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Current & Past Positions

[Postdoctoral Fellow, Chair of Sociological Methodology at University of Mannheim](#) (Germany), July 2022-*present*

Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn (Germany), August 2019-July 2022

2015-2019 Junior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn (Germany)

Education

2019 PhD in Sociology, Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation title: "The spreading of hostility: unraveling of social norms in communication"

2018 International Max Planck Research Graduate School Adapting behaviour in a fundamentally uncertain world

2015 M.Sc. Applied Social Research, Stockholm University, Sweden

2011 M.Sc. Social Cognition: research and applications, University College London, UK

2010 B.Sc. Sociology, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Visiting Positions

2022 Visiting researcher, LABBS, National Research Council of Italy.

2018 Visiting researcher, Department of Sociology, New York University.

2018 Visiting researcher, Norms and Networks Cluster (NNC) at University of Groningen (RUG)

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.** (2022). Social Norms and the Expression of Xenophobic Attitudes. *European Sociological Review*. *Forthcoming*
2. Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A., Adem, M., Adriaans, J., **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.**, ... & Balzer, D. (2022). Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* *Forthcoming*

3. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.** (2020). [Exposition to xenophobic content and support for right-wing populism: The asymmetric role of gender.](#) *Social Science Research*, 92, 102480. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102480](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102480)
4. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.,** & Winter, F. (2020). [The Breakdown of Anti-Racist Norms: A Natural Experiment on Hate Speech after Terrorist Attacks.](#) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(37), 22800-22804. DOI: [10.1073/pnas.2007977117](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2007977117)
5. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.,** & Winter, F. (2018). [Normative Change and Culture of Hate: An Experiment in Online Environments.](#) *European Sociological Review*, 34(3), 223-237. DOI: [10.1093/esr/jcy005](https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcy005)

Working Papers

1. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.,** Freund, L., Luckner, k., and Winter, F. (2020) Public Signals as Coordination Devices: the Moderating Effect of Group Identity. *Under Review*
2. **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.** and Winter, F. (2021) Evidence of Spontaneous Countercomments against hateful comments online.
3. Zhang, N., **Álvarez-Benjumea, A.,** and Winter, F. (2021). Party trumps race: How black, Hispanic and Asian republicans react to explicit racial rhetoric.

In preparation

1. Temporal mappings of climate change: Consequences for everyday and political behaviors (together with Sendroiu, I., and Winter, F.)
2. Updating beliefs after the 2020 election results (together with Winter, F., and Zhang, N.)
3. The effect of anomie on a honesty norm: A natural experiment (together with Winter, F.)

Replication and Reproducibility Projects

1. Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A., Adem, M., Adriaans, J., Alvarez-Benjumea, A., ... & Balzer, D. (2019). [The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences.](#) Executive Report. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/6j9qb](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/6j9qb)

Invited Talks

9/2022 Seminars in Politics and Society, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy

2/2022 Cooperative relations seminar, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

2/2022 Laboratory of Agent Based Social Simulation (LABBS) at National Research Council of Italy

9/2021 [Understanding and Automating Counterspeech.](#) Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH). Cambridge, UK.

6/2021 CounterBalance Seminar. Santa Fe Institute, New Mexico, USA

12/2020 Opening workshop of the *Red de investigación en Ciencias Sociales Experimentales* (RedEx), Online

6/2020 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Maastricht (SICSS-Maastricht), Online

6/2019 Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales (CCHS) del CSIC, Madrid, Spain

5/2019 Mittelbaukolloquium, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) at the University of Mannheim, Germany

10/2018 Democracy, Elections and Citizenship (DEC) Seminar at the Department of Political Science of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Selected Conference & Workshop Presentations

2022

Annual Conference of Experimental Sociology (ACES), Utrecht, The Netherlands

14th Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), EUI, Florence, Italy

2021

II Jornadas Experimentos en Sociología y política, Barcelona, Spain

Political Norms Workshop at EUI. Florence, Italy

Annual Conference of Experimental Sociology (ACES), Ascona, Switzerland

13th Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Tokio, Japan (Online)

2019

Digital Societies, 2nd Conference of the The Academy of Sociology (AS), Konstanz, Germany

12th Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), St. Petersburg, Russia

6th International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS) at the Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands

I Jornadas Experimentos en Sociología y política, Seville, Spain

2018

Workshop on *Rationality and Irrationality in Democracy* at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada

2017

10th Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Oslo, Norway

10th JDM Meeting, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany

PhD workshop at the 13th conference of the European sociological association (ESA), Athens, Greece

Workshop on Common good and self-interest in the digital Society at the congress of the Swiss sociological association (SSA), Zurich, Switzerland

Teaching Experience

Postgraduate Level

Seminar on Social Norms and Mechanisms of Normative Change Seminar, Fall semester 2022. University of Mannheim, School of Social Sciences.

Workshop on Online Experiments at The Research Training Group "The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes and Public Policy" (DYNAMICS). Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Hertie School 10th November, 2021. Berlin, Germany.

Summer School in Experimental Methods & Simulations in Social and Cognitive Sciences (EMS-SCS 2021). 13-22 July, 2021. Saint Petersburg, Russia

[Online experiments with examples from sociology and political science](#)

2nd RECSM Winter Methods School 2021 at Pompeu Fabra University. 18, February, 2021. Online

[Online and lab-in-the-field experiments](#)

Undergraduate Level

Laboratory exercises, Multivariate analysis course. Fall semester 2022. BA in Sociology at University of Mannheim.

Further Education

7/2017 *OII Summer Doctoral Programme (SDP 2017)* from the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

8/2016 *10th IMPRS Uncertainty Summer school* from the International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behavior in a Fundamentally Uncertain World (Uncertainty School), Jena, Germany

8/2015 *9th IMPRS Uncertainty Summer school* from the International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behavior in a Fundamentally Uncertain World (Uncertainty School), Jena, Germany

Fellowships and Prizes

Margarita Salas Fellowship, Government of Spain, 2021 (*Declined*).

London School of Economics Fellowship Prize in Quantitative Methods, 2021 (*Shortlisted*).

European Sociological Association (ESA) PhD Summer School, 2017.

Professional Activities & Service

Associate Fellow at [LABBS, National Research Council of Italy](#)

Member of the editorial Board of [Papers, Revista de Sociologia](#)

PhD internal representative, Max Planck Society, 2016-2017

Organization of Scientific Meetings

Workshop on Mechanisms of normative change at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, 15-21 July, 2018, Toronto, Canada.

Reviewer

Journal of Economic Psychology, American Sociological Review, American Political Science Review, PLOS One, Nature, Journal of Politics, Campbell Collaboration, European Sociological Review

Skills & Additional information

Languages

English (fluent), German (Basic), Swedish (Basic), Spanish (Native).

Programming Languages and Scientific Applications

Qualtrics, Python, Stata, R, LaTeX, oTree.

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