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EDUCATION

PhD in Social Sciences, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain Sep 2020 – Jun 2025

Honours: Cum laude

Thesis: Nationalist mobilisation in the digital age

MA in Social Sciences, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain Sep 2018 – Jul 2020

Thesis: Impact of globalisation and liberalisation on right-wing populism in India and Brazil

BA in Journalism, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom Sep 2007 – Jun 2010

Honours: First Class

Award: Part-International Scholarship

Thesis: Representation of war in photojournalism–pictorial truth of Iraq and Afghanistan wars

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague, Czechia Mar 2026 – Present

Research projects funded by the European Research Council (Grant amount: 1,999,784.00 Euro)

- Directing computational research operations for multi-country RECONCILE and CIOS projects involving AI-driven analysis, social media data collection, survey and experimental methodology, and comparative political communication research across Europe and the Middle East/North Africa.
- Designing cross-national supervised machine learning pipelines for the classification of political identity discourse across eight countries: Germany, France, Czechia, Hungary, Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia, and Egypt.
- Coordinating large-scale multilingual political data collection and analysis across parliamentary debates, newspaper editorials, party websites, and social media platforms including Facebook (using researcher API of Meta Content Library).
- Developing supervised NLP, LLM-based and machine learning classification systems to track constitutional, nationalist, religious, gender and racial identity speech within political discourse.
- Designing annotation frameworks, dictionaries, and coding schemes for cross-cultural political discourse analysis and deliberative democracy and toleration measurement.
- Overseeing methodological integration between computational, survey, quantitative and qualitative analysis to examine links between constitutionalism, collective identity, and democratic theory.
- Overseeing theoretical integration between constitutional law studies, political science, computational social science, and political communication.

Doctoral Researcher, Value Conflicts in a Differentiated Europe (ValCon) Sep 2020 – Jun 2024

Research project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (Grant amount: 980.000 Euro)

- Developed computational and comparative approaches to analyse digital data spanning 3 years (2019-2021) and 6 countries (France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, and Spain).
- Led data collection across 3 social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) to build public opinion database (1 million+ posts).
- Co-designed and published open-source survey on social media engagement, political behaviour and socioeconomic background of 12,000 individuals.
- Collaborated with 6 team members on publishing 3 peer-reviewed articles.
- Collaborated on data collection from 2 newspapers (left and right leaning) in each country and co-authored 2 qualitative codebooks to compare traditional and social media data.
- Organised and conducted 3 computational methodology workshops for project members.

Visiting Fellow, Public Opinion and Media Lab, University of Milan, Italy Jan 2022 – Feb 2022

Teaching Assistant, Historical Sociology, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain Sep 2021 – Jan 2022

Special Correspondent, India Today magazine, New Delhi, India Sep 2013 – Mar 2016

Senior Copy Editor, CNN-News18 website, New Delhi, India

Dec 2012 – Jul 2013

Correspondent, Reuters newswire, Bangalore, India

Feb 2011 – Mar 2012

Intern Reporter, The Hindu, NDTV 24X7, Hindustan Times, IANS (New Delhi, India) 2008 – 2009

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published.

Kaushik, K. (Forthcoming). Exposure or Expression? Mobilising National Identity and Support for Radical-Right Parties on Social Media. *Acta Politica*.

Kaushik, K. (2026). Crisis of Care or Control? Gendered Identity Narratives on Digital Public Sphere in Southern Europe. Special issue on “Contesting Gender Equality in Europe”, *Culture, Practice and Europeanisation*. <https://doi.org/10.5771/2566-7742-2026-1-105>

Sojka, A., **Kaushik, K.**, Trenz, H. J., & Eigmüller, M. (2025). Beyond the Transnational Cleavage: Differentiation of Democratic Values in Europe. *European Politics and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23745118.2025.2451203>

Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, & Eigmüller, M. (2023). One conflict, two public spheres, three national debates: comparing the value conflict over judicial independence in Europe across print and social media. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 21(3), 288–302. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2023.2278539>

Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, Verbalyte, M., Sojka, A., Sorci, G., Trenz, H., & Eigmüller, M. (2022). Same, Same but Different? Gender Politics and (Trans)National Value Contestation in Europe on Twitter. *Politics and Governance*, 10(1), 146–160. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v10i1.4751>

Planned.

Kaushik, K. (Submitted in Nov 2025). Building Democratic Resilience from the Bottom Up: Adaptive and Transformative Identity Practices in Digital Public Spheres. Special issue on “Communicating Democratic Decline & Resilience”, *Political Communication*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(Research blog) **Kaushik, K.** (2026, May 13). The Mythological Democratic Citizen: Why Identity and Resilience in the Public Sphere Are Political Science’s Blind Spot. *CEU Democracy Institute’s online journal*. Link.

(Research blog) **Kaushik, K.** (2025, July 28). How Spain’s blackout sparked new political currents online. *LSE’s Political Science Blog*. Link.

(PhD Manuscript) **Kaushik, K.** (2025, May). Nationalist mobilisation in the digital age: The role of social media in driving support for radical right-wing parties (Unpublished PhD). *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*. Link.

(Book chapter) Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, & Eigmüller, M. (2024). One conflict, two public spheres, three national debates: Comparing the value conflict over judicial independence in Europe across print and social media. In K. Koc-Michalska, D. Lilleker, C. Baden, D. Guzek, M. Bene, L. Doroshenko, M. Gregor, & M. M. Skoric (Eds.), *Citizens, Participation and Media in Central and Eastern European Nations* (1st ed.). Routledge. Link.

(Original survey) Díez-Medrano, J., Sojka, A., **Kaushik, K.**, Trenz, H. J., Eigmüller, M., Verbalyte, M., & Wallaschek, S. (2024). Value Conflicts in a Differentiated Europe: The Impact of Digital Media on Value Polarisation in Europe (ValCon). *GESIS, Cologne*. (Original survey data), <https://doi.org/10.4232/1.14286>

(Research blog) Wallaschek, S., **Kaushik, K.**, Sojka, A., Verbalyte, M. (2022, March 10). International Women’s Day and citizen engagement on social media. *ECPR’s Political Science Blog*. Link.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- “Gender Equality Conflicts in Europe” – Joint conference of the Agendis project & DGS section ‘Sociology of Europe’ Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany (April 2026)
Paper Presentation: (Un)Constituting Identity: Far-Right and EU Narratives on Gender Equality in

the Digital Public Sphere

- **Christ University, Delhi, India** (October 2025)
Guest lecturer on topic “Digital Politics and Shaping of Public Opinion” in Annual Global Lecture Series 2025, The World in Digital: Stories, Power, Culture & AI
- **European Political Science Association Conference** (June 2025)
Discussant: Narratives, Media Influence and Political Discourse panel
Paper Presentation: UNMASK: Understanding Nationalist Mobilisation on a Social Media Network
- **Nationalism and Identity conference**, convened by Dr. Covadonga Meseguer (June 2024)
Discussant of paper: Nationalist education and immigrant assimilation by Dr. Harris Mylonas
- **Thesis Talk finalist** (June 2024)
PhD presented: The Impact of Digital Expression on National Identity and Voting Behaviour
- **Annual Conference of ValCon Project** (October 2023)
Methods presentation: Analysing Mainstreaming of Anti-Gender Nationalism Through NLP
- **Council for European Studies 29th International Conference** (June 2023)
Panel organiser: European identity and citizenship in times of political polarisation
Papers Presentation: UNMASK: Understanding Nationalist Mobilisation on a Social Media Network; Decoding digital discontent: How interplay of identity and emotions fuel hostility
- **Transnational Political Contention & European Integration** (Sept 2022)
Paper Presentation: Digital networks of radical-right nationalist mobilisation
- **European Consortium for Political Research General Conference** (August 2022)
Paper Presentation: One conflict, two public spheres, three national debates? Comparing value conflict over judicial independence in Europe across print media and social media
- **Council for European Studies 28th International Conference** (June 2022)
Papers Presentation: Digital nationalism: Role of social media in driving support for radical-right parties; Beyond the cultural cleavage: Polarisation or differentiation of values in Europe
- **Comparative Politics Seminar**, University of Valencia & Carlos III (April 2022)
Paper Presentation: Mobilising National Identity on Social Media
- **European Consortium for Political Research General Conference** (August 2021)
Paper Presentation: Analysing the framing of value research in social sciences (1943-2020)
- **Council for European Studies 27th International Conference** (June 2021)
Paper Presentation: Impact of globalisation on right-wing populism in India

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

- **Computer languages and softwares**: Python, R, Gephi, NetLogo, ATLAS.ti
- **Data collection**: APIs, web scraping, LexisNexis, Factiva, Scopus, Web of Science
- **Computational**: Supervised machine learning, NLP, computational content analysis, multilingual dataset construction, social media analytics, network analysis, agent-based modelling
- **Quantitative**: Survey analysis, machine learning, causal inference, conjoint analysis
- **Qualitative**: Interviews, digital ethnography, case study, discourse and media analysis
- **Languages**: Hindi (native), English (bilingual), Spanish (fluent)