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PROFILE

- Growing international reputation in scholarship on international relations with a focus on nationalism, territorial politics, and the politics of language.
- Strong publication record including one positively received monograph, one edited book, twelve published articles, and five book chapters.
- Ten years of experience teaching and supervising students at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, receiving award nominations and very high student satisfaction rates.
- Extensive dissemination and knowledge exchange profile including 3 briefing sessions with cabinet secretary and parliamentary delegations, more than 20 press articles and blogs, and more than 70 TV, radio, press, and podcast interviews.

EDUCATION

2023. **MA DATA ANALYST FOR POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY** (Universitat de Barcelona)

2016. **Ph.D. POLITICAL SCIENCE** (University of Edinburgh)

Thesis: ‘Debating within Liberal Nationalism: The Linguistic Disputes in Catalonia and Flanders’

2011. **MSc NATIONALISM STUDIES, Distinction** (University of Edinburgh)

Thesis: ‘Speaking for the Nation: An Analysis of Linguistic Policies in Catalonia and Flanders.’

2010. **BA POLITICAL SCIENCE, Honours** (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023. **Visiting Teaching Fellow**. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Inauguration of the Càtedra Bonastruc de Porta in collaboration with the Institut Ramon Llull.

2021-24. Awarded Beatriu de Pinós – MSCA-COFUND EU Programme Grant (143.000€). **Beatriu de Pinós Senior Research Fellow**. *Institutions and Political Economy Research Group* (IPERG), University of Barcelona.

- Project title: *Legitimizing Political Communities: Judicial Elites and Territorial Demands*
- Expands my research agenda by focusing on the role of Constitutional Courts in territorial disputes and in perceptions of state legitimacy.
- Provides a model of regional constitutional politics in Spain.
- Examines the way state actors and institutions deploy human rights for nation-building purposes.

2021. Awarded **EURAC Federal Scholar in Residence Award**. Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol, Italy.

2021. **Visiting Research Fellow**. *Institutions and Political Economy Research Group*, University of Barcelona. Host researcher: Professor Carles Boix.

2017-21 **Research Fellow**. University of Aberdeen, Centre on Constitutional Change. ESRC Large Grant *Between Two Unions. The Constitutional Future of the Islands after Brexit* (£2,010,166) **Co-Author and Named Applicant**.

- Leading the Centre's research strand on foundations of unionist thinking in the Brexit debates (including 1 special issue and 2 articles);
- Secured funding and led the coordination of the international workshop 'Majority Nationalism in Plurinational States' (ESRC Strategic Investment Grant, £15,134);
- Nurtured the skills of earlier career researchers within the Centre through workshops and informal mentoring.
- Fronted the Centre's response to the Catalan referendum in research and knowledge exchange (including briefing sessions with Scottish Cabinet Ministers and interviews with BBC Radio 4, Reuters, EU Observer and Al Jazeera).
- Co-wrote the ESRC Large Grant application (£2,010,166);
- Supported the transition to online activities as a result of COVID-19, leading the delivery of online research briefings and a digital summer school for PhD students.

2016-17 **Research Assistant**. University of Edinburgh, Centre on Constitutional Change. DIPLOCAT-funded project *Borders, Sovereignty and Self-Determination in Contemporary Europe* (£195,000) **Named Applicant**.

- Coordination of an international network researching self-determination and sovereignty in the EU led by the Centre on Constitutional Change, IBEI Barcelona and the Centre for Global Governance Studies Leuven;
- Organisation and participation in knowledge exchange and dissemination activities about the Brexit and Catalan referendums.

2014-16 **Research Assistant**. University of Aberdeen, Centre on Constitutional Change. ESRC Large Grant *The Constitutional Future of Scotland and the UK* (£2,437,956).

- Led the Centre's research strand comparing sub-state nationalist and proindependence movements across Western Europe;
- Organisation and participation in knowledge exchange and dissemination activities about the Scottish independence referendum in comparative perspective.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2023. **Cetrà, D.** and Brown Swan, C. (eds.) *State and Majority Nationalism in Plurinational States*, Routledge.

2019. **Cetrà, D.** *Nationalism, Liberalism and Language in Catalonia and Flanders*, Palgrave Macmillan.

'Cetrà's book is inspiring, accessible and makes a major contribution to the scholarly literature on multinational democracies' (Professor Alain-G. Gagnon, Université du Québec à Montréal, UQAM);

'Incisive and timely, this book is especially welcome for its thoughtful integration of political theory and comparative analysis' (Professor Bernard Yack, Brandeis University)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2023. Sanjaume-Calvet, Marc; **Cetrà, Daniel**; Franco-Guillén, N. (Forthcoming 2023) 'Leaving Europe, Leaving Spain: Framing Secessionist Demands *from* and *within* the European Union', *West European Politics*, early view.

2022. Morales, S. and **Cetrà, D.** 'Regulating Language: Territoriality and Personality in Plurinational Spain', *Ethnicities*, 22:2, 253-73.

2022. **Cetrà, D.** and Brown Swan, C. 'Speaking for "Our Precious Union": Unionist Claims in the Time of Brexit (2016-2020)', *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 10:5, 646-60.

2021. Morales, S. and **Cetrà, D.** 'The Controversy Over the Linguistic Model of the Catalan Education System: Arguments, their Normative Bases and Prospects for Rapprochement', *Revista de Llengua i Dret / Journal of Language and Law*, 75, 46-63.

2021. **Cetrà, D.** and Swenden, W. 'State Nationalism and Territorial Accommodation in Spain and India', *Regional and Federal Studies*. 31:1, 115-137.

2020. **Cetrà, D.**, Brown Swan, C. 'State and Majority Nationalism in Plurinational States: Responding to Challenges from Below', *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 26:1, 1-7.

2020. Brown Swan, C. and **Cetrà, D.** 'Why Stay Together? State Nationalism and Justifications for the Union in the UK and Spain', *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 26:1, 46-65.

2019. **Cetrà, D.** and Harvey, M., 'Explaining Accommodation and Resistance to Demands for Independence Referendums in Spain and the UK', *Nations and Nationalism*, 25:2, 607-629.

2018. **Cetrà, D.** and Liñeira, R., 'Breaking-up within Europe: Sub-state Nationalist Strategies in Multilevel Polities', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 56:3, pp. 717-729.

2018. **Cetrà, D.**, Casanas-Adam, E., Tàrrega, M. ‘The 2017 Catalan Independence Referendum: A Symposium’, *Scottish Affairs*, 27:1, pp. 126-143.

2016. Martí, D. and **Cetrà, D.**, ‘The 2015 Catalan Election: a de facto Referendum on Independence?’, *Regional and Federal Studies*, 26:1, pp. 107-19.

2015. Liñeira, R. and **Cetrà, D.**, ‘The Independence Case in Comparative Perspective’, *The Political Quarterly*, 86:2, pp. 257-64.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Forthcoming 2023. **Cetrà, D.** ‘Nacionalisme’, in Morales-Gálvez et al (eds.) *Filosofia Política: Una Introducció*, Edicions de la Universitat de Barcelona. Chapter 10.

Forthcoming 2023. Keating, M. and **Cetrà, D.** ‘Nationalising Human Rights in the UK’, in Thiec, A. and Barcat, C. (eds.) *Euro-scepticism and Human Rights in the UK*, Presses Universitaires de Caen.

2022. McEwen, N. and **Cetrà, D.** ‘The State and Nationalism’, in C. Hay, M. Lister and D. Marsh (eds.) *The State: Theories and Issues* (2nd edition), Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 13.

2021. **Cetrà, D.** and Brown Swan, C. ‘Referendum Redux: Catalonia, Quebec and Lessons for Scotland’, in E. Hepburn, M. Keating and Nicola McEwen (eds.) *Scotland’s New Choice: Independence After Brexit*, The Hunter Foundation [e-book], pp. 56-68.

2017. **Cetrà, D.** and Harvey, M., “‘The Song Remains the Same?’ Constitutional Developments in Catalonia and Scotland in 2015’, *European Yearbook of Minority Issues*, Volume 14, pp. 155-70.

2017. **Cetrà, D.** ‘Linguistic Diversity in Plurinational States’, *50 Shades of Federalism* online project, University of Canterbury.

Published in Myanmar by the Hanns-Seidel Foundation to train civil servants and civil society groups on federalism;

Republished in French by the Centre d’Analyse Politique Constitution et Fédéralisme.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

2020- **Assistant Lecturer (Professor Col-laborador)**. *Comparative Politics: Types and Origins of Political Regimes* [First Year], Open University of Catalonia (UOC).

Student satisfaction with my teaching: 84% [prior to my arrival: 72%; average Department: 76%]

- Design of modules about topics including methodological foundations of the comparative method, the meaning and measurement of democracy, and debates about its demise.

- Supervision of six master's dissertations on topics including transitions to democracy, regions and EU institutions, independence movements in Europe, Portuguese comparative multi-level institutions, and minority languages' regulation in the digital sphere. *Supervisee Fernando Pellón was awarded the UOC Best Master's Thesis prize (2021)*
- Stimulation and fostering of online group communication to clarify doubts, offer guidance to students as they prepare their assignments, and discuss contemporary events relevant to the course.
- Provision of individualised detailed feedback to Modules' assignments, which include writing essays, publishing blogs, recording videos, and undertaking exams.

2023. **Visiting Lecturer.** *Catalonia and Beyond: Comparing Self-Determination Movements in Contemporary Europe* [Fourth-year BA students in IR], Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March.

2021-23 **Assistant Lecturer (Professor Associat)** *Theories of Democracy and Justice* [Third & Fourth Year], Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

Student satisfaction with my teaching: 9.8 [average Degree: 7.5; average Department: 7.6]

- Full re-design of the course, which examines key theories of democracy (republicanism and political liberalism) and several dimensions of democratic justice, from multicultural to linguistic, national, gender, and ecological.
- Design of engaging and interactive seminars based upon role-play activities and workshops with practitioners and activists.
- Supervision of one master's dissertation on the determinants of secessionist movements' strength and composition. *Supervisee Giulio Tommasini obtained the highest possible grade, Distinction (9-A).*

2014-2020 **Lecturer and Course Co-convenor.** *Nationalism in Modern Europe* [Honours], University of Aberdeen. *'Daniel's role-play exercises were really engaging'; 'Daniel is clearly an expert and his lectures had a clear direction'*

- Deepened and extended course content introducing well-received new sessions on topics including gender, multiculturalism, and religion.
- Modernised course delivery introducing engaging and interactive seminars based upon role-play activities.

2016-2023. **Guest Lecturer** on areas including comparative federalism, party politics, comparative self-government institutions, comparative independence movements, language and nationalism, and UK, Catalan, and Spanish constitutional politics at institutions such as Pomona College, California; University of Dundee; University of Innsbruck; University of Barcelona; Villanova University, Philadelphia; and University of Edinburgh.

2012-14. **Senior Tutor.** *Democracy in Comparative Perspective* [First Year], University of Edinburgh.

2012-14. **Senior Tutor.** *Introduction to Politics and International Relations* [First Year], University of Edinburgh. *Nominated for the 2013 Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA) Teaching Awards*

Postgraduate

2023. **Lecturer.** *Catalonia and Beyond: Comparing Self-Determination Movements in Contemporary Europe* [Masters course], Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Inaugural subject for the new Càtedra Bonastruc de Porta of the Institut Ram3n Lull.

2019. **Guest Lecturer** on Catalan politics. *Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Governance* [PhD students], EURAC Research Institute, Bolzano, June.

2015-19. **Guest Lecturer** on the accommodation of national and linguistic pluralism in contemporary Europe. *Comparative Perspectives in Nationalism Studies* [Masters course], University of Edinburgh.

2016-18. **Guest Lecturer** on linguistic justice. *Nations and Nationalism* [postgraduate and Honours course], University of Edinburgh.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Awarded Beatriu de Pin3s Fellowship – MSCA-COFUND EU Programme (143.000€). Individual grant. Three years. Project Title: *Legitimizing Political Communities: State Elites and Territorial Demands*.

Co-PI, Research Project Grants – Institute for Self-Government Studies (43.262€). Two years. Project Title: *The Politization of Federal Arbiters. Modelling Regional Constitutional Politics in Spain*.

Awarded EURAC Federal Scholar in Residence – EURAC Research Institute (1.500€). Three weeks.

Co-PI, ESRC Strategic Investment Grant – International Networking Competition (£15,134). Eight months.

Named Applicant, successful ESRC Large Grant 2017 *Between Two Unions. The Constitutional Future of the Islands after Brexit*. (£2,010,166). Three years.

Named Applicant, DIPLOCAT Direct Grant 2017 *Borders, Sovereignty and SelfDetermination in Contemporary Europe* (£195,000). One year.

Research Grant for Foreign Doctoral Students 2013-14 (£5,200). University of Liège. Five months.

Conference Grant Awards 2012-15 (£900). The University of Edinburgh.

METHODS TRAINING

2022-23. Postgraduate course *Data Analyst for Political Analysis and Public Management*, University of Barcelona.

2022. ‘Introduction to R’, organised by the *Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology* (ECSM) Summer Methods School, Barcelona, 27-28 June.

2022. ‘Innovation for Teaching’ course, part of TRUE project (*Transforming Universities towards Entrepreneurship*), led by University of Barcelona and DTI Foundation, March-April.

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

2022. ‘Human Rights and Devolution in the UK’ (with Michael Keating), keynote speech at the conference *Eurocepticisme et Droits Humains au Royaume-Uni*, 24-25 March, University of Nantes.

2021. Departmental Seminar, Politics, University of Trento.

2021. ‘State Nationalism and Territorial Accommodation in India and Spain’, *Institute for Comparative Federalism*, EURAC, Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol, Italy.

2021. ‘Why Stay Together? State Nationalism and Territorial Accommodation in Plurinational States’, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), 25 February, online. Discussant: André Lecours.

2020. Online book launch, ‘Nationalism, Liberalism and Language in Catalonia and Flanders’, *Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism* (ASEN), 20 October.

2020. Invited to speak about ‘Nationalism, Liberalism and Language in Catalonia and Flanders’, CUSC Research Centre, University of Barcelona, 25 September.

2019. Invited to speak about unionism and state nationalism in the UK and Spain at the conference *Unions and Unionisms*, Queen’s University Belfast, 24-25 October.

2019. Invited to speak about ‘State Nationalism and Secession’ at the workshop *Secession in International Politics* organised by Cardiff University, 4-5 September.

2019. Invited to speak about ‘Sub-state Nationalism and the EU’ at *Redefining Regions in Europe* organised by Danube University Krems, 23-24 January. Discussant: Gabriele Abels

2019. Invited to speak about ‘Language and Nationalism in Catalonia and Flanders’ by the Aberdeen University Linguistics Society and the Politics and IR Society, 23 February.

2016. Invited to speak about ‘Debates within Liberal Nationalism: The Linguistic Disputes in Catalonia and Flanders’ at the *MultiCite Research Group Seminar Series*, University of Geneva, 21 April. Discussant: François Grin.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND IMPACT

Elite Engagement

2021. Briefing session on the Catalan experience of political conflict and negotiation with an international group of faith-based mediators organised by the Berghof Foundation, a German NGO that supports mediation and dialogue. Barcelona, 1 December.

2021. Briefing session on unionism and independence movements in comparative perspective with the Union Directorate of the Cabinet Office, UK Government. 3 March 2021, online.

2018. Organiser and discussant of private seminar with former President of the Generalitat of Catalonia Artur Mas, 18 April, Edinburgh.

2017-18. Briefing sessions with Canadian Federal Parliamentary Interns to discuss Brexit and the Catalan crisis. Centre on Constitutional Change, 19 January.

2017. Invited to provide briefing and advice to Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop about the Catalan crisis. Scottish Parliament, 8 November.

2017. Meeting with the delegation of the State Ethnic Affairs Commission of the PRC (China) about strategies to manage plurinational states, Edinburgh, 4 September.

Media and Communications

- 15 broadcast interviews in the UK including BBC World, BBC News, BBC Radio 4 (*The World Tonight*), BBC One (*Sunday Politics Scotland*), STV (*Scotland Tonight*, *STV News Tonight*), BBC Radio Scotland (*Good Morning Scotland*, *Newsdrive*), and ITV Border (*Representing Border*).
- 57 broadcast interviews with international media including EU Observer, Al Jazeera, Reuters, BBC Mundo, the Catalan and Basque public TVs, the South African Broadcasting Corporation (RSG), CMA Agency Brazil, and the Spanish News Agency.
- 9 ‘Op eds’ in The Herald, The Scotsman, the Sunday Post and Catalan and Spanish newspapers.
- 15 blogs since 2014 in platforms including the LSE EUROPP blog, The Conversation, the PSA blog and the Centre on Constitutional Change blog.

Public Engagement

2019. Invited to speak about ‘What’s Next for Stateless Nations?’ at *Self-Determination in a Context of Shared Sovereignty: How to Devise a European Approach?*, conference organised by the *Coppieters Foundation*, Brussels, 18-19 September.

2018. Invited to speak about sub-state nationalism and Europe at the public event ‘Brexit Summit’ alongside Cabinet Secretary Michael Russell to an audience of 150 stakeholders. Glasgow City Council, 2 October 2018.

2014. ‘Catalonia and Scotland: Similar Goals, Different Paths’, given at the public event *Small Nations and Big Ideas* as part of *Imagination: Scotland’s First Festival of Ideas*, Glasgow, 7 September.

2013. ‘Scottish Autonomy’, given at the session *Meglio Soli o Accompagnati? La Governance dell’autonomia in Europa*, *Officina dell’autonomia*, Trento, 13 May.

EVENT ORGANISATION

2021. CCC Online Summer School *Sovereignty, Independence, and Constitutional Change*, 14-16 June.

2019. 'Majority Nationalism in Plurinational States: Responding to Challenge from Above and Below', 24-25 February, Edinburgh.

- Led the design and organisation of this event in partnership with Alain-G. Gagnon funded by an ESRC Strategic Investment Grant (£15,134). Outputs include a published special issue proposal for *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* and a blog series on the Centre's website.

2016. Fulbright Roundtable with Professor Michael Ignatieff, 7 June, Edinburgh.

- Co-organised, chaired and moderated a successful roundtable between Professor Ignatieff and 20 early career researchers.

2014. Graduate conference 'Identity, Nations and Nationalism in a Changing World', 22 May, Edinburgh.

- Co-designed and co-organised a one-day successful conference addressing topics spanning from nation-building to citizenship, gender and literature. The conference brought to Edinburgh 15 paper presentations and 65 registered participants. I secured the participation of the leading scholar of nationalism Professor John Breuilly.

2011. Co-organiser. Workshop 'Crossing Perspectives: Concepts and Methods in the Study of Nationalism', 11 November, Edinburgh.

- I co-designed and co-organised a 2-day successful workshop that brought to Edinburgh 48 masters and doctoral students from all over Europe. I secured the participation of the leading scholar of nationalism Professor John Hutchinson.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2015

2023. 'Nationalizing Human Rights in the UK', presented at the IPSA World Congress, Buenos Aires, 15-19 July.

2022. 'Telling the Same Story? A Framing Analysis of Brexit and Catalan Secessionisms', presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions, The University of Edinburgh & Online, 19-22 April.

2021. 'Speaking for the Union: Unionist Claims in the Time of Brexit', presented at the 30th ASEN Conference *Nationalism and Crisis*, 7 April, online.

2019. 'Federalism, State Traditions and Language Regimes in Belgium and Spain', presented at the IPSA Conference *Diversity and Democratic Governance: Legacies of the Past, Present Challenges, and Future Directions?* (University of Sarajevo, 12-15 June).

2019. 'Narratives of Nationhood in the Brexit Debates', presented at the 29th ASEN Conference, *Nationalism and Self-Determination* (University of Edinburgh, 24-25 April).

2018. 'A Proposal to Study Majority Nationalism', presented at *The (Im)possibility of Liberal Nationalism in the Age of Trump and the Catalan Conundrum - Moving beyond the Binaries of Nationalism Studies* (University of Edinburgh, 24-26 May).

2017. 'The Politics of Language and Nationalism', presented at the RC50 IPSA conference *The Politics of Multilingualism: Possibilities and Challenges* (Amsterdam, 22-24 May).

2017. 'Explaining the differing government responses to self-determination demands in Spain and the UK', presented at the 67th PSA Annual Conference *Politics in Interesting Times*, (University of Glasgow, 10-12 April).

2016. 'Our Language, Our Rules? Nationalism and Linguistic Disputes in Catalonia and Flanders', presented at the 24th IPSA World Congress *Politics in a World of Inequality* (Poznań, Poland, 23-28 July).

2015. 'Language Rights and Territory: The Case of the Flemish Periphery of Brussels' presented at the IPSA conference *Rethinking Territoriality: Between Independence and Interdependence*. University of Edinburgh (16-18 September).

2015. 'Nationalism and Linguistic Disputes: The Case of Catalonia', presented at the ECPR General Conference (Université de Montréal, 26-29 August).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editor. *Journal of Self-Government*, 2020-

Book Reviews Editor. *Regional and Federal Studies*, 2018-

Member. *Scottish Affairs* Editorial Advisory Board.

Member. IPSA Research Committee 50 (RC50) *The Politics of Language*.

Member. IPSA Research Committee 26 (RC26) *Human Rights*.

Member. *Political Theory Research Group* (GRTP), Pompeu Fabra University.

Member. *Linguistic Justice Society* network.

Reviewer. UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships and a range of international journals including *Party Politics*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*; *Nations and Nationalism*; *Regional and Federal Studies*; *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*; *Ethnicities*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; *Geopolitics*; *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*; *National Identities*; *Catalan Journal of Communication and Cultural Studies*; *Scottish Affairs*; *Just*, *Journal of Language Rights and Minorities*.

Book Reviews for the *Swiss Political Science Review*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*; *Regional and Federal Studies*; *Journal of Catalan Studies*.

Former Assistant Editor. *Regional and Federal Studies*, 2012–2017.