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RESEARCH INTEREST

My research interest is on the determinants of citizens' behaviours and attitudes with an especial focus on how context shapes them. I have research issues as diverse as whether neighbourhood composition affects likelihood to participate in different activities, whether adding different cues to arguments shapes its persuasiveness and whether parties' behaviours shape the issues that become salient to voters. Lately I have focused specifically on the study of voters' understanding of the political space and its consequences for democratic systems.

CURRENT POSITION

- **Feb 2017- present: Universitat Autònoma Barcelona, Political Science Department and International Relations, Spain**
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

- **Oct 2012- May 2016: University of Leicester, Leicester, UK**
PhD in Politics and International Relations
Research Project: Issues, party strategies and voter behaviour: a dynamic approach.
Visiting period at *University Pompeu Fabra* of Barcelona to work with Romain Lachat (Sep 2014- Dec 2014)
- **Oct 2011- Sep 2012: University of Essex, Colchester, UK**
MA Political Behaviour
Relevant modules: Public Opinion Analysis and Polling, Political Behaviour, Explanation.
My dissertation, relating separatist attitudes in Scotland and Catalonia, implied a lot of practice in organizing and coding survey responses as much as regression analysis and other data analysis techniques. GPA: Merit (6.79)
- **Oct 2008- Sep 2010: ICPS- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain**
MA Political Marketing: Communication and Strategy in Politics
Relevant modules: Political Analysis, Political Campaigns, Communication and Media, Institutional Communications
The dissertation project, relating the causes of the no-vote in a local participation project held in Barcelona, successfully combined different research techniques: surveys analysis, in-depth interviews with actors involved in the process, and text analysis of documents and news.
- **Sep 2004- Jul 2008: Universitat Pompeu Fabra de Barcelona, Spain**
BA Political Science and Public Administration
Relevant modules: Administrative Law, Political Communication and Behaviour, Political Economy, Theories of Political Science, Quantitative and Qualitative research methods, Comparative Politics. GPA: 7.72 out of 10

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed papers

- Reinermann, Holger and Berta Barbet (2019) “Party system dimensionality and perceived quality of representation”, *Party Politics*. doi.org/10.1177/1354068818823687
- Barbet, Berta (2019) “ hanging the issues of the electoral arena: do parties and voters move together?”, *Comparative European Politics*. doi.org/10.1057/s41295-019-00153-w

Book chapters

- Barbet-Porta, Berta (2019) “Política institucional: afiliació, vot i partits polítics”, *Informe Enquesta de participació i política a Catalunya. Departament de Cultura. Generalitat de Catalunya: Barcelona*
- Barbet-Porta, Berta (2017) “La crisis de legitimidad del poder legislativo: alcance y causas de la crisis del sistema de representación parlamentaria” en Felipe González, Gerson Damiani and José Fernández-Albertos *¿Quién manda aquí? La crisis global de la democracia representativa*, Madrid: Debate 131-166
- Barbet-Porta, Berta (2015) “Towards a Comprehensive theory of party competition and electoral change: From party identification to Riker’s theory of heresthetics and rhetoric” in Paxton, MarieM Ekaterina Kolpinskaya, Jana Jonasova, *Politics in Crisis*, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholar Publishing

Work in progress

- “What the fact? An experiment on the political persuasiveness of arguments”
- “The issues of the left-right dimension: Do parties structure the space of competition?”
- “The issues of the new political space in Spain from the voter’s perspective”
- “Neighbourhood homogeneity and political participation in the city of Barcelona”
- “Nobody seems to be representing me: Belief systems and its effects on satisfaction with the sytem”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **March 2016- March 2018 (expected): Fundacion Alternativas, Spain**
Project coordinator and research assistant of the Spanish partner on the project “Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue in the Age of Collaborative Economy” funded by the European Commission and leaded by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- **Feb 2015- Sep 2015: Department of Media and Communication, University of Leicester, UK**
Quantitative research assistant on a project on attitudes towards offence directed by Dr. Ranja Das and Dr. Anne C. H. Graefer
 - *Design of survey questionnaire*
 - *Quantitative analysis of the data acquired.*

- **Jun 2013 & Oct 2013: Department of Economics, University of Leicester, UK**
Research assistant on a project on project on political knowledge and efficacy
- *Review process on literature on political knowledge impact and measurements*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Feb 2018- Current: present: Universitat Autònoma Barcelona, Political Science Department and International Relations, Spain**
Modules: Changing public opinion through communication (master's course), methods and political behaviour (undergrad course), introduction to political science (undergrad course)
- **Sep 2015- Aug 2016: Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain**
Associate lecturer: Modules Public Policy development, Public Policy evaluation, Political Science English
- **Jul 2014: Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, UK**
Teaching assistant at YouGov's course: Making Numbers Count: Practical Quantitative Research.
- **May 2014 & May 2013: Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester, UK**
Teaching assistant at the excel course computer class.

AWARDS

- **Sept 2012:** Doctoral Scholarship from the Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom.
- **Mar 2012:** Research scholarship from ICPS Barcelona, Spain.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- **Jul 2016: Survey experiments.** Summer School in Survey Methodology. Pompeu Fabra University and Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, Barcelona, Spain.
- **Jan 2015: Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections and Electoral Behaviour,** University of Leuven, Faculty of Social Sciences. Leuven, Belgium
- **Jul 2014: Structural Equation modelling course with MPlus,** Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis. Colchester, United Kingdom
- **Sept 2010- May 2011: Political participation beyond elections seminar**
IGOP- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Co-convenor of the Leicester's Interdisciplinary Workshop on Elections Public Opinion and Participation**
Co-organized with Laura Morales, University of Leicester
- **Media analyst.** Appearance on different media platforms as political analyst commenting and giving inside of different political events: Al-Jazeera (TV), TV3 (TV), The Conversation UK (magazine), eldiario.es (online journal).

LANGUAGES

- **Catalan and Spanish:** Native languages
- **English:** Fluent
- **French:** Good

COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Microsoft office (Excel, Word, Power Point):** Advanced user
- **Internet and Social media:** Advanced user
- **Statistical analysis:**
 - SPSS Advanced user
 - STATA Advanced user
 - MPlus Beginner user