

BERNAT PUERTAS – CURRICULUM VITAE (2025)

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CURRENT POSITION

2021-present PhD Candidate, Personal Investigador Predoctoral en Formació (PIPF),
Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Supervisor: Dr. Abel Escribà-Folch.

EDUCATION

2021 MA in Current Democracies: Nationalism, Federalism and
Multiculturalism, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Ranked 3rd.

2020 BA in Political and Administration Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (ACADEMIC)

2024 Research Assistant for the project LinguaTrust (PRE150/22/000008,
Institut d'Estudis de l'Autogovern, Generalitat de Catalunya), Universitat

de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
and Universitat de València.

INTEREST

Authoritarian Regimes, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Economy,
Authoritarian Elections, Democratization, Political Theory, Discourse Analysis,
Research Design, Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS (Peer-Reviewed)

2025 Puertas, Bernat and Abel Escribà-Folch. 2025. Foreign Aid, FDI and the
Personalization of Power in Autocracies. *Political Science Research &
Methods*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2025.9>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2024 Escribà-Folch, Abel i Bernat Puertas (forthcoming). *Mòdul
d'aprenentatge: El tipus de règim i el sistema internacional*
(PID_00305495). Assignatura de Política Comparada II – Màster
Universitari en Anàlisi Política, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.

Puertas, Bernat i Abel Escribà-Folch (forthcoming). *Mòdul
d'aprenentatge: Varietats d'autocràcies: Actors i sistemes institucionals*
(PID_00305493). Política Comparada II – Màster Universitari en Anàlisi
Política, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.

Puertas, Bernat, 2024. *Mòdul d'aprenentatge: Disseny de la Investigació:
Els Enfocaments de Recerca* (PID_00302955). Assignatura de Disseny de
la Investigació –Màster Universitari en Anàlisi Política, Universitat
Oberta de Catalunya.

Puertas, Bernat, 2024. *Mòdul d'aprenentatge: Disseny de la Investigació:
Mètodes i Tècniques* (PID_00302954). Assignatura de Disseny de la
Investigació – Màster Universitari en Anàlisi Política, Universitat Oberta
de Catalunya.

Puertas, Bernat and Toni Rodon, 2024. Does Language Affect Political
Trust? An Exploration of Language Attitudes in the Political Field in
Multilingual Catalonia. Pre-Analysis Plan. OSF. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/JWFY6>

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “The onset of civil armed conflicts and personalization of power in dictatorships” (under review).
- “Personalism and International Conflict: How Dictators Fight to Concentrate Power”
- “Does Language Affect Political Trust? An Exploration of Language Attitudes in the Political Field in Multilingual Catalonia” (with Toni Rodon, Avel·lí Flors-Mas, Núria Franco-Guillén, Sergi Morales-Gálvez). (Submitted for possible evaluation)

TEACHING

Teaching assistant responsible for the seminars of the course *Comparative Politics and Democratization*. MA in International Relations, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI):

- Academic year 2024-2025
- Academic year 2023-2024
- Academic year 2022-2023

Creator and instructor of the course “Com governar en el segle XXI: Estats, Conflicte i Poder”, Campus Junior, Universitat Pompeu Fabra:

- Academic year 2024-2025 (forthcoming)
- Academic year 2023-2024
- Academic year 2022-2023

PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

Projects:

- Research Assistant for the project Linguatrust (PRE150/22/000008, Institut d’Estudis de l’Autogovern, Generalitat de Catalunya), Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and Universitat de València.

Membership in research groups and networks:

- Member of the research group *Institutions and Political Actors Research Group (SGR 2017)*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2021-present)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2022-2023 Elected post-graduate’s representative at the Department Board of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	Pre-doctoral grant. <i>Personal Investigador Predoctoral en Formació (PIPF)</i> , Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2021	Beca Santander Idiomas English Up British Council, 1 st Stage.
2016	Award of high school's honors graduate of the city council of Terrassa.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025	“Populismo, erosión democrática y autocracias.” <i>Seminario Política Comparada, Populismo y Democracia</i> , Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals y Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú (17-20 de febrero 2025), Coordinadora académica: Prof. Ana Sofía Cardenal.
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CONFERENCE AND EVENTS PRESENTATIONS (P) AND DISCUSSION (D)

European Political Science Association (EPSA):

- General Conference 2024, 4-6 July, Cologne (P, P)
- General Conference 2023, 22-24 June, Glasgow (P)

Institutions and Political Actors Research Group Seminars, Universitat Pompeu Fabra:

- 28 February, 2024 (P)
- 8 June, 2023 (P)
- 16 June, 2022 (P)

Barcelona PhD Workshop on Empirical Political Science:

- VIII Edition, 30 June, 2023, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (P)
- VII Edition, 15 December, 2022, Universitat de Barcelona (D)

Società Italiana di Scienza Política (SISP):

- Conference 2022, 8-10 September, Rome (P).

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR):

- Summer School of the Standing Group on International Relations, 12-15 July, Universitat Ramon Llull (P)

PhD Workshop of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra:

- Academic year 2021-2022 (poster)
- Academic year 2022-2023 (P)
- Academic year 2023-2024 (P, D)
- Academic year 2024-2025 (P, D)

PARTICIPATIONS IN WORKSHOPS, SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS

2022 *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Summer School of the Standing Group on International Relations*, 12-15 July, Universitat Ramon Llull.

9th Edition of the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM) Summer Methods School, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 4-8 July

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2022 Course “Causal Inference”. *9th Edition of the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM) Summer Methods School*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 4-8 July. Instructor: Prof. Bruno Arpino.

Course “Working with Concepts in the Social Sciences” (Universitat Pompeu Fabra). Instructor: Prof. Frederic Schaffer (University of Massachusetts).

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer at *Conflict Management and Peace Science Journal*.
- Co-organizer of the Linguatrust workshop «Language, democracy and political trust: An interdisciplinary perspective from political theory, political science and sociolinguistics» (18 November, 2024)
- Advisor at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya to create the modules of the courses on Research Design; Autocratic Regimes (with Abel Escribà-Folch) of the MA in Political Analysis.

OTHER MERITS

Languages:

- Catalan: Mother tongue (*C1 CEFR Level*, Institut d'Educació Secundària Montserrat Roig de Terrassa – Generalitat de Catalunya).
- Spanish: Native level.
- English: Advanced (*B2 CEFR Level*, Official Language School – Generalitat de Catalunya, 2021; *Certificate of Completion, “LearnEnglish Select Santander – Select Upper-Intermediate level (B2)”*, February 23, 2021, British Council, as part of the scholarship “Beca Santander Idiomas | English Up | British Council”).
- French: Beginner (reading understanding).

Skills:

- STATA
- R and RStudio

- *LaTeX*
- Qualtrics (Survey design)

REFERENCES

Dr. Abel Escribà-Folch: Dean and Associate Professor (Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra) and Senior Research Associate (IBEI). Contact email: abel.escriba@upf.edu

Dr. Toni Rodon: Associate Professor (Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra) and Research Fellow (London School of Economics and Political Science). Contact email: toni.rodon@upf.edu

Dr. Marc Sanjaume-Calvet: Assistant Professor (Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra). Contact email: marc.sanjaume@upf.edu