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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- **Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC)** 2024 - Ongoing  
*Postdoctoral Researcher* Madrid, Spain
  - Postdoctoral Researcher "Juan de la Cierva" Spanish Grant
- **University of Exeter** 2023 - 2024  
*Postdoctoral Researcher* Exeter, United Kingdom
  - Postdoctoral Researcher in the ERC Advanced Grant project "TwiceAsGood" in collaboration with Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC).
- **University Carlos III de Madrid** 2022 - 2023  
*Lecturer* Madrid, Spain
- **University Carlos III de Madrid** 2018-2022  
*Ph.D. in Social Sciences* Madrid, Spain
  - Supervisor: Robert M. Fishman
- **European University Institute** 2021  
*Visiting PhD Researcher* Florence, Italy

## PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

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- **Article:** Fraile, M., Tirado Castro, A. and Zuluaga, P. 2025  
Beyond Likes: The Role of Influencers in Promoting Views about Feminism and Anti-feminism in Spain. *Politics and Gender*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X24000539>
- **Article:** Tirado Castro, A. and Caihuelas Navajas, B. 2025  
The Gender Gap in Policy Responsiveness in Spain. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1332/25151088Y2024D000000067>
- **Article:** Tirado Castro, A. 2023  
Democratic Resilience: Citizens Evaluation of Democratic Performance during the Great Recession in the European Union. *Democratization*, 30 (4), 595-615. DOI: [10.1080/13510347.2023.2169672](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2023.2169672)
- **Article:** Lupu, N. and Tirado Castro, A. 2023  
Unequal Policy Responsiveness in Spain. *Socio-Economic Review*, 21 (3), 1679-1720. DOI: [10.1093/ser/mwac040](https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwac040)
- **Book Chapter:** Fishman, R.M. and Tirado Castro, A. 2021  
How Democracy Works: Divergent Perspectives of Representatives and Citizens. In Coller, X., and Sánchez-Ferrer, L. (Eds.). *Politicians in Hard Times: Spanish and South European MPs Facing Citizens after the Great Recession*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. [Link](#)

## PROJECTS

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- **Project: [Twice as Hard, Half as Good? Women Candidates on the Campaign Trail](#)** 2023 - Ongoing  
*Team Member*
  - European Research Council (ERC) - EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation. Principal Investigator: Susan Banducci (University of Exeter).
- **Project: [Unravelling Gender Equality Resistance in Europe](#)** 2024 - Ongoing  
*Team Member*
  - Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: PID2023-147429OB-I00). Principal Investigator: Marta Fraile (Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC))
- **Project: [GenderedPsyche](#)** 2023  
*Team Member*

- Funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: (PID2019-107445GB-I00). Principal Investigator: Marta Fraile (Institute for Public Goods and Policies (CSIC))
- **Project: Global Legislator Database (GLD)** 2020 - 2022  
*Research Assistant*
  - Principal Investigator: Miriam Golden, Nicholas Carnes, and Eugenia Nazrulleava (European University Institute).
- **Project: Parlamentarios y Sociedad** 2015 - 2016  
*Research Assistant*
  - Funded by Spanish Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (CSO2012-32564). *Democracies and Autonomies: Society and Politics (DASP)* (SEJ-499) research group led Xavier Coller (University Pablo de Olavide).

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D. in Social Sciences** 2018 - 2022  
*University Carlos III de Madrid* Madrid, Spain
  - Cum Laude and International Doctorate Mention
  - Awarded with [Outstanding Thesis Award in Social Sciences](#)
- **M.A. in Social Sciences** 2016 - 2018  
*University Carlos III de Madrid* Madrid, Spain
- **B.A. in Political Sciences and Administration** 2011 - 2016  
*University Pablo de Olavide* Seville, Spain
  - Awarded with Extraordinary Prize for Highest GPA
- **B.A. in Sociology** 2011 - 2016  
*University Pablo de Olavide* Seville, Spain

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **University Carlos III de Madrid** 2018 - 2023  
*Department of Social Sciences*
  - Course: *Political Behavior* Spring 2023  
Double B.A. in Political Science and Sociology (61 hours)
  - Course: *Political Theory and Traditions of Thought* Spring 2023  
Double B.A. in Political Science and International Studies (30.5 hours)
  - Course: *Quantitative Social Research Methods* Spring 2022  
B.A. in Sociology (61 hours)
  - Course: *Political Representation and Electoral Analysis* Fall 2019 - 2020  
Double B.A. in Law and Political Science (152 hours)
  - Course: *Cooperation and Formal Models in Game Theory* Fall 2018  
Double B.A. in Political Science and International Studies (61 hours)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- **Outstanding Thesis Award in Social Sciences** 2024  
*University Carlos III de Madrid*
- **Excellent Results in the Faculty Evaluation Survey** 2018-2023  
*University Carlos III de Madrid*
  - Honor Letter received from the Deputy Vice Rector for Quality for five consecutive years University Carlos III de Madrid.
- **Best Academic Record in Political Sciences and Administration** 2016  
*University Pablo de Olavide*
- **Research Initiation Grant (Rf.: PPI1405)** 2015  
*University Pablo de Olavide*

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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- **European Conference on Politics and Gender** 2024  
Ghent University Ghent, Belgium
  - Co-Chair: *Shifting Power: Gender, Perception, and Representation in Politics*
  - Paper Presented: *Polarized Hearts and Minds: Gender Differences in Affective Polarization* with Kaitlin Senk
- **XV Congreso Español de Sociología** 2024  
University Pablo de Olavide Seville, Spain
  - Paper Presented: *Explorando el rol de los influencers en la promoción de visiones feministas y antifeministas en España* with Marta Fraile y Paula Zuluaga
- **ECPR General Conference** 2023  
Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
  - Paper Presented: *Gender Gap in Policy Responsiveness* with Berta Caihuelas
- **13th EPSA Annual Conference** 2023  
Strathclyde University Glasgow, United Kingdom
  - Paper Presented: *Can Influencers Be Political* with Marta Fraile and Paula Zuluaga
- **26th IPSA World Congress of Political Science** 2021  
Lisbon University Lisbon, Portugal
  - Paper Presented: *Democratic Resilience: Testing the Health of Consolidated Democracies during the Great Recession*
- **Political Behavior Colloquium EUI** 2021  
European University Institute Florence, Italy
  - Paper Presented: *The Winner-Loser Gap on Polarized Elections in the European Union*
- **XIV AECPA Conference in Political Sciences** 2019  
Salamanca University Salamanca, Spain
  - Paper Presented: *Resiliencia Democrática y Causas de la Desconfianza Política*
- **26th International Conference of Europeanists.** 2019  
University Carlos III of Madrid Madrid, Spain
  - Paper Presented: *Causes of Political Disaffection and Democratic Resilience under Great Recession.*

## SKILLS

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- **Programming Languages:** R (advanced) and Python (Beginner)
- **Programming Languages:** R Studio, Stata, and SPSS
- **Survey Design:** Qualtrics and Unipark.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** Atlas.Ti, NVivo, and fsQCA
- **Qualitative Analysis:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, TexStudio, GitHub, and RMarkdown

## REFERENCES

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Full Professor, Department of Social Sciences  
University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain  
Email: robertmichael.fishman@uc3m.es  
*Relationship: Thesis Advisor*
2. **Marta Fraile Maldonado**  
Tenure Scientist, Institute of Public Policies and Politics  
Spanish National Research Council  
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*Relationship: Postdoc Advisor*
3. **Susan Banducci**  
Professor of Political Science  
University of Birmingham  
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*Relationship: Project Supervisor*