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Research Positions

European University Institute (EUI), Italy
Max Weber Fellow, September 2007-August 2008
Institute of Politics and Public Goods, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain
Juan de la Cierva Fellow, from June 2008

Academic Positions

Department of Political Science and Administration I, Universidad Complutense, Madrid
Temporary Lecturer, October 2006 – September 2007
School of Social Sciences, Saint Louis University in Madrid
Temporary Lecturer, January 2006 – May 2006

Education

Juan March Institute, Spain
Ph.D., Social Sciences, 2005
M.A., Social Sciences, 2001
Fields : Comparative politics, Political institutions, Ethnic Politics
Dissertation: "Aggregated threshold functions. A characterization of the World electoral systems in the world between 1945-2000" Supervisor: Prof. Adam Przeworski, NYU
Universidad Complutense, Spain
Diploma Estudios Avanzados (DEA), 2003
University of Edinburgh, UK
M.Sc. by research in Social and Political Theory, 1999
Dissertation: "Can the European Convention of Human Rights become a feasible set of rights for a united Europe?"
University of Granada, Spain
LL.B., 1993

Specialised courses

ICPSR Summer School in Quantitative Methods. University of Michigan (EE.UU.).
2001

Fellowships, Grants and Visiting positions

- Scholarship for postgraduate studies at USA universities, la Caixa, 2004-2005
- Scholarship for postgraduate studies at USA universities, Cajamadrid, 2003-2004
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics, New York University, 2003-2005
- Scholarship for doctoral studies, Juan March Institute, 1999-20003
- Visiting Student, School of Law, University of Edinburgh, 1997-1998
- Erasmus Grant, Juristische Fakultät, Göttingen Universität, Germany, 1995-1996

Publications and Working Papers

Articles in Journals

- “Aggregated threshold functions or how to measure the performance of an electoral system”. *Electoral Studies*, 26 (2) 492-502, 2007
- “Exploring political representation and ethnic conflict in new democracies” (with Sonia Alonso). *European Journal of Political Research*, 46(2) 237-267, 2007
- “La caracterización de los sistemas electorales. Una aplicación de las funciones de agregación de umbrales en las nuevas democracias de Europa y América Latina” *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, vol.13 pags:89-118, 2005
- “The parliamentary election in Armenia, May 2007” *Electoral Studies (forthcoming)*

Chapters in edited books

- Representación parlamentaria y conflicto étnico” (with Sonia Alonso) in “Minorías nacionales y conflicto étnico” C.González (ed). 2003: Madrid. UNED-Instituto Gutiérrez Mellado.

Working-Papers

- “ La reforma del sistema electoral español en las elecciones al Congreso de los Diputados” *Estudios de Progreso* – Fundación Alternativas EP 19/2006
- “Political Representation and Ethnic Conflict in New Democracies” with Sonia Alonso. *Discussion Paper SP IV 2005-201* Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung.
- “Understanding satisfaction with democracy: an institutional and ethnic explanation in eight post-communist countries” *Working-paper 189/2003* Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Ciencias Sociales-Juan March Institute.

Work in Progress

- “Characterizing the World Electoral Systems between 1946-2000. Some empirical results”
- “Towards a model of institutional change. Understanding the changing nature of electoral systems in new democracies”

Research Projects

“Democratic Citizenship and Legitimacy” (CIDEL). V Frame Program of the European Union. Research Assistant, 2005 (March-October)

Conference presentations and Invited Talks

- 4th.ECPR General Conference in Pisa. Title: “*Measuring the mechanical effects of majority/plurality and PR electoral systems*”. 2007
- APSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia “Power Reconsidered”. Title: “*Aggregated Threshold Functions: A Characterization of the World Electoral Systems between 1945-2000*”. 2006
- Guest speaker at weekly seminar “Elecciones: Instituciones y comportamiento electoral”. Title: “*La Reforma del sistema electoral español en las elecciones al Congreso de los Diputados*”. Institutos de Estudios Sociales Avanzados de Andalucía – CSIC (Córdoba). 2006
- VII Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política y de la Administración organised by the AECPA (Spanish Association of Political Science and Public Administration) Title: *El sistema de partidos y la duración de las reglas electorales*. 2005
- 45th. Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) Title: “*Exploring political representation and ethnic conflict in new democracies*” (with Sonia Alonso). 2004
- 61st Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA),. Poster: “*Characterising electoral systems in third waves democracie*”s. 2003
- III Encuentro Español de Estudios sobre la Europa Oriental. Title: “*Mecanismos electorales de inclusión de las minorías étnicas en los parlamentos de la Europa Central y del Este*”. 2002
- Second Session of the EPIC (The European Economy Infrastructure Consortium) programme in Florence (Italy). 2002
- 4th Annual Graduate Student Retreat” organised by the University of Yale – Society for Comparative Research (EEUU) and the Central European University (CEU). Title: “*Explaining ethnic accommodation in Central and Eastern Europe through electoral systems*”. 2002
- V Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política y de la Administración organised by the AECPA (Spanish Association of Political Science and Public Administration). Title: “*La Satisfacción con la democracia. Una explicación institucional en ocho países del Centro y Este Europeo*”. 2001
- First Session of the EPIC (The European Economy Infrastructure Consortium) programme in Corfu (Greece). 2001
- Fourth European Summer School in Local Government. ECPR-EUROLOC. Title : “*Deliberative Democracy as a model to enhance the role of minorities: The Scottish Parliament*”. 1999
- Scuola Napoletana del Diritto dei Popoli - Fondazione Internazioanle Lelio Basso and the Istituto Internazionale Lelio Basso. 1998

Languages

Spanish - Native

English – TOEFL score 267 - Date of examination: March 2003

German – M5 Goethe Institute.

Professional Service

- Convenor (with Dr. Sonia Alonso - WZB) of the Standing Group “Political institutions. Regimes and governments” created within the ECPR – European Consortium for Political Research.:
<http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/standinggroups/prig/index.aspx> , 2006
- Manuscript reviewer
 - British Journal of Political Science*
 - European Journal of Political Research*
 - Revista Española de Ciencia Política*
- Short-term electoral observation training course. Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación). 2006
- STO - OSCE Electoral Observation Mission. Armenian parliamentary elections. 2007

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Political Science
- Political Culture and Participation in Spain
- Political Ideologies
- Political Development in Contemporary Spain

References

Adam Przeworski, Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor, Department of Political Science, New York University (NYU).

José María Maravall Herreros, Director. Juan March Institute.

Mark Franklin, Stein Rokkan Professor of Comparative Politics. European University Institute (EUI).

Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca, Director of postdoctoral programme. Juan March Institute.