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Research Interests

Public opinion, class politics, social policy, electoral behavior, political participation.

Academic Positions

- Serra Hünter Assistant Professor (Professora Lectora). Department of Political Science, Universitat de Barcelona. January 2022 - present
- Beatriu de Pinós Fellow. Department of Political Science, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. April 2021 - January 2022
- Postdoctoral Fellow. ERC Welfarepriorities project. Institute for Political Science, University of Zurich. October 2017 - March 2021

Education

- PhD in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, November 2017.
Dissertation: “A new working class? A cross-national and a longitudinal approach to class voting in post-industrial societies”.
PhD thesis jury: Hanspeter Kriesi, Fabrizio Bernardi, Geoffrey Evans, Silja Häusermann
- MRes in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, 2014.
- MA European Master in Government, Universität Konstanz , 2012.
- MRes in Political Science, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2011.
- BA in Political Science, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2010.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Ares, M. Issue politicization and social class: how the electoral supply activates class divides in political preferences. *Forthcoming at the European Journal of Political Research.*
- Häusermann, S., M. Pinggera, M. Ares and M. Enggist. Class and social policy in the knowledge economy. *Forthcoming at the European Journal of Political Research.*
- Ares, M., R. Bürgisser, and S. Häusermann. Attitudinal Polarization Towards the Redistributive Role of the State in the Wake of the COVID-19 Crisis. *Forthcoming at the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties.* DOI: 10.1080/17457289.2021.1924736

- Ares, M. (2020) Changing classes, changing preferences: how social class mobility affects economic preferences. *West European Politics*, 43(6), 1211-1237.
- Hernández, E. and M. Ares (2018) Evaluations of the Quality of the Representative Channel and Unequal Participation. *Comparative European Politics*, 16(3), 351-384.
- Ares, M. and E. Hernández. (2017) The corrosive effect of corruption: Evidence from a natural experiment. *Research and Politics*, 4(2), 1-8.
- Ares, M., B. Ceka, and H. Kriesi. (2017) Diffuse Support for the European Union: Spillover Effects of the Politicization of the European Integration Process at the Domestic Level. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 24(8), 1091-1115.

Book chapters

- Ares, M., S. Breitenstein, and E. Hernández. (2019) The Political Consequences of Corruption Scandals: Main Findings and Challenges, in *The Routledge Companion to Media and Scandal* (H. Tumber and S. Waisbord, Eds.)

Other Publications

- Häusermann S., H. Kitschelt, T. Abou-Chadi, M. Ares, D. Bischof, T. Kurer, M. van Ditmars, & M. Wagner (2021) Transformation of the Left: The Myth of Voter Losses to the Radical Right. *Berlin : Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, International Policy Analysis, January 2021*.
- Häusermann S., M. Ares, M. Enggist & M. Pinggera (2020) Mass public attitudes on social policy priorities and reforms in Western Europe. WELFAREPRIORITIES dataset 2020. *Welfarepriorities Working Paper Series, n. 1/20*.
- Bernardi, F. and M. Ares. (2017) Education as the (not so) great equalizer: new evidence based on a parental fixed effects analysis for Spain. *EUI Working Papers SPS 2017/6*.
- Ares, M. (2014) School Size Policies: a Literature Review. *OECD Education Working Paper No. 106*.

Work in progress and under review

- Intergenerational social mobility, political socialization, and social-democratic party support (with M. van Ditmars, *R&R* at the *British Journal of Political Science*)
- Who continues to vote for the left? Social class of origin, intergenerational mobility and party choice in Western Europe (with M. van Ditmars, in *Beyond Social Democracy: Transformation of the Left in Emerging Knowledge Societies*, H. Kitschelt & S. Häusermann, Eds.)
- Voters' perceptions of representation on social policy priorities (with S. Häusermann, in *Unequal Democracies*, N. Lupu & J. Pontusson, Eds.)

Research Projects

- The "winners" of knowledge economies? Material trajectories, subjective status and political behavior among women and service workers (2021-2024). Beatriu de Pinós Grant for the incorporation of postdoctoral research staff into the Catalan Science and Research Systems. PI: Macarena Ares. Funding: 144,300.00€

- Looking the other way? Selective media exposure and the electoral punishment of corruption (2020-2021). Funded by "La Caixa" Foundation. PIs: Macarena Ares and E. Hernández. Funding: 11,601€
- Post-doctoral fellow in ERC Welfarepriorities research project. Funded by the European Research Council. PI: Silja Häusermann.

Prizes

- Winner of the Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize - West European Politics Prize 2020, for the article "Changing classes, changing preferences: how social class mobility affects economic preferences"
- Shortlisted for the Jean Blondel PhD Prize to the best thesis in politics (2018), awarded by the European Consortium for Political Research
- Shortlisted (*Accésit*) for the Juan Linz Prize to the best thesis in sociology and political science (2017), awarded by the Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales

Workshops and invited talks

- Working Class Politics in the 21st Century, University of Geneva (2020)
- Crises of Democracy, Seminar in Politics and Society, Collegio Carlo Alberto (2019)
- Political Economy Colloquium, Hertie School of Governance (2019)
- Departmental Seminar, Political Science Department of the Universitat de Barcelona (2019)
- New Perspectives on Inequality and Individual Policy Preferences, University of Geneva (2018)
- DEC (Democracy, Elections and Citizenship) seminar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2017)

Conference Presentations

- APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2016)
- EPSA Conference (2019, 2017, 2016)
- AECPA 2019
- 2018 1st Spanish ESS Congress
- ECPR General Conference (2018, 2014)
- 2018 IMEBESS Conference
- 2016 WAPOR Conference on Political Trust in Contemporary Representative Democracies
- 2016 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops.

Teaching

Experience

- MACIS MA Thesis Seminar (Instructor)

MA compulsory Seminar, Comparative and International Studies Master, University of Zurich & ETH Zurich (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021 and Fall 2019, 2020)

- The New Politics of Class (Instructor)

MA elective Seminar at the University of Zurich (Fall 2018 and Fall 2019)

- Comparative Politics (Collaborator Instructor)

MA Core Seminar at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spring 2018 and 2019)

- Data tutor European University Institute data clinic

One-to-one consulting about research design and statistical analysis. Teaching and organization of one-day workshops on specific techniques (2015-2017)

- Introduction to Statistical Methods and Stata (Instructor)

Introductory graduate seminar at the European University Institute (Fall 2014)

- Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Teaching assistant)

Graduate seminar taught by Prof. F. Bernardi at the European University Institute (Fall 2014)

- Research Design I (Teaching assistant)

Graduate seminar taught by Prof. P. Selb at the University of Konstanz (Fall 2013)

Training

- Supervising students, University of Zurich (2018)
- Teaching skills in higher education diploma, European University Institute (2015)

Professional Services

- Postdoctoral Representative (2018-2020), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich
- Member of the Teaching Committee (2018-2021), Comparative and International Studies Master, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich & ETH Zurich
- Manuscript reviewer for: *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *European Political Science Review*, *West European Politics*, *European Sociological Review*, *Politics and Governance*, *Party Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *European Union Politics*, *Swiss Political Science Review*, *Journalism*, *Constellations*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Governance*, *East European Politics and Societies*.

Other Professional Experience

- OECD's Directorate for Education: Seconded from the Fundació Jaume Bofill. (2013)