

# RONI KÜPPERS

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Substantive:** populism, peoplehood, nationalism, far right, citizenship, political participation, identity politics, discourse theory, Spain, Portugal, gender.

**Methodological:** qualitative methods, interview methods, discourse analysis, comparative interpretivism, latent class analysis.

## EDUCATION

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- PhD** LSE, Department of Methodology, Social Research Methods 2021-2025  
Thesis: “The Return of the *People*? An Interpretive Study of Populism in Spain and Portugal”  
Supervisors: Dr Ellie Knott, Professor Jonathan Hopkin, Professor Patrick Sturgis
- MSc** LSE, Department of Sociology, Political Sociology 2019-2020  
Thesis: “The case of far-right Vox: understanding working-class politics in post-crisis Spain”  
Overall mark: 74 (Distinction)
- BSc** Pompeu Fabra University, Philosophy, Politics & Economics 2015-2019  
Thesis: “A phenomenology of solidarity”  
Overall mark: 9.1/10

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund** 2022-2025  
Funding for travel and accommodation for conference presentations (£880)
- LSE Department of Methodology** 2022-2022  
Funding for travel and accommodation during fieldwork (£2,000)
- La Caixa Foundation Fellowship** 2021-2024  
Tuition fees and stipend to pursue PhD research (£81,000)
- L. T. Hobhouse Memorial Prize** 2020  
Best graduate mark in the Department of Sociology, LSE
- La Caixa Foundation travel grant** 2016-2017  
Travel costs in a multi-university BSc programme (2,000 €)
- Ministry of Education Undergraduate Scholarship (Spain)** 2015-2016  
Fee exemption for the first year of undergraduate studies

## VISITING POSITIONS

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**Universidade Nova de Lisboa**, Lisbon, Portugal  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

January-July 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**LSE**, London, UK

June-August 2024

**Quantitative Methods Dissertation Adviser**

Providing a consultation service for LSE students using quantitative methods in their MSc dissertations.

**LSE**, London, UK

September 2023-

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Methodology and Department of Social Policy

- 2023-24
  - MY451 Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (postgraduate, 3 seminar groups)
  - SP201 Research Methods for Social Policy (undergraduate, 3 seminar groups)

**EAE Business School**, Barcelona, Spain

February-June 2021

**Lecturer**

Departments of Marketing and Business

- I delivered the “Introduction to Sociology” course in Spanish and English for students in the degrees in Marketing and Business (with a specific focus on business and marketing, CSR and media) (132 hours)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**

February-August 2021

Open University of Catalonia

Barcelona, Spain

Project: On Party Deliberation (OnPartDel)

Funded by the Ministry of Science of Spain

PI: Rosa Borge

**Research Assistant**

September 2018-September 2019

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

Barcelona, Spain

Project: Solidarity in diversity

Funded by the La Caixa Foundation

PI: Yolanda Onghena

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Peer-reviewed journal publications*

1. Küppers, R. 2024. The Far Right in Spain: an “Exception” to What? Challenging Conventions in the Study of Populism through Innovative Methodologies. *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 11(4), 517-557, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2024.2321905>
2. Küppers, R. 2018. El ágora digital: análisis de la relación entre deliberación democrática y nuevas redes digitales. *Teknokultura*, 15(2), 415-427, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5209/TEKN.58511>.

### ***Other publications***

1. Küppers, R. & Stapleton, M. 2024. What the rise of Chega means for Portuguese democracy. LSE European Politics and Policy blog, July 8, [https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/124479/1/europpblog\\_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf](https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/124479/1/europpblog_2024-7-8--what-the-rise-of-chega-means-for-portuguese-democracy.pdf).
2. Onghena, Y., Alegre, C. & Küppers, R. 2019. Repensar la solidaridad en los tiempos del miedo. *Nota Internacional*, 221, CIDOB.

### ***Conference papers***

1. Küppers, R. “When did populism studies forget about nationalism?” 2<sup>nd</sup> Loughborough University Nationalism Network Postgraduate Conference, Loughborough, June 5-6 2024.
2. Küppers, R. “The “return” of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach,” 74<sup>th</sup> PSA Annual International Conference, Glasgow, March 25-27 2024.
3. Küppers, R. “The “return” of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe with LCA,” 27<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Buenos Aires, July 15-19 2023.
4. Küppers, R. “How to study populism as a mass phenomenon? Devising new directions beyond the ideational approach,” 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Populism Specialist Group Workshop, September 22-23 2022, University of Brighton.

### ***Work in progress***

1. The “return” of the people? Mapping discourses of peoplehood across Western Europe through a person-centred approach.
2. Can Foucault make us free? Power, resistance, and the possibility of a transfeminism.
3. On the concept of *nativism*: when did populism studies forget about nationalism?

## **Introduction to Decolonising Education**

UCU Workshop, 31/01/2024

## **Induction Programme for Graduate Teaching Assistants**

Eden Centre (LSE), September 2023

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

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#### **PhD Academic Representative**

Department of Methodology, LSE

September 2023-September 2024

#### **Member, Lead Organiser (2023-2024), PhD Action Network**

LSE

April 2022-

The Network was born out of a need to organise PhDs around common goals, and to make their specific needs and demands within the LSE community visible. Throughout the years we have tackled issues such as mental health support, supervision quality and evaluation, working conditions, caring responsibilities, and social community-building. Awarded the LSE Prize for Best Campaign Group (2024).

### **EVENTS AND OTHER INVITED TALKS**

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#### **LSE PhD Assembly**

London, 21/03/2024

Organiser and speaker

### **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND CONSULTING ROLES**

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#### **Member of the Debates and Manifestoes team**

Catalan Socialist Party (Spain)

September 2019-

Duties: Debates and Manifestoes is the executive area of the party that designs electoral manifestoes, organises party conferences, promotes ideological/policy debate, and provides expert assistance on specific matters to public officials. As a member of the team, my roles vary but throughout the years have mainly focused on drafting party conference documents (2019, 2023), reviewing the state of the art in social democratic theory, speech-writing, and contributing policy and public discourse ideas in my areas of expertise (the far right, citizen participation, working-class electorates, democratic quality, European politics).

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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#### **Interview in *Diario de Teruel* (29/11/2022)**

Link: <https://www.diariodeteruel.es/teruel/un-doctorando-de-la-universidad-de-londres-indaga-en-teruel-sobre-la-desafeccion-politica>

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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#### **Reviewer for:**

- European Journal of Political Research
- European Journal of Politics and Gender

- European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology
- New Sociological Perspectives

## **LANGUAGES**

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**Spanish:** native language

**Catalan:** native language

**English:** native-level proficiency

**Portuguese:** advanced

**French:** intermediate

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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**Advanced:** STATA, NVivo, Latex

**Intermediate:** RStudio, Qualtrics