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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020 –	Associate Professor of Economics, Universitat de Barcelona
2020 – 2024	Assistant Professor of Economics, Universitat de Barcelona
2020	Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
2019	Research Fellow, Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG) – Universitat de Barcelona
2012 – 2019	Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale-NUS College

ACADEMIC VISITS

(Spring & Fall 2023)	National University of Singapore
(Spring 2019)	London School of Economics and Political Science
(Spring 2017)	University of British Columbia
(Spring 2017)	IPERG – Universitat de Barcelona
(Fall 2014)	University of British Columbia

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, June 2012. *Essays on Strategic Voting Behavior in Proportional Representation Systems*.

B.S., Economics, & B.A., Political Science, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Applied Economics, Comparative Politics.

PUBLICATIONS

 (*: co-authored with undergraduate students)

- (2025) "[Unpacking the rural–urban divide: Identities and stereotypes](#)" (with Sofia Breitenstein, Toni Rodon, and Andreu Rodilla), *Electoral Studies*.
- (2023) "[Voting behaviour under doubts of ballot secrecy: reinforcing dominant party rule](#)" (with Kai Ostwald), *Democratization*.
- (2022) "[Lying Behavior When the Payoffs are Shared: Evidence from an Experiment in Singapore](#)" (with Scott Chua and Jessica Hao Hang), *Journal of Economic Psychology*.*
- (2021) "[Māori in New Zealand: Voting With their Feet?](#)", *Political Science*.
- (2020) "[Legal Origins, Religion and Health Outcomes: A Cross-Country Comparison of Organ Donation Laws](#)" (with Jean Liu, Boyu Lu Zhao, and Clin Lai), *Journal of Institutional Economics*.*
- (2020) "[Placebo Statements in List Experiments](#)" (with Kai Ostwald), *Political Science Research and Methods*.
- (2020) "[What Determines Preferences for an Electoral System? Evidence from a Binding Referendum](#)" (with Steven Stillman and Geua Boe-Gibson), *Public Choice*.
- (2017) "[The Effects of District Magnitude on Voting Behavior](#)" (with Simon Hix and Rafael Hortalà-Vallvé), *The Journal of Politics*.

- (2016) “Do Citizens Vote for Parties, Policies or Expected Winner in Proportional Representation Systems?”, *Party Politics*.
- (2015) “Bandwagon or Strategic Behavior? Note on Bargsted and Kedar (2009)”, *Electoral Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Anglicans, Dissenters and Electoral Behavior in 19th century Great Britain” (with Carles Boix and Pau Grau)
- “Do Grades Enhance Learning and Effort? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Singapore” (with Tim Wertz and Scott Chua)
- “Can a Shared National Identity Trump Ethnic Identity? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Singapore” (with Risa Toha)
- “The Importance of Being Private: How the Presence of Others Can Bias Survey Responses.” (with Michelle Dion)
- “Strategic Abstention in Proportional Representation Systems (Evidence from Multiple Countries)”

BOOK CHAPTERS

- (2023) “Attitudes towards Women and Political Leadership” (with Khin Myo Wai, Paul Minoletti and Michelle Dion), in *Putting Women Up: Promoting Gender Equality in Myanmar* edited by Netina Tan and Meredith Weiss

POLICY ARTICLES AND REPORTS

- (2020) “Coping with COVID-19 Protecting lives, employment, and incomes in Myanmar” (with Emanuele Brancati, Paul Minoletti, Nilar Win and Aung Hein), edited by the International Growth Centre (link [here](#)).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Social Mobility: Perceptions and Attitudes” (with Risa Toha)
- “Fair-Weather Friends? Household Political Networks and Disaster Relief Aid” (with Cesi Cruz and Scott Chua)
- “The Effects of Urban Spaces on Community Relations” (with Kai Ostwald)
- “How Economic Conditions Can Change Cultural Institutions: Eating Habits pre- and post-Civil War in Spain”

GRANTS (ALL IN USD; * DENOTES PI)

- *(2024 – 2026) (\$45,000)
“Knowledge Generation”, conceded Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (Spain): “Rising Sexism and Male Chauvinism among the Youth”.
- (2023 – 2026) (\$580,000)

Horizon Europe – European Research Executive Agency (REA). “Education for Responsible Democratic Citizenship”. Principal Investigator: Daniel Montolio. Co-Investigators at UB: Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela and Judit Vall. Project: 101095106 — DEMOCRAT — HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01.

(2021 – 2024) (\$65,000)

Ministry for Science and Innovation (Spain), “Geography, polarization and the rural-urban divide in the XXI century”. Principal Investigator: Toni Rodon. Co-Investigators: Sofia Breitenstein and Álvaro Sánchez.

(2018 – 2021) (\$300,000)

International Development Research Centre, Canada ([IDRC](#)) grant to promote Gender Equality and Decentralization in Myanmar and build research capacity of an NGO, *Enlightened Myanmar Research Foundation* ([EMRef](#)) for a three year period, 2018-2020. Principle Investigator and Lead Academic Advisor: Netina Tan. Co-Investigators: Paul Minoletti, Elin Bjarnegard, Michelle Dion, and Meredith Weiss.

*(2018 – 2022) (\$85,000)

Ministry of Education Tier 1 Fund & Yale-NUS College, “Can a Shared National Identity Trump Ethnic Identity? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Singapore”. Principal Investigator. Co-Investigator: Risa Toha.

*(2018) (\$13,000)

Conference Workshop Grant, Yale-NUS College, to host the [annual meeting of the Southeast Asia Research Group](#) (SEAREG) from December 11-13, 2018. (With Risa Toha and Steven Oliver).

*(2017 – 2019) (\$4,500)

Internal Grant, Yale-NUS College, “Do exams improve learning?”.

*(2013) (\$2,000)

Teaching Enhancement Grant, National University of Singapore, for the study of the impact of the haze on Singapore.

*(2012 – 2017) (\$15,000)

Start-Up Research Grant, Yale-NUS College.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

(2025) 29th Annual Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics conference (UNSW, Sydney); 17th Nordic Conference in Behavioral and Experimental Economics (University of Stavanger); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).

(2024) NICEP Workshop (University of Nottingham); TUM Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business; Wake Forest University.

(2023) Singapore Management University; University of Sydney; National University of Singapore; 1st Resilient Democracy Lab Workshop (University of New South Wales); 3rd Catalan Economic Society Congress.

(2022) Toronto Political Behavior Workshop; Association of Southern European Economic Theorists 2022 Meeting; XI Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behaviour and Economic

- Outcomes (Alghero); European Political Science Association annual meeting; Midwest Political Science Association annual Conference.
- (2021) 13th Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium (M-BEES); Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe 2021); Italian Society of Political Science (SISP Conference 2021)
- (2019) London School of Economics
- (2018) University of York; Université de Montréal.
- (2017) Spanish Economic Association annual meeting; *Mini-conference on Electoral Malpractices*, American Political Science Association annual meeting; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Institutions and Political Economy Research Group – Universitat de Barcelona.
- (2016) Université de Montréal; University of New South Wales-University of Queensland *Political Economy Workshop*.
- (2015) Workshop on Emerging Economies, University of New South Wales.
- (2014) University of British Columbia; American Political Science Association annual meeting; University of New South Wales-University of Queensland *Political Economy Workshop*; European Political Science Association annual meeting.
- (2013) Toronto Political Behavior Workshop; American University; McMaster University; Yale University; Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting.
- (2012) Fundação Getúlio Vargas; London School of Economics.
- (2011) Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting; Western Political Science Association annual meeting.
- (2010) Japan Economic Policy Association International Conference.

REFEREE

Economics: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*.

Political Science: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *World Politics*, *Political Geography*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Government and Opposition*, *Political Behavior*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *PAPERS – Revista de Sociologia*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universitat de Barcelona:

- [Master's level] Political Economy of Public Policies, 2022 – 2025
Culture and Business in Europe and Other Western Countries, 2020 – 2025
[Master's level] Doing Business in Europe, Spring 2020 – 2025
[Master's level] Introduction to Economics (MA in Water Management), 2020

National University of Singapore:

- [PhD] Research Design in Political Science, 2023

Institutions and Political Economy, 2023
Introduction to Economic Analysis, Spring 2020

Yale-NUS College:

Political Economy, 2020, 2021
Behavioral Economics, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Quantitative Reasoning, 2014, 2017, 2018
Advanced Behavioral Economics, 2018
Econometrics, 2015, 2016
Principles of Economics, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
Comparative Social Inquiry, 2013

Harvard University:

Principles of Economics, Summer 2010, 2011, 2012 (Teaching Fellow & Guest Lecturer)

Boston University:

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
International Finance, Summer 2010, 2011
Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis, Spring 2010, 2011 (Teaching Fellow)
Introductory Microeconomic Analysis, Fall 2009, 2010 (Teaching Fellow)

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona:

Advanced Macroeconomics (Honors), Spring 2006 (Teaching Fellow)
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2005 (Teaching Fellow)

As a Guest Lecturer:

Introduction to Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation, University of British Columbia, Fall 2014.
Institutions and Economic Growth, University of British Columbia, Fall 2014
Voting and Elections, New York University, Spring 2013

CURRICULUM DESIGN (ALL FROM SCRATCH)

Major in Economics, Yale-NUS College.
Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Yale-NUS College.
Quantitative Reasoning, Yale-NUS College.
Comparative Social Inquiry, Yale-NUS College.

TEACHING AWARDS

Special Award for Distinguished Teaching, Universitat de Barcelona, 2021
Special Director of Graduate Studies prize for sustained excellence in teaching services, Boston University, 2011

OTHER AWARDS

Extraordinary Degree Prize (Prize awarded to the top three graduates), BS in Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2005.
UNESCO Center for Peace and Human Rights Research Grant, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2002-2003. (Research focused on the conflict in Northern Ireland).
Extraordinary Degree Prize (Prize awarded to the top three graduates), BS in Political Science, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2001.

FELLOWSHIPS

Boston University, Teaching Fellowship, Academic Year 2009/10 and 2010/11
Fundacion Ramon Areces (SPAIN) Scholarship, Academic Years 2006/7, 2007/8, 2008/9
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Teaching Fellowship, Academic Year 2005/6

LANGUAGES

Spanish and Catalan (native) English (proficient) French, German (intermediate), Mandarin (much too basic).

COMPUTER SKILLS: STATA, MATLAB, R, LaTeX, ARCGIS, Microsoft Office

OTHER:

Certificat AQU (October 24, 2023) for “Professor Agregat” (Associate Professor).
Certificat AQU (April 16, 2018) for “Professor Lector” (Assistant Professor).
NUS Swimming Team Co-Captain (2015 – 2020), BU Graduate Economics Association president (2008/9).