

# ALBA HUIDOBRO

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin** 2024 - Present  
Postdoctoral Scholar at Department of Social Sciences  
*Group:* Chair of Comparative Political Behavior  
*Mentor:* Heike Klüver

**Stanford University** 2022 - 2024  
Postdoctoral Scholar at Department of Political Science and Stanford Impact Labs  
*Group:* Inclusive Democracy and Development (ID2) Lab  
*Mentor:* Soledad Artiz Prillaman

## EDUCATION

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**Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona** 2022  
Ph.D. in Political Science, *Excellent, Cum Laude*  
*Supervisor:* Aina Gallego

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona** 2016  
M.A. of Research in Political Science

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona** 2014  
B.A. in Political and Administration Sciences

## RESEARCH STAYS

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**European University Institute, Florence** 2019  
Visiting PhD Student, *Host Prof.:* Elias Dinas.

**Nuffield College, University of Oxford** 2020  
Junior Visiting Scholar, *Host Prof.:* Andrew Eggers.

**Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley** 2021  
Visiting Scholar, *Host Prof.:* Ernesto Dal Bo.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Huidobro, A. and Falcó-Gimeno, A. (2023). Women who win but do not rule: The effect of gender on government formation. *The Journal of Politics*, 85(4).

Beltran, J., Gallego, A., Huidobro, A., Romero, E., Padro, L. (2021). Male and Female Politicians in Twitter: A Machine Learning Approach. *European Journal of Political Research*, 60(1), 239-251.

Huidobro, A., Ospina, Y., Curto-Grau, M. and Gallego, A. (2019). La formación de Gobiernos municipales: una nueva base de datos. *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, 49, 109-128.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- ‘Partners in Government: Politicians’ Gender Preferences in Coalition Formation’ *Under Review*
- ‘Does Affirmative Action Worsen Quality? Theory and Evidence to the Contrary from Elections’.  
(with Rikhil Bhavnani and Soledad Artiz Prillaman) *Under Review*
- ‘We March, She Runs: Feminists Movements and Women’s Political Representation’.  
(with Nerea Gándara Guerra)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- ‘Family Politics: Collective Governance and Women’s Political Representation in Rural India’, (with Soledad Artiz Prillaman and Deepak Singhanian)
- ‘Inclusive Electoral Strategies: How Party (Candidate) Portfolios Influence Electoral Outcomes’  
(with Iris Acquarone)
- ‘The Democratic Consequences of Female Political Empowerment Under Autocracies’  
(with Pau Vall-Prat)
- ‘Young politicians in government formation processes.’  
(with Albert Falcó-Gimeno)
- ‘Gender and Political Ambition: Evidence from a survey of politicians’.

## CONFERENCES

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- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)** *2021 - 2024*
- Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)** *2018 - 2023*
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)** *2023, 2024*
- European Consortium for Political Research: Joint Sessions of Workshops** *2019, 2021*
- EuroWEPS Workshop**, Copenhagen (Denmark) *2019*  
European Workshop in Empirical Political Science in Copenhagen Business School.

## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

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- Graduate Network Conference**, Sciences Po *2021*
- EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium**, Florence (Italy) *2019, 2020*
- CCCP International PhD-Workshop**, Cologne (Germany) *2019*  
Workshop on Advances in Comparative Politics in Cologne Center for Comparative Politics.
- IV Workshop of the UPF Center of Gender Studies**, Barcelona (Spain) *2019*  
Workshop of the Center of Gender Studies (CEdGE) of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Lecturer: Gender and Political Behavior** *Winter 2024/2025*  
MA Social Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Lecturer: Gender & Politics** *Winter 2024/2025*  
BA Social Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Lecturer: Research Methods in International Security** *Spring 2022*  
Master’s in International Security. Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona.

**Teaching Assistant: Comparative Politics & Democratization***Fall 2019*

Master in International Relations. Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Doctoral Student Researcher***2018 - 2022*

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona.

Predoctoral researcher linked to the project 'Politicians: Selection and performance', focused on broadening the knowledge of the causes and consequences of political leadership in the local level.

**Consultant in the research field***2017 - 2021*

For Yale University, Barcelona School of Economics, and ETH Zurich.

Assisted on the collection and comprehensive analysis of data.

**Research Assistant***2016 - 2018*

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona.

Research support in the project of 'Politicians: Selection and performance'.

**Research Assistant***2016 - 2017*

Fundació Carles Pi i Sunyer, Barcelona.

Research support in the Good Practices Bank of public policies in the local level.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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**Elevating Women's Voices as Citizens and Elected Representatives***2023*Stanford Impact Labs Stage One Seed Partnership Funding (*\$346,769*)

PIs: Soledad Aritz Prillaman, Nivedita Narain, Alba Huidobro and Deepak Singhania

**Enhancing Women's Agency as Elected Representatives***2022*VPDoR Propel Grant (*\$49,734*)

PIs: Soledad Aritz Prillaman, Alba Huidobro and Deepak Singhania

**You win some, you lose some: Building Policy Compromise in Polarized Democracies***2023*Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (*112.500,00€*)

PI: Macarena Ares

**Politicians: Selection and Performance***2016 - 2020*Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (*110.000,00€*)

PI: Aina Gallego

**AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**Juan Linz Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science** (*2,000€*)*2023*

Spanish Ministry of Presidency, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies

**Predocctoral scholarship: Research Training Grant (FPI)** (*≈18,000€/year*)*2018 - 2022*

Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO).

**Postgraduate Scholarship** (*5,000€*)*2015*

Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera.

**Undergraduate Scholarship** (*≈4,000€/year*)*2011 - 2014*

Spanish Ministry of Education.

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

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- RECSM Summer School, Universitat Pompeu Fabra** 2017, 2018, 2019  
*Courses:* ‘Social Media and Big Data Research’ (Pablo Barberá), ‘Survey experiments’ (Thomas Leeper). ‘Multilevel 1: Practical multilevel modelling’ (Carla Rampichini and Leonardo Grilli), ‘Multilevel 2: Analysing comparative longitudinal survey data using multilevel models’ (Malcolm Fairbrother). ‘Machine Learning for Social Sciences’ (Reto Wüest), ‘Applied Sampling’ (Alexandru Cernat).
- Zurich Summer School, University of Zurich (UZH)** 2018  
Fellowship program Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology.
- ESSEX Summer School, University of Essex** 2018  
*Courses:* ‘Advanced Methods for policy analysis and evaluation’ (Johanna Rickne and Olle Folke), ‘Advanced Methods for Social Media Textual Data’ (Christopher J. Fariss).
- European University Institute** 2019  
*Courses:* Causal Inference (Elias Dinas), Advanced Research Design (Fabrizio Bernardi), Gender and Politics (Marta Fraile).
- University of Oxford** 2020  
*Course:* Formal Analysis (Andrew Eggers).
- University of California, Berkeley** 2021  
*Course:* Formal Models of Political Science (Andrew Little).

## COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| <b>STATA:</b> Advanced level     | <b>Spanish:</b> Mother tongue  |
| <b>Qualtrics:</b> Advanced level | <b>Catalan:</b> Mother tongue  |
| <b>R:</b> Advanced level         | <b>English:</b> Advanced level |
| <b>Python:</b> Beginner level    | <b>Italian:</b> Beginner level |

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

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- Co-founder of Women in Political Science (WOPS)** 2022 - Present  
Network for female political scientists in Barcelona, promoting collaboration and support for women in academia
- Gender Equality Committee at IBEI** 2021 - 2022  
Graduate Students Representative for the creation of the [Equality Plan 2022-2026](#)
- Journal referee** 2021 - Present  
*The Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Economy, Political Behavior, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Political Studies Review, European Political Science Review, Cambridge Elements Series*
- Blog ‘Piedras de Papel’** 2017 - 2020  
Contributor to the Political Science Blog ‘[Piedras de Papel](#)’ in [diario.es](#) national newspaper