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**EDUCATION****PhD**, Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (Sept 2020 – Nov 2024)

Thesis: “Nationalist mobilisation in the digital age: The role of social media in driving support for radical right parties”

**MA**, Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (2018-20)Thesis: “Impact of globalisation and liberalisation on right-wing populism in India” (*Grade: 9.2/10*)**BA**, Journalism, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom (2007-10)*First Class Honours and International Scholarship*

Thesis: “Representation of war in photojournalism—pictorial truth of Iraq and Afghanistan wars”

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE****Doctoral Researcher**, Value Conflicts in a Differentiated Europe - ValCon (2020-24)*Research project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (Grant amount: 980.000 Eur)*

- Led big data collection efforts across 3 social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) via API-based methods to build public opinion database (1 million+ posts) on democratic values of gender equality, freedom of expression and independence of judiciary
- Developed computational and comparative approaches to analyse social media data spanning 3 years and 6 countries (France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, and Spain)
- Collaborated on survey design to collect social media behaviour, political values and behaviour and socioeconomic background of 12,000 individuals
- Collaborated with 6 team members on publishing two peer-reviewed articles
- Collaborated on data collection efforts from 2 newspapers (left and right leaning) in each of the countries and co-authored 2 qualitative codebooks to study actor statements in articles to develop comparative analytical framework for traditional and social media data
- Organised and conducted 3 computational methodology workshops for post-doctoral researchers with qualitative background and research assistants in the project

**Visiting Research Fellow**, Public Opinion and Media Lab, University of Milan, Italy (Spring 2022)

- Assisted lab members, led by Professor Mauro Barisione, with development of social media data collection for online survey experiments and computational analysis

**Teaching Assistant**, Historical Sociology, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (Fall 2021-22)

- Assisted Dr. Kerice Doten-Snitker in developing course materials
- Delivered discussion lectures

## PUBLICATIONS (Published and planned)

Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, & Eigmüller, M. (2023). One conflict, two public spheres, three national debates: comparing the value conflict over judicial independence in Europe across print and social media. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 21(3), 288–302.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2023.2278539> (Appendix)

Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, Verbalyte, M., Sojka, A., Sorci, G., Trenz, H., & Eigmüller, M. (2022). Same, Same but Different? Gender Politics and (Trans)National Value Contestation in Europe on Twitter. *Politics and Governance*, 10,(1),146-160. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v10i1.4751> (Appendix at end of page)

Sojka, A., **Kaushik, K.**, Trenz, H., & Eigmüller, M. (Submitted, under revise and resubmit). Beyond the Cultural Cleavage: Differentiation of Democratic Values in Europe. *European Politics and Society*.

**Kaushik, K.** (Submitted). Digital Nationalism 2.0: Mobilising National Identity and Support for Radical-Right Parties on Social Media. *Political Behavior*.

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Nationalism and National Identity conference, convened by Dr. Covadonga Meseguer (June 21, 2024)

*Discussant of paper:* Nationalist education in the country of origin and immigrant assimilation at the destination by Harris Mylonas (GWU)

Thesis Talk finalist (June 12, 2024)

*PhD research presented:* [From Screen to Ballot Box: The Impact of Digital Expression on National Identity and Voting Behaviour](#)

Annual Conference of ValCon Project (October 5-6, 2023)

*Paper presented:* Anti-gender nationalism:(Re)defining gender equality in Europe on social media

Council for European Studies 29th International Conference of Europeanists (June 27-29, 2023)

*Organiser and chair of panel:* European identity and citizenship in times of political polarisation

*Paper presented:* UNMASK: An agent-based model for Understanding Nationalist Mobilisation on a Social Media Network

*Paper presented:* Decoding digital discontent: How interplay of identity and emotions fuel online political hostility

International Conference on Transnational Political Contention and European Integration (Sept 21-22, 2022)

*Paper presented:* Digital networks of nationalism: Radical-right party and movement mobilisation on social media

European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (August 22-26, 2022)

*Paper presented:* One conflict, two public spheres, three national debates? Comparing patterns of value conflict over judicial independence in Europe across print media and social media

Council for European Studies 28th International Conference of Europeanists (June 29-July 1, 2022)

*Paper presented:* Digital nationalism: Role of social media in driving support for radical-right parties

*Paper presented:* Beyond the cultural cleavage: Polarisation or differentiation of values in Europe?

Standing PhD Seminar on International and Comparative Politics organised by University of Valencia and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (April 22, 2022)

*Paper presented:* Digital Nationalism 2.0: Mobilising National Identity and Support for Radical-Right Parties on Social Media

European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (August 30-Sept. 3, 2021)

*Paper presented:* Value conflicts through social media? Analysing co-authorship patterns and the framing of value research in social sciences (1943-2020)

Council for European Studies 27th International Conference of Europeanists (June 21-25, 2021)

*Paper presented:* Impact of globalisation and liberalisation on right-wing populism in India

## RESEARCH TRAINING

March 2022: Spring School Visual Analysis of Social Media Data (ValCon Project)

January 2022: Interviews for Interdisciplinary Inquiry (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

November 2021: Conjoint Analysis (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

September 2021: DigClass - Social Classes in the Digital Age (Centre for Advanced Studies of the Joint Research Centre at the European Commission)

July 2021: Social Network Analysis (Hertie School Data Science Lab)

June 2021: PSA-South Asia Annual Workshop (Political Studies Association)

May 2021: Research Design with Idea Puzzle (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

December 2020: Images-as-Data Dublin Workshop (Trinity College Dublin)

October 2020: Behavioural and Experimental Social Sciences (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS AND METHODS

**Programming languages:** R (expert); Python (advanced beginner)

**Computational Methods:** Social network analysis (R, Gephi); Natural Language Processing (R); agent-based modelling (NetLogo and Python)

**Quantitative Methods:** Survey analysis; regression analysis; instrumental variable analysis, conjoint analysis

**Qualitative Methods:** Interviews, media analysis, coding, discourse analysis

**Data collection:** Proficient in working with APIs (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram), LexisNexis, Factiva

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

**Special Correspondent**, India Today (New Delhi, India, 2013-16)

*India's most widely circulated English news magazine*

- Writer and production editor for Simply, a nine-city monthly on cultural and social trends
- Editor of the annual collector's edition of the magazine on exclusive, long-form articles, essays, stories and illustrations by authors and experts of India
- Recruited and trained two desk interns

**Senior Copy Editor**, CNN-News18 website (New Delhi, India, 2012-13)

*Leading English television news channel and website in India*

- Wrote and edited political and current affairs stories including rise of current prime minister, Narendra Modi (2012-13), Delhi gangrape case (2012), AgustaWestland bribery scandal (2013), Uttarakhand flash floods (2013), Uttar Pradesh riots (2013) and Union budget (2013)
- Collaborated with senior editors on launch of new website and writing style for online media
- Trained and managed three junior copy editors

**Correspondent**, Reuters (Bangalore, India, 2011-12)

*International news agency*

- Financial reporter covering news on mid-size US-based pharmaceutical companies
- Researcher and reporter of data-based analytical articles on global pharmaceutical industry

**Intern, trainee, freelance writer**, various Indian media organisations (New Delhi, India, 2007-10)

*The Hindu, NDTV 24X7, Hindustan Times, IANS, India Outbound magazine, Travel Secrets magazine*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Languages:** Hindi (native), English (fluent), and Spanish (upper-intermediate)

**Volunteer:** Student mentor at ProU Education on higher education for students in India and Nigeria

## REFERENCES

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