Pedro Riera
Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data

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Employment

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
Lecturer, 2013 – present

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy
Post-doctoral fellowship, 2013-2015 (declined)

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain
Juan de la Cierva fellowship, 2013-2016 (declined)

Education

Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences (2013) European University Institute and Juan
March Institute. Title: “Changing the Rules of the Game: On the Causes and
Consequences of Electoral Reforms in Contemporary Democracies”. Supervisors:
Mark N. Franklin and José Ramón Montero.

M. Res. in Political and Social Sciences (2009-2010) European University Institute.

Student of the Ph.D. Programme in Political Theory, Democratic Theory and Public
Administration (2006-2009) Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Quality mention
by the Spanish Ministry of Education. Diploma in advanced studies.

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia.


Student of the Ph.D. Programme in Political Science (2003-2004) Universitat de
Barcelona. First year.


**Further Education**

Visiting Student (Fall 2011) New York University.


Academic stagier (bachelor’s *practicum*) at the Bureau of the Ombudsman of the Generalitat de Catalunya (April 2002).

“Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences” (November 2010) Juan March Institute.


“Introduction to Duration Models” (July-August 2008) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection.

“Introductory course to the technique of multilevel analysis” (June 2007) Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

“Analysis of qualitative data with Atlas/TI 5.0” (February 2007) Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

“Mathematical concepts and formal modelling” (August 2006) University of Ljubljana, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.


Publications

Journal Articles

With Elias Dinas and Nasos Roussias “Staying in the First League: Parliamentary Representation and the Electoral Success of Small Parties”. Accepted for publication in Political Science Research and Methods.

“Electoral Systems and the Sheriff of Nottingham: Determinants of Disproportionality in New and Established Democracies”. Accepted for publication in Party Politics (IF most recent: 0.95).

With Pablo Barberá, Raúl Gómez, Juan Antonio Mayoral and José Ramón Montero “The electoral consequences of corruption scandals in Spain”. Accepted for publication in Crime, Law and Social Change 60:5, 515-534 (2013) (IF most recent: 0.32).


“Los sistemas electorales y la cigüeña”. Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas 142, 141-150 (2013) (IF most recent: 0.20).


“La abstención diferencial en el País Vasco y Cataluña”. Revista de Estudios Políticos 154, 139-173 (2011) (IF most recent: 0.20).


“Referenda y estrategias de los políticos: 35 años de democracia directa en Europa”. 

*Chapters in books*


*Working papers, reviews and other pieces*

With José Ramón Montero “Congreso grande o pequeño”, *El País* (3 November 2011).

“Electoral coordination in mixed-member systems: Does the level of democratic consolidation matter?” Published as Working Paper by the CEACS (2011).


With Sebastián Lavezzolo “Las causas de la participación y sus consecuencias en el voto de centro y de izquierda en España”. Published as Estudio de Progreso by the Fundación Alternativas in 2008.

**Work in Progress**


With Mark Franklin “Satisfaction with democracy, political representation, and socializing ethos: why new cohorts of voters are more satisfied in countries with more competitive electoral arrangements” (January 2014).

With Sergi Pardos-Prado “The neglected dimension of the cartel party thesis: Ideological convergence and political corruption in Western Europe” (January 2014).

With Francisco Cantú “Legislative Committees and the Personal Vote” (January 2014).

With Marc Guinjoan “Social Heterogeneity and Party System Fragmentation” (January 2014).

With Elias Dinas “No Elections for Big Parties” (November 2013).
With Alberto Penadés “Measuring Partisan Bias in PR Systems” (November 2013).

“To Call or not to Call an Opportunistic Election” (November 2013).

With José Ramón Montero "Do turkeys vote for Christmas in Southern Europe? The tiny impact of falls in political legitimacy on institutional reform in Spain" (September 2013).

With Elias Dinas and Ignacio Jurado “12 "angry" fishermen: Voter gratitude when the government does not deliver but pays out” (June 2013).


Other Research Experience

Spanish Policy Agendas Project (2014- ). University of Barcelona. Project that analyzes policy dynamics in Spain from transition to democracy to present in a comparative perspective. Member of the Spanish Team.

EUandI (2013-2014). European University Institute. Online Voting Advice Application that builds on the experience of the EU Profiler. Member of the Spanish Team.


Teaching Experience


EU Politics, Introduction to Political Science and Contemporary Topics in Political Science (Spring 2013) Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Department of Political Science and International Relations. Optional subjects of the BA and the masters programmes. Lecturer.


Constitutional Law (February-June 2009) Universitat de les Illes Balears. Department of Public Law. Assistant Professor.


Constitutional Law (2003-2004) CATAC. He teaches people applying to become members of the administration of the Generalitat de Catalunya.


Grants and Awards


With José Ramón Montero, Raúl Gómez, Pablo Barberá and Juan A. Mayoral, Competitive grant for training and research (2011) Center of Sociological Research.

Fellowship of the “Salvador de Madariaga” Programme for graduate studies at the European University Institute (2009-2013) Spanish Ministry of Education.


Fellowship for graduate studies at foreign universities and research centres (2007-2009) Caja Madrid Foundation.

Fellowship for graduate studies (2004-2008) Juan March Institute.

Fellowship to attend the “Seminar on Sociological & Political Research” at Harvard University (August 2005) Center of Sociological Research.


Fellowship to attend the course “Legal and institutional framework for the international conflicts: Analysis of particular cases” (July 2003) Els Juliols de la Universitat de Barcelona.
Housing fellowship (2002-2004) of the Regional Government of the Balearic Islands in order to study at the Universitat de Barcelona.

‘Distinction’ qualification for good realization of secondary educational stage, implying free university registration (1998) Col·legi Lluís Vives de Palma (Balearic Islands).

Fellowship to attend the last year of secondary educational stage (1997) Col·legi Lluís Vives de Palma (Balearic Islands).

**Presentations**

*Papers at Professional Conferences*


Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP), 2012, 2010


Francophone Political Science Associations, 2011

International Political Science Association, 2012


Political Science Association of the UK, 2010

Portuguese Political Science Association, 2006


Spanish Sociological Association, 2007

*Invited Talks*

2014: Carlos III University of Madrid, Autonomous University of Madrid

2013: University of Strathclyde, University of Los Andes, European University Institute (EUDO Conference)

2012: New York University Florence
2011: Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM)

2009: Institute of Economic Analysis (CSIC) and Pompeu Fabra University, Centre of Political and Constitutional Studies

2008: Alexander Hamilton Center (NYU)

2007: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Autonomous University of Madrid

2006: University of Barcelona

Other Academic Experience


Panel discussant at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (2011), and the Graduate Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research (2010).


Author (with José Ramón Montero) of the Report on the Reform of the Electoral System (December 2008) presented to the Consejo de Estado.

Convenor (with Trajche Panov and Enrique Hernández) of the “Colloquium on Political Behavior” (2012-2013) at the European University Institute.

Convenor (with Laurie Beaudonnet) of the “Colloquium on Political Behavior” (2010-2011) at the European University Institute.

Researchers’ representative of the Department of Political and Social Sciences (2010) at the European University Institute.

Students’ representative (2001-2004) at the University of Barcelona.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association.

Midwest Political Science Association.
International Political Science Association.

Spanish Political Science Association.

European Consortium of Political Research Standing Groups on Political Parties, Public Opinion and Electoral Behaviour from a Comparative Perspective, Comparative Political Institutions, and Southern European Politics.

Languages

Spanish: native.

Catalan: bilingual. Diploma in medium knowledge (level C), Junta Permanent de Català (February 1998).

English: high level. TOEFL: 101 (February 2007). Diploma in *First Certificate in English*, University of Cambridge (June 1997).

French: low level.

Italian: medium level.

Technical Skills

Datasets on law, political science and sociology.

Statistical software: SPSS, STATA and R.

References

1. Professor Mark N. Franklin  
   European Union Democracy Observatory  
   European University Institute

2. Professor José Ramón Montero  
   Department of Political Science and International Relations  
   Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

3. Professor Matthew S. Shugart  
   Department of Political Science  
   University of California at Davis

4. Professor Joshua A. Tucker  
   Wilf Family Department of Politics  
   New York University

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