

CV - Jorge Solozabal Zapata

EDUCATION

Sciences Po Paris - Master in European Affairs (Politics & Public Policy) August 2022 - June 2024

- Graduated in the top 10% of my cohort.
- Produced a top-graded Master Thesis (18/20 in defence) evaluating the role of social movements in the transformation and democratisation of European politics, through a framing analysis.

University of Sheffield - BA Politics and Philosophy

September 2018 - June 2022

- Obtained First-Class degree.
- Graduated with a First-Class Dissertation: "Explaining violence in the Evros border region. A case study of Pushbacks.", disentangling, through text analysis, the elements constituting the proliferation of violence against people-on-the-move in the European/Greek-Turkish land border.
- Selected for an exchange program in Science Po Paris, where I produced a top-graded (19.5/20) mini-mémoire titled 'Is the European Parliament's diplomatic engagement 'democratic'?', exploring the 'democratic deficit' at the EU level

AWARDS

- [Cum Laude Mention](#) (i.e. top 10% of my cohort) for Master degree in European Affairs. Sciences Po Paris. June 2024.
- [Summa Cum Laude Mention](#) (i.e. top 2% of Cohort) for Advanced Certificate in European Affairs. Sciences Po Paris. February 2021.
- [Erasmus+ Scholarship](#): Awarded a 2000€ grant to participate in year-long International Mobility program. University of Sheffield & Sciences Po Paris. May 2021
- [GLOSS Scheme](#): Granted fully-funded participation (ca. 1200€) in UNICEF Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam as a Policy Analyst. University of Sheffield. December 2019
- [University Tuition Fee-Waiver](#): Awarded a 1.300€ grant as the school's best performing student [due to my overall academic achievements and results on the Italian Final State Exam: 100/100 (Honours)] to cover the tuition fees of my first year at University. July 2017

CONFERENCES & DOCTORAL WORKSHOPS

European Common Space for Alternatives (Marseille, France)

February - April 2024

- Co-led the development of a transnational platform uniting grassroots civil society organizations across Europe to address contemporary democratic challenges, showcasing a strong commitment to research-driven strategies.
- Organized and contributed to a three-day conference with 100 organizations and 90 workshops/events, leading strategic planning sessions to define next steps for the platform's advancement.

Doctoral Workshop Cycle on "Cognitive Capitalism" (Paris, France)

October 2023 - June 2024

- Demonstrated a strong interest in critical research by engaging in a doctoral seminar at Paris VIII University that explored the impact of knowledge and digital technology on democracy, work, and society.
- Analyzed shifts in citizens' attitudes towards democracy, proposing pathways (based on my previous research) for political empowerment through grassroots movement organizing.

Workshop for Special Issue "Decolonizing EU studies" (Brussels, Belgium)

February 2024

- Invited by Alvaro Oleart to contribute in a two-days workshop at the Institute of European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB) to prepare a special issue for the journal "Politique Européenne".
- Actively participated in feedback sessions, providing my comments and reflections on various academic papers, with top scholars from across the world. Received excellent evaluations on my involvement in the discussions.

4th Congress of the Asia-Europe Foundation for Young Leaders (online/Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

February - May 2021

- Selected in to take part in the 4th ASEF Young Leaders Summit, focusing on youth leadership for "Sustainable development in a post Covid-19 world", and authored a related publication in the project's journal.
- Developed the objectives and implementation of the 'You are not Alone' project, which mobilised a team of local and international youth leaders, to provide young people in Cambodia with access to mental health-related material.

WORK & VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Projects Officer (remote) - Border Violence Monitoring Network February 2021 - October 2023

- Successfully managed fifteen projects advocating for human rights and the consolidation of civic space at the national, EU, and UN levels, dealing with the whole project cycle:
 - independently drafted fifteen approved project proposals,
 - daily oversight of activities implementation and budget,
 - financial and narrative reporting on tight deadlines,
 - coordination of multiple stakeholders involved (including Project teams and external partners).
- Drafted annual reports, critically reflecting on the organisation's impact and on migration policy debates.
- Led communication and fostered collaboration with civil society organisations, donors, and policymakers to strengthen advocacy efforts and sustain long-term engagement with migration-related civic space issues.
- Actively supported in the definition of the Network's short-, and long-term fundraising strategy.
- Ensured the sustainability of the network for two consecutive financial years, which was unprecedented.
- Onboarded two new staff members in the finance & projects team.
- Demonstrated adaptability and flexibility in handling a diverse set of responsibilities in a dynamic international environment.

Support Teacher (Sheffield, England) - University of Sheffield February 2018 - August 2022

- Conducted engaging introductory workshops in political science and philosophy to inspire high school students from deprived areas to pursue university studies post-graduation.
- Delivered, face-to-face and online tutoring sessions in English, French, and Spanish to students aged 8-17, focusing on exam preparation and language proficiency.
- Developed tailored lesson plans and utilised a highly interactive approach with students to foster engaging and effective learning experiences based on individual needs and learning styles.
- Supported high school students with learning disabilities in obtaining language certificates, deepening understanding of educational challenges under adverse conditions.
- Received consistently positive feedback from students and parents, demonstrating strong communication skills, patience, and commitment to student success.

Secretary General (Sheffield, England) - AEGEE-Sheffield September 2020 - June 2022

- Led the management of the Sheffield's branch of AEGEE-Europe, the biggest European interdisciplinary youth forum.
- Led the growth of the branch through the implementation of a well-defined project plan, which included largely attended events, such as the regular hosting of international cultural exchanges, and the definition of collaboration agreements with other local student initiatives.
- Led the administrative management of international meetings and events, which included accommodation arrangements, travel and events' logistics, as well as daily coordination (preparing invitations and agendas, proof-reading, minutes) and final reporting.
- Successfully ensured the stability of the branch, bringing its membership from eleven to thirty-one students, through active recruitment in events.

LANGUAGES

Spanish - Native Proficiency; English - Bilingual Proficiency, C2;
Italian - Bilingual Proficiency, C2; French - Professional Working Proficiency, C1;
Russian - Elementary Proficiency, A2/B1.

IT SKILLS

Slack - Advanced; MS and Google Offices - Advanced; Excel Data Management - Intermediate;
CRM - Intermediate; R/SPSS - Intermediate; Python - Basic.