

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 14/11/1995 | Nationality Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

From June 2020 until present

PhD Candidate and Research Associate

Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI). Ramon Trias Fargas 25-27, 08005, Barcelona, Spain.

- Thesis: "EU-China cooperation: the multilevel correspondence between the economic foreign policy relations of the two great powers".
- Research Project: Global Governance and the European Union: Future Trends and Scenarios (GLOBE).

International Relations and Political Science

From September 2019 to March 2020

International Digital Policies Advisor

Ministry for Digital Policies and Public Administration of Catalonia. Via Laietana 26, 08003, Barcelona, Spain.

- Elaborate bilateral treaties with other regions and countries.
- Coordinate the participation in European programs and projects and forums of interest according to the strategic priorities.
- Coordinate the international activity of the Ministry.
- Update various databases.
- Update international initiatives and directives in the area of digital policies.
- Prepare supporting texts.
- Prepare reports on the issues of interest to the management units.

Politics and International Politics

From June 2019 to August 2019

Trainee at the EU Delegation to Hong Kong and Macao

European External Action Service. 19/F, St. John's Building, 33 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

- Research and analysis of information;
- Draft analytical reports on various policy developments in Hong Kong and Macao;
- Attend and participate in meeting, seminars and conferences on Hong Kong and Macao;
- Support the Section in the preparation of visits, missions and meetings as well as follow-up actions;
- Promote EU's interests and values in the region.
- Monitor, analyse and report on internal and regional economic and trade developments, as well as other policy areas such as climate change, environment and innovation, and write briefing dossiers, speeches, statements, press releases and articles.

International Relations and Diplomacy

From September 2018 to May 2019

Trainee at the Catalan Trade and Investment Agency

ACCIÓ. Rue de la Loi 227, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

- Assist Catalan companies in applying for calls for tender by the EU institutions (H2020, COSME, etc.); draft their application strategies, do networking and identify potential partners and engage with relevant stakeholders in the EU.
- Track the current EU legislation and policy debates on ICT, circular and digital economy, transport, defence and energy sector.
- Attend diverse public events (workshops, debates, conferences, etc.) on the main issues discussed and potential opportunities in terms of business networking.
- Prepare reports and agendas for Catalan companies with interest on specific issues or in meeting policy-makers, consultancies and other relevant partners in Brussels.

International Economy

From February 2018 to May 2018

Delegate at the 1989 Generation Initiative policy cycle

3.12 Cowdray House. LSE European Institute. London. WC 2AE.

- Member of the Roundtable of Global Affairs, identifying the main problems for the EU in the international sphere (defence, security, trade, diplomacy, etc.), contributing with policy proposals and identifying the major obstacles and implementation challenges, with its according stakeholder mapping, both during the conference and subsequent seminars, so as to finally write a policy report.

International Relations

From February 2018 to May 2018

Member of the Millennium Journal of International Studies Editorial Board

LSE. Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE, United Kingdom

- Critically analyse the articles submitted to the journal, depending on their originality, argumentative coherence, theoretical consistency, their contribution to International Relations as a discipline, their clarity and relevance.

International Relations

From March 2017 to June 2017

Internship at the Department of European Funds

Generalitat de Catalunya. Carrer de la Pietat 2, 08002 Barcelona, Spain.

- Monitor the latest calls from European Funds, national funds and regional funds; identify the main stakeholders in Catalonia who may be interested in each call; follow up the ones who had already won a project; follow political and economic news of interest; help and assist in partner research; and elaborate the weekly European Funds magazine.

International Economics

From October 2016 to January 2017

Internship at the Spanish Embassy in London

Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation. 39 Chesham Place, Belgravia, London, SW1X 8SB, UK

- Tasks at the Cultural Office: organization of events, answer correspondence, data base creation and update, art work, public relations.
- Tasks at the Political Office: write informs, follow political actuality, in-depth analysis of successes.

International Relations

From September 2016 until present

Contributing Writer

L'Endavant, online political magazine. www.lendavant.com.

- Write weekly reports on the Japan-Pacific region (political, economical, historical).

Periodism

From February 2016 to June 2016

Consultor

Young Potentials. Interleuvenlaan 62, 3001 Leuven, Belgium

- Project leader, team organization, crowdfunding campaign creation, MBA design.

Business and economics

January 2016

Research collaborator

Dr. José Maria Castellanos. University Pompeu Fabra.

- Survey design, interview experts, data processing.

Biotechnology

From September 2007 to June 2014

Private teacher

L'Escorial Vedruna (Carrer de Santa Joaquina de Vedruna, 6, 08500 Vic, Barcelona) and Coderch family (references can be asked)

- Teach harmony and musical language, piano, and preparing the students for Professional Degree exams.
- Help with reading and mathematics students with learning difficulties.

Education

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

From October 2019 to July 2020

Postgraduate Degree in Foreign Trade and International Economy

On-going

University of Barcelona.

- Courses in three specializations:
 - International Economy: interdependencies in international economy, international economic institutions, new theories of international trade, structure and evolution of international trade, globalisation, regulation of international trade, integration of international economy, monetary integration, quantitative tools, processes of international economic integration, the Institutionalist School, Spanish economic policy, the juridical framework for international businesses, and development cooperation.
 - International Marketing: new tendencies (big data & AI), analysis and strategy of international marketing, criteria for Incoterms election, international transport and logistics, networking, business creation, international trade networks for SMEs, SME exportation, and positioning strategies and Country Brand Image.
 - and Foreign Trade: import and export in the EU, trade regimes for import and export, international channels of distribution, customs value determination, EU legislation on goods, Value Added Tax, fair trade, price policies for exportation, export promotion & trade missions, budget elaboration for exportation, purchase and sales management in China, and SME internationalisation.
- Master thesis.

From September 2017 to August 2018

MSc in International Relations

62.25

London School of Economics and Political Science.

- Core course: International Politics.
- Specialization courses: Foreign Policy Analysis III and China and the World.
- Dissertation: "The role of cognition and analogical reasoning in the declaration of Catalan independence"

From September 2013 to June 2017

Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

9.07

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and Universidad Carlos III, Madrid. Erasmus: Katholieke Universiteit van Leuven (courses from the MSc in Business Economics).

- Asses the implications for the human condition of new ideological, political, economic and technological forms that act in the contemporary world and in social conflicts through the understanding of contemporary societies and from a global and cosmopolitan perspective.
- Interdisciplinary management of the theories, methodologies and problems that exist, considering its history and process of formation and give rise to pending questions.
- Integrate the knowledge acquired from the three disciplines with the aim to interpret the results, evaluate findings and propose appropriate responses to society, and assess the results accurately.
- Design programs in the different disciplines which meet the needs of improving the living conditions of society, taking into account national and international political actors, establishing relationships with political institutions and socio-economic environment of the time.
- Implement programs in the institutions and society, from its design and assessment of the viability and sustainability of the program to its results. Assess existing programs, its implementation, benefits and performance that have made in the international and local environment, institutions, management and public or private services.
- Make judgements that include a critical reflection about the fundamental social, scientific and economical topics in a representative context of the society, both locally and internationally.
- Honorary Scholarships in "Introduction to Political Science", "History of Political Philosophy", "Government and Public Policies", "Ethics", "Political Analysis and Theories on Democracy", "Macroeconomics", "Descriptive Statistics", "Contemporary Political Philosophy", "Microeconomic Theory", "European Politics" & "Technologies of Information and Communication for Development".

From September 2008 to May 2015

Professional Degree in Music (Piano)

Conservatory of Music. Vic.

- Harmony; Chamber; Choir, Musical Language; Concert performance.
- Speciality in Piano. Teachers: Joan Rubinat and Miquel Oliu.

From September 2007 to June 2011

Graduate in Secondary Education (ESO)

Escorial Vedruna School. Vic.

- Compulsory Secondary Education. Basic knowledge.
- One-year speciality in science and technology and one-year speciality in social sciences.
- Medium qualification: 9,13.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Catalan and Spanish

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Certificate of Proficiency in English. Level B.					
German	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
Official Public School in Spain					
Dutch	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
KU Leuven Language Institute (ILT) Certificate					
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
Aula Emi Academy Intensive Course					
Mandarin Chinese	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Enseignement de Promotion et de Formation Continue (EPFC)					

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills

- Good communication skills gained through my experience as a delegate in several Models of the United Nations (EuroMUN, UC3MUN) and from the Catalan Parliament (SPUNI). Also as a member from the School Council at the Escorial Vedruna, the Conservatory of Music and the Local Council in Vic as a representative of the students.
- Public Speaking course and debates at the University Pompeu Fabra, in 2014.

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership, teamwork and multicultural sensitivity (responsible of a team of 5 people when doing the consulting project for Young Potentials, what demanded me to be proactive, initiative and organized and to manage the fit within the group despite our different backgrounds).
- organization and prioritization of tasks (summer work as a waitress and help in the kitchen at L'Estanyol restaurant).
- time management, multitasking (meeting goals under time pressure because of parallel studies: music and secondary education).
- responsibility and perseverance (piano practice during 2 hours each day to meet the requirements for the professional exams).

Job-related skills

- strategic thinking, negotiation and pursuit of ideals (belonging to a political organization of young people).
- public speaking and communication (by being the representative of the students at the school and city councils).

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Independent user	Proficient user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software) acquired throughout my studies at school, high school and university.
- basic command of photo editing software gained by doing a course at high school.
- basic command of AutoCAD obtained at high school when studying technical drawing.

Other skills

- data base creation (internship at the Spanish embassy).
- art work (internship at the Spanish embassy).
- translation skills (from English to Spanish, done during my internship at the Spanish Embassy).
- Music playing and composing (I learned how to play, sing and compose music doing my studies at the Conservatory of Music in Vic).
- Dressage (I have been riding horses and training dressage since I was 7 at an hipic center in St. Julià de Vilatorrada).

Driving licence

B, A1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Publications**
- Investigation and research project from high school “Balmes : el conegut desconegut”. Mark: 10. Included in: *Recerques.13 (cinquanta-un)*. Barcelona : Patronat de la Fundació Privada Educativa Vedruna-Barcelona, 2013. 231 p. ISBN: 978-84-939008-4-7
 - L'Endavant [online], *Un rei, dinou cops d'estat, vint constitucions*. [Consulted on: 28th October 2016]. Available at: <<http://lendavant.com/un-rei-dinou-cops-destat-vint-constitucions/>>
 - L'Endavant [online], *Les dues cares d'abenomics per una economia estancada*. [Consulted on: 28th October 2016]. Available at: <<http://lendavant.com/dossier-abenomics/>>
 - L'Endavant [online], *La dinastia imperial de Japó: Passat, present i reptes de futur*. [Consulted on: 28th October 2016]. Available at: <<http://lendavant.com/dossier-dinastia-imperial-japo/>>
 - Finestra d'oportunitat (en línia). Disponible a: <<http://finestradoportunitat.com/tag/laia.comerma/>>.
- Courses**
- Public speaking course and debate at the University Pompeu Fabra (April – June 2014).
- Memberships**
- Member of the School Council at the Escorial Vedruna school in Vic as a student's representative (2008-2013).
 - Member of the School Council at the Music School in Vic as a student's representative (2010-2013).
 - Member of the Local School Council in Vic as a student's representative (2009-2012).
 - Member of Mensa (since 2013).
- Honours and awards**
- Finalist at the Cangur exams of mathematics in 2011, organized by the Catalan Association of Mathematics (2011 edition).
 - Honourable Mention award: Delegate of Australia at the World Bank Committee at EuroMUN (May 2014).
 - Distinguished delegation award: Delegate of Chile at the United Nations Security Council at the UC3MUN (March 2015).
 - 23rd position of female runners in the Student Marathon in Leuven, running half a marathon (16th March 2016).
 - Pompeu Fabra University's **Extraordinary award**, for the best academic performance in my undergraduate degree.
- Projects**
- Young Potentials. Project leader in charge of designing and running a crowdfunding campaign through Kickstarter, as well as finalizing the publicity for the funded project, the MBA and team work supervision (February- June 2016).

ANNEXES

List of documents annexed to CV (request via email):

- copy of Certificate of Proficiency in English;
- copy of Graduate Certificate in Music;
- letter of recommendation from the EU Delegation to Hong Kong and Macao;
- letter of recommendation from ACCIÓ;
- letter of recommendation from the Spanish Embassy in London;
- letter of recommendation from Young Potentials;
- published articles.