

Curriculum Vitae

Inés Bolaños Somoano

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EDUCATION

- September 2024* **IBEI Fellow in International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals**,
Lecturer on International Relations Theory, International Security and Qualitative
Research Methods
- February 2024 -
June 2024* **Post-doctoral researcher at DRIVE H20 Project**, Institute for Security and Global
Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University, the Netherlands
Principal Investigator: professor Tahir Abbas, Leiden University
Data analysis, assisting with project report writing, conference organisation and delivering
training workshops for practitioners
- September 2018 –
12th December 2023* **PhD researcher in Social and Political Sciences**, European University Institute,
Florence, Italy. Fully funded by Spanish Ministry of Education (54 months)
Supervisors: Prof **Olivier Roy** (EUI), Prof **Tahir Abbas** (Leiden University)
Thesis: *Counter-terrorism from Afar: Institutionalisation and Governance
of Prevention of Radicalisation and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) in
the European Union*
- September 2021 -
December 2022* **Visiting Fellow** at the Institute for Security and Global Affairs (ISGA),
Terrorism and Political Conflict Unit– University of Leiden, the Netherlands
Acquired expertise on Radicalisation, contribution to ISGA conferences & publications
- February 2020-
May 2020* Research stay for **qualitative fieldwork** at the European Parliament Research Services
(EPRS).
Opportunity to understand how research in the EU institutions feeds into the policy cycle and policy
environment in Brussels.
- November 2019-
March 2020* **Teaching Training Certificate**, Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education, European
University Institute, Florence, Italy
Training course, covering all areas of teaching: course design, teaching for diversity, learning
theories, assessment styles, interactive classroom environments and curriculum alignment.
- 2018-2019* Master of **Research in Political Science**, in Comparative Political Science, European
University Institute, Florence, Italy
Courses on Qualitative and Quantitative fieldwork, research design, Political Sciences.

- 2015- 2017 Erasmus Mundus MA Joint Degree in **European Studies**, Georg August Universität (Germany) and Univerzita Palackého (Czech Republic)
Thesis: *Discourses on Islam and Terrorism. The 2015 Brussels Attacks in Spanish Newspapers*
Supervisor: Prof. Mattias König
- 2011 - 2015 Bachelor of Arts in **English Studies**, with one year Erasmus mobility at the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.
Theatre practice, improvement of collaborative work, communication, and public speaking in English

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Articles & Book Chapters

- Bolaños Somoano, I. (Pending Publication- 2023). “‘It takes a village’: Collective Securitisation of Social Policy in the European Union” In *Counterterrorism in a Global Perspective*, ed. Tahir Abbas and Sagnik Dutta, Manchester University Press (forthcoming)
- Bolaños Somoano, I. & Thyrdard, A. (2022). “[From a Back Up Plan to Purposeful Research Design. Using Remote Fieldwork in two EU case studies](#)”. *Politique européenne*, vol. 0, no. 0, p 16
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2022). [The Right-leaning be Memeing’: Extremist Uses of Internet Memes and Insights for CVE Design](#). *First Monday*, 27(5)
- Bolaños Somoano, Inés an& McNeil-Willson, Richard (2022). “[Lessons From the Buffalo Shooting: Responses to Violent White Supremacy](#)”. The Hague: The International Centre for Counter-terrorism (ICCT), 18 May 2022
- Abbas, P. T., Somoano, I. B., Cook, J., Frens, I., Klein, G. R., & McNeil-Willson, R. (2022). [The Buffalo Attack – An Analysis of the Manifesto](#). The Hague: The International Centre for Counter-terrorism (ICCT), 18 May 2022

Blogposts, Reports & Book Reviews

- Bolaños Somoano, I. & Gracia, Sergio (2023). [Islamophobia in Spain on the rise: What is the role of right-wing extremists?](#), EUIdeas, 10 January 2024, European University Institute.
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2023). [The European Union as a global counter-terrorism actor](#), *International Affairs*, Volume 99, Issue 6, November 2023, Pages 2534–2535
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2023). [The Reintegration of FTF Returning Children in the European Union](#) (report), CASIS PROJECT, European University Institute: Florence

- Bolaños Somoano, I. & Gracia, Sergio (2023). “Islamophobia in Spain: national report 2022”, in Enes Bayrakli and Farid Hafez (eds), *European Islamophobia Report 2022*, Vienna: Leopold Weiss Institute, pp. 517-548
- Bolaños Somoano, I. & Gracia Sergio (2022) [Ctrl+Alt=Ukraine. How right-wing extremists mimicked Jihadist tactics.](#) *The Digital Constitutionalist*
- Bolaños Somoano, I. & Gracia, Sergio (2022). “[Islamophobia in Spain: national report 2021](#)”, in Enes Bayrakli and Farid Hafez (eds), *European Islamophobia: report 2021*, Vienna : Leopold Weiss Institute, pp. 547-572
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2021) [Preventing the Far-right Extremism “Wave” in Europe: Contemporary Policies and Future Trajectories.](#) *VoxPOL*
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2021). [Review Routledge handbook on the governance of religious diversity](#): edited by Anna Triandafyllidou and Tina Magazzini, Abingdon, Routledge, 2021, Spain: Observatorio Español para el Pluralismo Religioso
- Bolaños Somoano, I. (2020) [Gender and danger: the ‘good girl persona’ in institutional fieldwork.](#) *The New Ethnographer*

Conferences

- November 2023* **Paper Presenter**, *Popular Culture and World Politics*- 14th edition, CEU Vienna, PcWP
- September 2023* **Invited roundtable speaker** *Power and Society in extremism prevention: critical approaches and socio-political impacts*, **Complutense University of Madrid**
- July 2023* **Workshop Organiser** *Changing Modes and Frames of Preventive Counter-terrorism*, 10th European Workshops in International Studies, **EWIS**
- September 2022* **Invited roundtable Speaker**, *Prevent Workshop on the Crime-Terror Nexus*, RAN Policy Support, **European Commission**
- September 2022* **Paper Presenter**, *Situating Disaster, (In)Security, and (Counter)Extremism in a World in Crisis*. 15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, **EISA**
- November 2021* **Paper Presenter**, *Violent Extremism at the Crossroads: Persistence, Change and Dynamism, 20 Years After 9/11*. **AVERT** International Research Symposium
- July 2021* **Paper Presenter**, *Prevention between Security and Social Politics – Spaces of Contestation*. 8th European Workshops in International Studies, **EWIS**

June 2021 **Paper Presenter**, *New Perspectives on EU Internal Security Governance*, 10th Conference of the Standing Group on the European Union, **ECPR**

June 2021 **Paper Presenter**, *Innovations in P/CVE*, Terrorism and Social Media Conference, **TASM**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Organisations & Research Projects

September 2022 **CIVICA Partnership Project CASIS, Counterterrorism And Safeguarding in response to Islamic State**, European University Institute.
PI: Jeffrey Checkel
Report writing for EU project on “Foreign Terrorist Fighters' Children. Challenges and policy solutions in Europe today”

*March 2022-
July 2022* “Bluebook” Internship at the **European Commission**, Financing and Procurement unit (DG Home E.4), Belgium
Role: Management and Procurement Intern for the **EU Internal Security Funds’** projects

*March 2020 -
June 2020* ERC Project SOLID – **Policy Crisis and Crisis Politics**, European University Institute, Italy
Role: Assistant Researcher, PI: prof. Hanspeter Kriesi

*March 2019-
Jun 2019* ERC Project “**Political Conflict in Europe** in the Shadow of the Great Recession”, European University Institute, Italy
Role: Assistant Researcher, PI: prof. Hanspieter Kriesi

*December 2017-
March 2018* *Gesellschaft für Bedrohte Völker*, Germany (**Human Rights & Religious Minorities**)
Role: Multimedia content creator (interviews, promotional videos, etc.)

Teaching

*October 2023-
January 2024* Online Radicalization, Right Wing Extremism & Conspiracy Theories, Lecturer, MA course, **Technische Universität Darmstadt**, Germany

*February -
May 2023* Introduction to Theories of International Relations, Teaching Assistant to prof. Nina Hall, MA course, **John Hopkins University SAIS**, Italy

<i>October 2022 - January 2023</i>	<u>Right Wing Extremism</u> , Lecturer, MA course, Technische Universität Darmstadt , Germany
<i>November 2022</i>	<u>Fieldwork within International Organisations</u> , Guest Lecture for BEYOND project, University of Oslo , Sweden
<i>November 2021</i>	<u>Institutional Fieldwork: Lessons for Political Scientists</u> , Guest Lecture, PhD course, University of Geneva , Switzerland
<i>April- July 2021</i>	<u>Introduction to Terrorism Studies</u> , Lecturer, MA course, Technische Universität Darmstadt , Germany
<i>Oct. 2021 – 2022</i>	<u>Gender in Terrorism Studies</u> , Guest lecturer PhD course “Gender and Society”, European University Institute , Italy
<i>May 2020</i>	<u>EU Terrorism & Counterterrorism</u> , Guest lecturer MA course, Università di Bologna , Italy

PUBLIC SPEAKING

<i>April-June 2021</i>	Main cast of “ Time to Retreat ”, Theatre Play organised for #SOU4YOU - Bringing the State of the Union Closer to Citizens, Fiesole (Italy)
<i>Sept. 2020 – June 2021</i>	Co-convenor of the International Relations Working Group , European University Institute. Bi-monthly colloquium on IR topics and presentations of researcher’s work
<i>Sept. 2018- December 2020</i>	Volunteer and interviewer for Thoughts for Europe , European University Institute. Increase researchers’ engagement in EU affairs through debates & open forums
<i>April 2019</i>	Winner of the “ Three minutes Thesis ” competition at European University Institute. Meant to facilitate communication of researchers’ work to non-academic audiences

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

<i>Languages</i>	Mother-tongue: Spanish Other: English (C2. TOEFL); German (C1 TestDAF); Italian (B2-C1)
<i>Computer skills</i>	Advanced in MS Office (Word, Excel, PPT); text content analysis software (MaxQDA & Atlas); collaborative platforms (MS Teams, Slack); and video editing (Adobe Premiere Pro)

REFEREE'S NAMES, AREA OF REFERENCE AND CONTACT DETAILS

<i>Academic Research</i>	Prof Olivier Roy, Professor in Sociology and Islam in Europe, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute; olivier.roy@eui.eu
<i>Policy Work</i>	Ms Arya-Marie Ba Trung, Policy Officer Prevention of Radicalisation at DG HOME, European Commission; arya-marie.ba-trung@ec.europa.eu
<i>Teaching</i>	Assist. Prof. Nina Hall, Assistant Professor of International Relations at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS); nhall@jhu.edu