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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND LEAVES

Junior researcher. Institute for Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava (Slovak Republic). December 2022 – present.

Parental Leave. February 2022 – June 2022.

FPU predoctoral fellow. Departament de Ciència Política i Dret Públic, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain). October 2017 – January 2022.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Geopolitical preferences, public opinion, post-communist Europe, EU/EAEU politics.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., *Politics, Policies and International Relations*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, January 2022.

Dissertation: “Exploring factors influencing geopolitical preferences in the Association Agreement countries (Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine).”

Thesis committee: John O’Loughlin, Helge Blakkisrud, and Nuria Font.

Grade: A (*cum laude*).

MA, *International Politics, sectoral and area studies*, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. June 2014.

BA, *Geography and Spatial Planning*, Universidad de Castilla-la Mancha. July 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

Torres-Adán, Á. & Zagrapan, J. (2025). To help or not to help? Analyzing individual support for Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia. *East European Politics*. Online first. DOI: [10.1080/21599165.2025.2555816](https://doi.org/10.1080/21599165.2025.2555816).

Torres-Adán, Á. & Buzogány, A. (2025). Democratic backsliding in the shadow of crises. How pandemics, war and democratic regression impact attitudes towards democracy in Georgia. *Contemporary Politics*. Online first. DOI: [10.1080/13569775.2025.2550128](https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2025.2550128).

Torres-Adán, Á. (2025). Has World War III started? Geopolitical preferences, conspiratorial thinking and individual threat perceptions of a global conflict in Slovakia. *European Security*. Online first. DOI: [10.1080/09662839.2025.2506084](https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2025.2506084).

Torres-Adán, Á. (2024). Language or ideology? Studying the ethnic gap in geopolitical preferences in the Association Agreement countries. Evidence from Georgia (2015-2019). *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 64 (2), 149–174. DOI: [10.1080/15387216.2022.2114516](https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2022.2114516). **Published online in 2022.**

Torres-Adán, Á. & Gentile, M. (2023). A least expected ally? Past-communists and Ukraine's "European Choice." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 56 (1), 23–59. DOI: [10.1525/cpcs.2022.1712063](https://doi.org/10.1525/cpcs.2022.1712063). **Published online in 2022.**

Torres-Adán, Á. (2023). Institutional performance and party cues: their influence on individual geopolitical preferences. The case of Moldova (2012-2019). *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70 (1), 107–122. DOI: [10.1080/10758216.2021.1963779](https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2021.1963779). **Published online in 2021.**

Torres-Adán, Á. (2021). Still winners and losers? Studying public opinion's geopolitical preferences in the Association Agreement countries (Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine). *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 37 (4), 362–382. DOI: [10.1080/1060586X.2021.1924041](https://doi.org/10.1080/1060586X.2021.1924041).

Torres Adán, Á. L. (2014). El tráfico de seres humanos en la Moldavia postsoviética (1991-2004). *Papeles de Geografía*, (59-60), 187–197. DOI: [10.6018/geografia/2014/218241](https://doi.org/10.6018/geografia/2014/218241).

Book Chapter

Torres Adán, Á. L. (2019). Conquest Journeys and their Legacies: Aleksandr Suvorov in Russia and Transnistria. In Róisín Healy (Ed.) *Mobility in the Russian, Central and East European Past* (83–94). London, Routledge. DOI: [10.4324/9780429424762-7](https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429424762-7).

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

Blog post (peer-reviewed)

Torres-Adán, Á. (9/2/2022). To the East or to the West? Taking a closer look at the public opinion in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. *Vox Ukraine*. URL: <https://voxukraine.org/en/to-the-east-or-to-the-west-taking-a-closer-look-at-the-public-opinion-in-georgia-moldova-and-ukraine/>.

Blog Post

Torres-Adán, Á. (2/3/2022). Más allá de la dicotomía Este/Oeste: retos y futuras vías para el estudio de las preferencias geopolíticas en la Europa postsoviética. *IurisCrimPol, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)*. URL: <https://blogs.uoc.edu/edcp/mas-alla-de-la-dicotomia-este-oeste-retos-y-futuras-vias-para-el-estudio-de-las-preferencias-geopoliticas-en-la-europa-postsovietica/>.

BOOK REVIEW

Torres-Adán, Á. (2024). Knott, Eleanor, 2022: Kin majorities: Identity and Citizenship in Crimea and Moldova. *Sociológia - Slovak Sociological Review*, 56(2), 182-186.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Both Fascist and Communist? Socialist and Clero-Fascist Authoritarian Nostalgia(s) and Vote for PRR Parties in Slovakia." 29th Central European Political Science Association's (CEPSA) annual conference. Warsaw (Poland), September 2025.

"Divided we stand? An in-depth analysis of the ethnic gaps in (geo)political preferences between ethnic Slovaks and ethnic Hungarians in Slovakia." XI ICCEES World Congress. London (United Kingdom), July 2025.

“Divided we stand? An in-depth analysis of the ethnic gaps in (geo)political preferences between ethnic Slovaks and ethnic Hungarians in Slovakia.” 11th Slovenské a české sociologické dni, Stará Lesná (Slovakia), September 2024.

“Historical legacies, re-interpretations of the past, and individual geopolitical preferences in Central and Eastern Europe.” XVII Congreso AECPA, Burgos (Spain), July 2024.

“Is Fico pulling the Slovaks to the East? The impact of institutional trust and party cues on individual geopolitical preferences.” 12th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Lisbon (Portugal), June 2024.

“Who’s willing to help? An analysis of individual willingness to help Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia” (with Jozef Zagraban). 1st Conference on Migration and Asylum: European Asylum Policy after Ukraine, Bratislava (Slovakia), July 2023.

“Exploring the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine over individual geopolitical preferences in Georgia” (with Aron Buzogány). 2023 BASEES Conference, Glasgow (United Kingdom), March-April 2023.

“Studying the ethnic gap in geopolitical preferences in the Association Agreement countries. Evidence from Georgia (2015-2019).” ECPR 2021 General Conference, Online, September 2021.

“Like father, like son? Exploring former Communist party links and current individual (geo)political attitudes in modern day Eastern Ukraine” (with Michael Gentile). XV Congreso AECPA, Online, July 2021.

“European Integration versus Russian Euroscepticism: Public Support for the European Union in the Eastern Partnership Countries.” ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons (Belgium), April 2019.

“From battles and blood to Byron and banknotes: An analysis of Aleksandr Suvorov’s conquest journeys and their impact in the Russian diaspora in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.” 41st IARCEES Annual and International Conference, 'Journeys', Galway (Ireland), May 2017.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Is World War III here? Geopolitical preferences and risk perceptions of a major conflict.” Choosing sides in turbulent times: 1st GPREFCZSK Workshop on individual geopolitical preferences, Bratislava (Slovakia), March 2025.

“Is Fico pulling the Slovaks to the East? The impact of institutional trust and party cues on individual geopolitical preferences.” Early Career SGEU Workshop: ‘Western Fatigue’ and the Politics of European Support for Ukraine, Lisbon (Portugal), June 2024.

“Few new cracks in the Georgian ‘democracy’. The limited impact of the Russo-Ukrainian war on attitudes towards democracy” (with Aron Buzogány). Crises and Political Transformation in Europe and Beyond Workshop, Brussels (Belgium), October 2023.

“Who’s willing to help? An analysis of individual willingness to help Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia” (with Jozef Zagraban). In defence of Europe: Pro-Ukraine activism and mobilization across Eastern Europe Workshop, London (United Kingdom), June 2023.

INVITED TALKS

“Language or ideology? Studying the sources of the ethnic gap in geopolitical preferences in the Association Agreement countries. Evidence from Georgia (2015-2021).” Russia, Ukraine, and the Caucasus Regional Research (RUCARR) seminar, Malmö University (Online). March 2025.

“Analyzing individual geopolitical preferences at the urban and national levels: pre-war and post-war trends.” IV Doctoral School in Urban Geopolitics, Lviv (Ukraine), October 2022.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

As PI

GPREFCZSK: Individual geopolitical preferences: measurements, predictors, and consequences in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. (2024-2026). 09I03-03-V04-00469. Štipendia pre excelentných výskumníkov a výskumníčky R2-R4. Total funding: 148,296 €.

GEOPREF: New measurements and methods for the study of individual geopolitical preferences in Central and Eastern Europe (2024-2026¹). 2/0053/24. Vedecká grantová agentúra MŠVVaŠ SR a SAV (VEGA).

As work team member

Nationalism, populism and social networks in a comparative perspective (2023-2026). Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV). PI: Miloslav Bahna (Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences).

Elections to the Bodies of Communal self-government in Slovakia (2023-2025). Vedecká grantová agentúra MŠVVaŠ SR a SAV (VEGA). PI: Jozef Zagrapan (Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences).

RUDE: The Rural-Urban divide in Europe (2021-2023). Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation. PI: Guillem Rico (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

EMPOL: Political Emotions in Motion. Causes and consequences (2021-2024). Funded by the Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation. PI: Carol Galais (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

As advisor

UKRGEOPOL: Ukrainian geopolitical fault-line cities: urban identities, geopolitics and urban policy. Funded by the Research Council of Norway. PI: Michael Gentile (University of Oslo).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-2021. Teaching assistant of undergraduate courses (BA of Political Science, UAB) on: Comparative Politics, Political Research Methods, Government and Public Policies, and Public Policy Analysis. Total ECTS credits: 14.8

2024. Teaching of a graduate course (MA in Sociology, Comenius University) on: Slovak society through the lens of sociological research. Total hours: 4.

ACREDITACIONES / HABILITATIONS

Reports for Contracted Doctoral Lecturer (Profesor Contratado Doctor), Private University Professor (Profesor de Universidad Privada), and Assistant Doctoral Lecturer (Profesor Ayudante Doctor), *Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación* (ANECA). Positive evaluation (April 2023)

Report for tenure-track lecturer (Professor lector), *Agència per a la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya* (AQU). Positive evaluation (October 2022).

HONOURS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2024. Premi extraordinari de doctorat (outstanding thesis award), awarded by the *Politics, Policies and International Relations* PhD programme, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

2023. Štefan Schwarz Postdoctoral Support Fund, Slovak Academy of Sciences.

2021. FPU Estancias Breves, extra funds for predoctoral research stays abroad (EST21/00207), Spanish Ministry of Universities.

¹ Cancelled in August 2024 due to financial incompatibilities with the GPREFCZSK project.

2017-2022. FPU predoctoral scholarship (FPU 16/01493), financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

2013. Premio extraordinario de fin de carrera (extraordinary end of studies award, highest marks), *B.A Geography and Spatial Planning*, Universidad de Castilla-la Mancha.

VISITING STAYS

Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo. March-June 2021. Supervisor: Michael Gentile

SOFTWARE SKILLS

ArcGIS: basic knowledge

Stata: advanced user

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native speaker

English: C1, Certificate by the EOI (Spanish Official School of Languages)

Catalan: conversational

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Manuscript reviewer: *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, and *Sociologia*.

Organization of scientific meetings:

Organizer and chair of the “Choosing sides in turbulent times: 1st GPREFCZSK Workshop on individual geopolitical preferences” at the Institute for Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. Bratislava (Slovakia), March 2025.

Main organizer and chair of the “V Barcelona Workshop on empirical Political Science” jointly organized by the UAB, UB, and UPF universities. Bellaterra (Spain), December 2021.

REFERENCES

1. **Guillem Rico (PhD Supervisor)**, Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Email: guillem.rico@uab.cat
2. **Eva Anduiza (PI of the Democracy, Elections, and Citizenship Research Group)**, Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Email: eva.anduiza@uab.cat
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