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### Education

Juan March Institute, Spain

*Ph.D., Social Sciences, 2005*

*Dissertation: "Aggregated threshold functions. A characterization of the World electoral systems in the world between 1945-2000" Supervisor: Prof. Adam Przeworski, New York University (NYU)*

*Fields: Comparative politics, Political institutions, Ethnic Politics*

*M.A., Social Sciences, 2001*

Universidad Complutense, Spain

*Doctorado, 2005*

*Diploma Estudios Avanzados (DEA), 2003*

University of Edinburgh, UK

*M.Sc. by research in Social and Political Theory, 1999*

University of Granada, Spain

*LL.B., 1998*

### Research Positions

Center of Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC), Spain

*García Pelayo Fellow, from March 2011*

Institute of Politics and Public Goods, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain

*Juan de la Cierva Fellow, June 2008-February 2011*

European University Institute (EUI), Italy

*Max Weber Fellow, September 2007-August 2008*

### Teaching Positions

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

Consultant, September 2008-

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

## Further education

ICPSR Summer School in Quantitative Methods. University of Michigan (EE.UU.). 2001, 2009

## Publications and Working Papers

### Articles in Journals

- “Satisfaction with Democracy in Multi-ethnic Countries - The Effect of Representative Political Institutions on Ethnic Minorities” *Political Studies* (forthcoming 2012)
- “Characterizing electoral systems. An empirical application of aggregated threshold functions” *West European Politics* 34(2) 256-281, 2011
- “The parliamentary election in Armenia, May 2007” *Electoral Studies*, 27 (2) 369-372, 2008
- “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

### Chapters in edited books

- “Las reglas electorales y sus efectos” in “Elecciones Europeas 2009”. J.Font and M.Torcal (eds.). Madrid: CIS. 2011
- “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

- “Satisfaction with democracy in post-communist multi-ethnic countries. The effect of political institutions” *EUI Working Paper* MWP 2008/24
- “Measuring Proportionality. A systematic approach to world electoral systems in parliamentary elections between 1946-2000” *EUI Working Paper* MWP 2008/10
- “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

- “Understanding electoral system changes”
- “The institutional components of pre-electoral fraud”

## Non-academic publications

- “Informe de la democracia en España 2010”, 2011, Fundación Alternativas
- "La competición electoral en España" (co-authored with S.Leon and L.Orriols), 2010, *Claves de Razón Práctica*, 206, p.40-45
- “Informe de la democracia en España 2009”, 2010, Fundación Alternativas
- “Luci e ombre del sistema elettorale spagnolo” *Italiani Europei*, 2008, 133-138
- “A vueltas con el sistema electoral” EL PAIS, 30 Abril 2008
- “Informe sobre la democracia en España 2007: La estrategia de la crispación” – Fundación Alternativas 2007
- “La reforma del sistema electoral español en las elecciones al Congreso de los Diputados” *Estudios de Progreso* – Fundación Alternativas EP 19/2006

## Courses Taught

### Undergraduate

- Comparative Politics (online). Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
- Introduction to Political Science. Fall and Spring semesters 2006-07. Universidad Complutense
- Political Culture and Participation in Spain. Fall semester 2006. Universidad Complutense
- Political Ideologies. Spring semester 2007. Universidad Complutense
- Political Development in Contemporary Spain. Spring semester 2006. University of Saint Louis in Madrid

### Graduate

- Introduction to Regression Analysis (Summer 2011) – Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA), Bolivia
- Comparative electoral systems (Fall 2011) – Center of Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid

## Research Projects

- 2012-2015 “Los límites al control de los gobiernos: fraude electoral y deficiencias en la accountability en democracias contemporáneas”. Research Grant from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology (CSO2011-28635) – Principal Investigator
- 2010-2012 “Los dilemas de la democracia para el ‘buen gobierno’: ¿Representación o asignación de responsabilidades?” Research Grant from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology (CSO2009-10012) – Principal Investigator
- 2009, “El Estado y la creación de capital social” (SEJ2006-07695) – Researcher (May-December)
- 2005, “Democratic Citizenship and Legitimacy” (CIDEL). V Frame Program of the European Union. Research Assistant (March-October)

## 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, 1999-2003
- Visiting Student, School of Law, University of Edinburgh, 1997-1998
- Erasmus Grant, Juristische Fakultät, Göttingen Universität, Germany, 1995-1996

## Languages

**Spanish** - Native

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

**German** – M5 Goethe Institute.

## Conference presentations and Invited Talks

- APSA Annual Meeting. Seattle – Title: “*The Origins of Pre-Electoral Fraud: Testing the Effect of Proportionality*”. 2011
- 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual Conference European Political Science Association. Dublin – Title: “*Understanding electoral system change: an empirical analysis*” 2011
- 1<sup>st</sup>. International Conference IPSA-ECPR “Whatever Happened to North-South?” Sao Paulo – Title: “*The institutional components of pre-electoral fraud*” 2011
- 17<sup>th</sup>. International Conference. Council for European Studies (CES). Montreal. Title: “*Satisfaction with democracy in post-communist multi-ethnic countries. The effect of representative political institutions*” 2010
- 60<sup>th</sup> Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference in Edinburgh (UK). Title “*Formalizing electoral system changes*” 2010
- 5<sup>th</sup>.ECPR General Conference en Postdam. Panel Chair “*Political Representation and Electoral Systems*” 2009
- 4<sup>th</sup>.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
- 45<sup>th</sup>. Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) Title: “*Exploring political representation and ethnic conflict in new democracies*” (with Sonia Alonso). 2004
- 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA),. Poster: “*Characterising electoral systems in third waves democracies*”. 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Internazionale Lelio Basso and the Istituto Internazionale Lelio Basso. 1998

## Professional Service

- Convenor of the Standing Group “Comparative Political Institutions” 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 (BJPS)*
  - Electoral Studies (JELS)*
  - European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)*
  - West European Politics (WEP)*
  - International Political Science Review (IPSR)*
  - Revista Española de Ciencia Política (RECP)*
  - Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas (REIS)*
- 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
- STO – EU Electoral Observation Mission. Ghana presidential and parliamentary elections 2008
- STO – EU Electoral Observation Mission. Bolivia presidential and parliamentary elections 2009
- STO – EU Electoral Observation Mission. Tanzania presidential and parliamentary elections 2010

## References

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