

# CURRICULUM VITAE: Francesc Amat

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## EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Political Science at Oxford University (Nuffield College).

Thesis: *"Heresthetics and Redistribution: the Redistributive Effects of Second Dimensions of Party Competition in Parliamentary Democracies."*

Committee: Pablo Beramendi(Oxford/Duke), Erik Wibbels(Duke) and David Rueda(Oxford).

MA in Social Sciences, Juan March Institute (Center for the Advanced Study of Social Sciences), 2008.

MSc in Public Financial Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2005.

Distinction Award for the Master Thesis.

BA in Economics, Universtiat Pompeu Fabra, 2002.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

(2010) Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), University of California Berkeley. Seminars on Institutions, Causal Inference, Bargaining and Principal-Agents Models.

(2009) Methods to Identify Causal Effects-Theory and Applications. Methodological Course at the Juan March Institute (CEACS) by Prof. Sascha O. Becker.

(2009) Barcelona Summer School in Political Economy. Institut Economia de Barcelona (IEB).

(2008) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex. Course: Event History Analysis by Prof. Matt Golder.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(2010-2011) Tutor in Comparative Politics, University College, Oxford University.

Course: Comparative Politics and Institutions (PPE).

(2004-2005) Tutor in Public Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Course: Public Economics (BA in Economics).

Student evaluations available upon request.

(2002-2003) Graduate Teaching Assistant, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Courses: Public Sector Economics, History of Economic Thought and Law and Economics.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

(2010) EITM University of California Berkeley, International Student Funding (NSF, US).

(2009) University of Oxford, Departmental Studentship. Declined due to incompatibilities.

(2009) Fundación Caja Madrid Scholarship

(2008) Vincent Wright Scholarship.

(2006) Juan March Institute Scholarship.

(2004) Fundación Ramon Areces Scholarship.

(2003) Fundació La Caixa Scholarship.

## **MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Public Finance and Comparative Politics

Identity and Redistribution

Political and Fiscal Decentralization

Comparative Political Economy

## **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

(2012-2014) Project financed by the Juan March Institute (*competitive*). Title: Parties, Parliaments and Policy-Making: Explaining Policy Change in Parliamentary Democracies (with Albert Falcó-Gimeno).

(2012-2015) CSO2011-28635 (*competitive*). Title: The Limits to the Control of Governments. Electoral Fraud and Weaknesses in the Accountability Process in Contemporary Democracies. PI: Rubén Ruiz-Rufino.

(2010-2012) Project financed by the Juan March Institute (*competitive*). Title: Understanding Redistribution in Multidimensional Contexts: An Experimental Approach (with Pablo Beramendi and Erik Wibbels).

(2010-2011) Project financed by the Juan March Institute (*competitive*). Title: Decentralization and Party System Dynamics (with Ignacio Jurado and Sandra León-Alfonso) *Completed*.

(2008-2011) Project on *Spatial Politics in Spain*. Directed by Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca and Elias Dinas. *Completed*.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

(2011) Amat, F. *Party Competition and Preferences for Inter-Regional Redistribution*  
Paper currently under revise and resubmit at *South European Society and Politics*.

(2010) Amat, F. and Falcó-Gimeno, A. *Legislative Bargaining and Decentralization: Evidence for 15 OECD Parliamentary Democracies*. Nuffield College Working Papers in Politics 2010-3.

(2009) Amat, F., Jurado, I. and León-Alfonso, S. *A Political Theory of Decentralization Dynamics*. Juan March Institute Working Paper Series 248

(2009) Amat, F. and Wibbels, E. *Electoral incentives, Group Identity and Preferences for Redistribution*. Juan March Institute Working Paper Series 246

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Parties, Parliaments and Decentralization: Explaining the Dynamics of Decentralization*.  
(with Albert Falcó-Gimeno)

*Electoral Externalities in Decentralized Parliamentary Democracies*.  
(with Ignacio Jurado and Sandra León-Alfonso)

*Inequality and Electoral Participation: Explaining the Contrast Between the Developing and the Developed World*. (with Pablo Beramendi)

*Identity Mobilization and Redistributive Preferences: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Spain*.  
(with Michael Donnelly)

## **INVITED TALKS**

(2009) Oxford Conference on *Inequality in Advanced Industrial Democracies* (May 8th and 9th, 2009). Conference organized by Prof. David Rueda, Tim Hicks and Timo Idema.

(2009) Juan March Institute Conference on *The Geography of Peace and Conflict: Decentralization, Group Identities and Separatism in Comparative Perspective* (March 13th and 14th 2009, 2009). Conference organized by Prof. Erik Wibbels and Prof. Pablo Beramendi.

## **CONFERENCES (Selection)**

(2011) Council for European Studies (CES), Barcelona.  
Paper: *Inequality and Electoral Participation. Explaining the Contrast Between the Developing and the Developed World*.  
(with Pablo Beramendi).

(2010) Fòrum de Recerca, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona.  
Paper: *Legislative Bargaining and Decentralization: A Macro-Level Analysis for 15 OECD Parliamentary Democracies*  
(with Albert Falcó-Gimeno)

(2010) British and Comparative Territorial Politics, PSA Conference, Oxford.

Paper: A Political Theory of Decentralization Dynamics

(with Ignacio Jurado and Sandra León-Alfonso)

(2009) MPSA, Chicago.

Paper: Electoral Incentives, Group Identity and Preferences for Redistribution.

(with Erik Wibbels)

(2008) ECPR Graduate Conference, Barcelona.

Paper: A Comparative Analysis of Fiscal Decentralization: An Event History Analysis.

(2007) AECPA, Valencia.

Paper: Federalism and Democratic Success: Why are India and Nigeria so different?

(2007) ECPR General Conference, Pisa.

Paper: Cultural Diversity, Economic Solidarity and Decentralization.

*Paper shortlisted for the Duncan Black Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student.*

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *Publius. The Journal of Federalism, British Journal of Political Science, European Political Science Review.*

Co-Chairman with Ignacio Jurado Nebreda of the Panel: *The Political Economy of Decentralization: Origins, Consequences and Stability.* II ECPR Graduate Conference, Barcelona, 2008.

## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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