo Preparatory Funding (22,330 CHF  $\approx$  24,153€), with Trechsel, A. H. 2026

UniLu FaFoFö Funding (2,000 CHF  $\approx$  2,142€) 2025

Small Grant Aarhus University (35,000 DKK  $\approx$  4,686€), with Le Corre Juratic, M. 2024

UniLu FoKo Project Funding (12,231 CHF  $\approx$  13,101€), with López Ortega, A. & Padilla Moreno-Torres, J. 2023

EUI Mission Funding for Research Activities (2,547€), with Le Corre Juratic, M. 2022

## Additional Experience in Research Projects

[DIGIPOL](#) (Scientific Coordinator), [EU&I 2024](#) (Scientific Committee), [SOLID](#), [POLCON](#), [EUANDI2019](#), [¿Por qué odiamos la política?](#), [Parlamentarios y Sociedad](#), [ICOSOP](#)

## Invited Talks and Workshops (selected)

ECPR Joint Sessions 2025

|                                                                     |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| UAB DEC Seminar                                                     | 2025       |
| UB Workshop on The Political Economy of AI                          | 2024       |
| UZH-DSI Digital Democracy Workshop                                  | 2024, 2025 |
| IPP-CSIC Research Seminar                                           | 2024       |
| EUI Towards Affective Depolarization Workshop                       | 2024       |
| Luiss Guido Carli Cluster of Excellence on Elections (CISE) Seminar | 2024       |
| EU Comission - Joint Research Centre (JRC) DIGCLASS Workshop        | 2023       |
| CERIUM-FMSH New Challenges to Democracy Workshop                    | 2022       |

### Conference Presentations (selected)

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| American Political Science Association (APSA)      | 2024, 2023*, 2022              |
| European Political Science Association (EPSA)      | 2025, 2024*, 2023*, 2022, 2021 |
| European Political Science Society                 | 2026*                          |
| European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)   | 2026*, 2025*, 2024*, 2023*     |
| Council of European Studies (CES)                  | 2023                           |
| Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)       | 2025*, 2023                    |
| International Political Science Association (IPSA) | 2025                           |
| Computational Text Analysis Conference (COMPTTEXT) | 2023                           |
| Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)         | 2026, 2025*, 2024              |
| Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA)      | 2026*, 2024                    |

\*Accepted but not attended, or not yet attended.

### Teaching

Graduate level

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| <a href="#">Research Design and Methods in Quantitative Research</a> , <i>University of Lucerne</i> | 2024, 2025 |
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Undergraduate level

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| <a href="#">The Politics of Democratic Backsliding</a> , <i>University of Lucerne</i>                                | 2026       |
| <a href="#">Culture and Politics</a> , <i>University of Lucerne</i>                                                  | 2024, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Electoral Behavior and Party Competition: Continuity and Change in WE</a> , <i>University of Lucerne</i> | 2022, 2023 |

### Supervision

Ten MA theses (five as main supervisors) and nine BA theses (all as main supervisors), including *expected*.

## Public Outreach

Cadena Ser, El Periódico, Onda Cero, VoxEurop, Times of Malta, The Irish Times, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, ElPaís (1, 2)

## Scholarships & Awards (selected)

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| Erasmus+ Scholarship for Visiting PhDs, <i>European Comission</i>                                         | 2021        |
| Salvador de Madariaga doctoral Scholarship, <i>Spanish Ministry of Education &amp; European Comission</i> | 2018 - 2023 |
| UC3M Scholarship of Excellence for Graduate Studies, <i>University Carlos III of Madrid</i>               | 2017 - 2018 |
| Best GPA of the Promotion Award, <i>University Pablo de Olavide</i>                                       | 2016        |

## Professional Service

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| Member of the Editorial Board of the <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i>                       | 2026 - current |
| Convenor of the <i>PolSem</i> Brown Bag Seminar, <i>University of Lucerne</i>                    | 2023 - 2026    |
| Co-organiser of the <i>Political Behaviour Colloquium</i> , <i>European University Institute</i> | 2020 - 2021    |

## Journal Reviews

Invited reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Government & Opposition*, *Research and Politics*, *Politics & Governance*, *Acta Politica*, *Swiss Political Science Review* and *German Politics*

## Professional Associations Membership

[APSA](#), [EPSS](#), [EPSA](#), [ECPR](#), [IPSA](#), [DSI](#), [AECPA](#)

## Additional Training

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| Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, <i>Oxford University</i>            | 2023 |
| EUI Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education, <i>European University Institute</i> | 2020 |
| 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, <i>University of Montréal</i>          | 2020 |
| RECSM-UPF Summer School in Survey Methodology, <i>Pompeu-Fabra University</i>          | 2019 |

## Skills

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| Programming: <i>R (advanced)</i> , <i>Python (beginner)</i>                      | Text Processor: <i>Quarto</i> , <i>Overleaf</i> , <i>LaTeX</i> , <i>Office</i>                                                                     |
| Statistical Software: <i>RStudio</i> , <i>Stata</i> , <i>SPSS</i> , <i>Excel</i> | Reference Management: <i>Zotero</i>                                                                                                                |
| Surveys: <i>Qualtrics</i>                                                        | Languages: <i>English (proficient)</i> , <i>Spanish (native)</i> , <i>Italian (advanced)</i> , <i>French (beginner)</i> , <i>German (beginner)</i> |
| Version Control System: <i>GitHub</i>                                            |                                                                                                                                                    |

## Referees

### **Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi**

PhD Supervisor

SPS Part-Time Professor

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### **Prof. Alexander H. Trechsel**

Postdoc Supervisor

Chair of Political Behaviour & Communication

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