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Education

- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB (Spain)
PhD in Politics, Policies and International Relations (cum laude and extraordinary award; international mention), September 2018-February 2023
PhD supervisor: Dr. Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués
PhD title: Approaches to explain political transitions: the case of Tunisia
- Sciences Po Paris (France)
MA in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action
Concentration in MENA region, 2015-2017
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, UPF (Spain)
BA in Political Science and Administration, 2011-2015
Erasmus in Sciences Po Paris, 2013-2014

Research experience

- Assistant Professor, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), Barcelona, September 2024-present
- Postdoctoral researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, OILDOWN project, funding: Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain, April 2023-August 2024
- Predoctoral researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Formación de Profesorado Universitario (FPU) fellow, funding: Ministry of Universities of Spain, September 2018-February 2023
- Visiting predoctoral researcher, Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC), Tunis, funding: Spanish Ministry of Universities (travel grant "FPU movilidad"), 1 April 2021- 30 June 2021

Teaching experience

- Lecturer, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), Faculty of Law and Politics, supervising courses belonging to the MA in International Development and Humanitarian Action, the MA in Conflict, Peace and Security, and the MA in International Affairs and Diplomacy, fall 2024-present

- Lecturer, “The politics and practice of international humanitarianism” (theory), 4 ECTS, MA in development / security / research, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), spring 2023-present

- Supervisor of Final Master’s Theses, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), spring 2023-present

Student Michael Harty awarded with the Best IBEI Final Research Project in the International Relations Master (2022-2023)

- Seminars “Global Governance”, 6 sessions, MA programme “international relations”, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), spring 2023

- Teaching assistant, “Contemporary International System”, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), BSc programmes “political science” and “international relations”, under the supervision of Esther Barbé and Oriol Costa, circa 90 hours, 2019-2021

Participation in research projects

- Member of research project “The Implications of Decreasing Fossil Fuels Demand for the Political Stability in the Middle East and North Africa (OILDOWN)”, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, head researcher: Martijn Vlaskamp, funding body: Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain, duration: December 2022-November 2024

- Member of research project VISIONS, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, head researcher: Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués, funding body: Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain, duration: September 2018-September 2021, <https://visionsproject.wixsite.com/results>

- Member of research group “Observatory of European External Action”, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, head researcher: Esther Barbé, funding body: Catalan Agency for the Administration of University and Research Grants (AGAUR), duration: 2009-present, <https://normcon.eu/es/>

Refereed journal articles

- Rivera-Escartin, A. and Fernández Fernández, F. (2024), Recalibrating the local lens: Drivers and transformations of the European Union’s territorial agenda in the Southern Neighbourhood, *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* (online first). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13708>

- Rivera-Escartin, A. (2023), Elite polarization and democratic backsliding in Tunisia: tracing agency-driven mechanisms, *Democratization*, 1-20, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2023.2284873>

- Rivera-Escartin, A. and Johansson-Nogués, E. (2022), Harraga and Europe:

the emotional geographies of undocumented migrants in Tunisian filmmaking, *Political Geography*, 94, DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102580

- Rivera-Escartin, A. (2021), Tunisia's democratisation process: when 'consensus democracy' undermines democratic consolidation, *Third World Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2021.2015315

- Johansson-Nogués, E. and Rivera-Escartin, A. (2020), "Supporting the Tunisian transition? Analysing (in)consistencies in EU democracy assistance with a tripartite nexus model", *Democratization*, 27:8, 1376-1393, DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2020.1792886

- Rivera-Escartin, A. (2020), "Populist challenges to EU foreign policy in the Southern Neighbourhood: an informal and illiberal Europeanisation?", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 27:8, 1195-1214, DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2020.1712459

Conferences and workshops

- Rivera-Escartin, A. and Fernández Fernández, F. (2024), *Recalibrating the local lens: drivers and transformations of the EU's territorial agenda in the Southern Neighbourhood*, IBEI-GIGA workshop on Security, Conflict and Peace, Barcelona, 22-23 February

- Rivera-Escartin, A. (2024), *The Hydrocarbons-Stability Nexus in Algeria in the Light of EU's Green Transition*, IBEI-GIGA workshop on Security, Conflict and Peace, Barcelona, 22-23 February

- Rivera-Escartin, A. and Fernández Fernández, F. (2023), *Recalibrating the local lens: drivers and transformations of the EU's territorial agenda in the Southern Neighbourhood*, Foro de Investigadores del Mundo Árabe y Musulmán (Fimam), Barcelona, 15 November 2023

- Johansson-Nogués, E. and Rivera-Escartin, A. (2023), *Authoritarianism's return in North Africa and the Middle East: the cases of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia*, Workshop on Crises and Political Transformation in Europe and Beyond, Brussels, 25-26 October 2023

- Johansson-Nogués, E. and Rivera-Escartin, A. (2023), *Authoritarianism's return in North Africa and the Middle East: the cases of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Türkiye*, European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), Amsterdam, 12-14 July 2023

- Rivera Escartin, A. and Johansson-Nogués, E. (2022), *Illiberal populists and LIO contestation: the cases of Brazil, Hungary, the Philippines and Türkiye*, European International Studies Association (EISA) Conference, Athens, 2 September 2022

- Rivera Escartin, A. (2021), *The (de-)politicisation of regional conflicts in Tunisia and its effects on democracy*, International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference, online event, 13 July 2021

- Rivera Escartin, A. (2021), *Consensus et (non) consolidation de la démocratie dans le post-2011: le cas de la Tunisie*, Atelier doctoral (PhD workshop), Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC), Tunis, 29 June 2021
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2021), *The politicisation of foreign policy and its effects on the Tunisian transition: from pernicious polarisation to politicised consensus?*, Council for European Studies (CES) Conference, online event, 22 June 2021
- Rivera Escartin, A. and Johansson-Nogués, E. (equal co-authorship) (2020), *Harragas and Europe: the geopolitical imagination of undocumented migrants in Tunisian cinema*, NORTIA workshop (Erasmus+ research Network), online event, 7 July 2020
- Johansson-Nogués, E. and Rivera Escartin, A. (2019), *(In)consistencias en la asistencia a la democracia de la UE en Túnez: más allá del dilema entre democratización y estabilidad*, Foro de Investigadores del Mundo Árabe y Musulmán (Fimam), Barcelona, 25 October 2019
- Johansson-Nogués, E. and Rivera Escartin, A. (2019), *Anchoring the Tunisian transition? A nexus approach to (in)consistencies in EU's democracy assistance*", European International Studies Association (EISA) Conference, Sofia, 13 September 2019
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2019), *The populist challenges to the EU foreign and security policy towards Egypt and Tunisia: A case of de-Europeanisation?*, European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conference, Denver, 11 May 2019

Other professional experience

- Trainee at Development Cooperation Office of Barcelona region (Diputació de Barcelona). Barcelona, Spain. February-September 2018
- Trainee at the European Parliament (Greens/EFA Group). Brussels, Belgium. September 2017-February 2018
- Resettlement intern at Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Quito, Ecuador. July-December 2016
- Intern at Embassy of Spain in Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon. June-August 2015
- Human Resources intern at Médecins Sans Frontières. Barcelona, Spain. May 2014-March 2015

Other activities and publications

- Rivera Escartin, A. (2025), *Mètodes qualitius i mètodes quantitius en les Relacions Internacionals: una guia interpretativa (1a. ed.)* [textual learning resource], Fundació Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (FUOC)

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- Rivera Escartin, A. (2024), *The paradoxes of a value-based EU foreign policy* (blog post), EU-VALUES Network
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2023), “Nova guerra freda: el perill de llegir el futur als pòsits del passat” (opinion piece), *Política&Prosa*, 15 June 2023
- Discussant at UACES conference, panel “Populism and the rule of law”, 8 June 2023, Barcelona, Spain
- Talk at high-school (Sant Gabriel, Barcelona), “És l’euroescepticisme un perill per la democràcia?”, Europe day, 19 May 2023, Barcelona, Spain
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2022), “IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2022” (book review), *Afkar/Ideas*, n.67
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2020), “La efectividad de las sanciones, ¿un problema de comunicación?” (book review), *Revista CIDOB d’Afers Internacionals*, Special issue: International sanctions: The “other” effects
- Introduction and moderation of conference by Youssef Cherif on “La Covid-19 en Túnez y el Magreb”, IEMed, Aulamed conferences, online event, 16 April 2020
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2020), “How populist radical right parties have eroded the EU’s human rights agenda in the Mediterranean” (blog post), LSE, EUROPP blog, 3 February 2020
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2019), “Libya inter-tribal rivalry” and “Libya opposition” in *Conflict Barometer 2018*, Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research, 173-175
- Rivera Escartin, A. (2018), “Libya inter-tribal rivalry” and “Libya opposition” in *Conflict Barometer 2017*, Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research, 187-190

Grants and fellowships

- Formación de Profesorado Universitario (Training of university staff) (FPU) fellowship, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, funding: Spanish Ministry of Universities, September 2018- February 2023
- FPU movilidad, travel grant, Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC), Tunis, funding: Spanish Ministry of Universities, 1 April 2021-30 June 2021

Honors and awards

- Extraordinary award for best PhD dissertation, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB (Spain), PhD in Politics, Policies and International Relations (2022-2023)

- Manuel Castillo Award, Universitat de València (UV), Category “Published research” in the field of cooperation and human development for the article *Populist challenges to EU foreign policy in the Southern Neighbourhood: an informal and illiberal Europeanisation?*, 2021
- Best Papers from the European Union Studies Association 2019 Biennial Conference in Denver, USA, *The populist challenges to the EU foreign and security policy towards Egypt and Tunisia: A case of de-Europeanisation?*, 2019
- Extraordinary end of studies award (Premi extraordinari de fi d'estudis), Political Science and Administration, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 2015

Languages

- Catalan: native speaker
- Spanish: native speaker
- English: C2, Certificate of Proficiency in English
- French: C1, MA in France
- Arabic (al fusha): B2, Certificate by Barcelona Official Language School (EOI)

Courses and trainings

- *Authoritarian regionalism in the world of international organizations*, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Summer School, 6 hours, Barcelona, 20-22 June 2022
- *Understanding the EU's role in the world*, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Summer School, 6 hours, Barcelona, 30 June and 1 July 2022
- *Ensuring respect towards trans and non-binary persons and preventing transphobia in the university*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 2 hours, 17 May 2022
- *Gender-based violence awareness: detecting and acting*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 2 hours, 27 April 2022
- *Writing an abstract and outlining a scientific paper*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), 2 hours, online course, 25 October 2021
- *Comparative Historical Analysis*, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, 3 ECTS, online course, 16 - 20 August 2021
- *Writing a thesis in English*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), 20 hours, online course, 5-16 July 2021

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- *Strategies to motivate students in hybrid learning environments*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 6 hours, online course, 19 May-3 June
- *From microaggressions to harassment. Women in scientific research*, Consortium of Catalan Research Centres (CERCA), circa 2 hours, 15 May 2021
- *How to plan hybrid teaching*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 5 hours, online course, 10 and 14 May 2021
- *A Portrait of the PhD student as a Young Man/Woman Tips & Tricks for entering (and surviving) into the academic world in Political Science and Sociology*, Institut de Ciències Polítiques i Socials (ICPS), 14 hours, online course, 10 February-17 March 2021
- *Research Ethics and Personal Data Protection*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 4 hours, online course, 26 February 2021
- *Arts as a teaching methodology. Applications from a feminist perspective*, Universitat de les Illes Balears (UIC), 15 hours, online course, 3-20 November 2020
- *Doctoral training academy*, University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), 8 hours, Brussels, 22 November 2019
- *Project-based learning, how to begin*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), training, 4 hours and 30 minutes, Barcelona, 23 October 2019
- *Workshop on active learning for big groups*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), 4 hours and 30 minutes, Barcelona, 9 October 2019
- *Islam and Politics in MENA: Ideology, Activism and Change*, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Summer School, 6 hours, Barcelona, 19-21 June 2019
- *Geopolitics of the MENA Region in a Post-Western World*, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Summer School, 6 hours, Barcelona, 19-21 June 2019
- *(Re-)Conceptualizing or (Re-)Theorizing how the EU faces New Realities*, COST ENTER (CA17119), Spring School, 6 ECTS, Darmstadt, 11-14 March 2019
- *Crash Course: Introduction to Research in Social Sciences*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), 18 hours, Bellaterra, October-November 2018
- *Local development cooperation*, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), 60 hours, online course, April-June 2018