

# Bruno Castanho Silva

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## Current Position

Post-doctoral researcher  
[Cologne Center for Comparative Politics](#)  
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## Research

### Areas of interest

Quantitative methods; Structural Equation Modeling; Causal inference; Political psychology; Populism in Europe and the Americas.

## Publications

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| 2017 | Castanho Silva, Bruno. 2017. “Populist Radical Right Parties and Mass Polarization in the Netherlands.” <i>European Political Science Review</i> , doi: 10.1017/S1755773917000066. First view.  |
| 2017 | Castanho Silva, Bruno, Federico Vegetti, and Levente Littvay. 2017. “The Elite Is up to Something: Exploring the Relation between Populism and Belief in Conspiracy Theories”. <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> , doi: 10.1111/spsr.12270. Early View. |

## Forthcoming

Castanho Silva, Bruno, Constantin Manuel Bosancianu, and Levente Littvay. *Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling*. Book contracted for Sage's *Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences* series ("little green books").

Castanho Silva, Bruno. *forthcoming*. "Populist Success: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis". In: *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Theory, Method & Analysis*, edited by Kirk A. Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levente Littvay, and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. Routledge.

Castanho Silva, Bruno, Ioannis Andreadis, Eva Anduiza, Nebojša Blanuša, Yazmin Morlet Corti, Gisela Delfino, Guillem Rico, Saskia Ruth, Bram Spruyt, Marco Steenbergen, and Levente Littvay. *forthcoming*. "Public Opinion Surveys: a New Scale". In: *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Theory, Method & Analysis*, edited by Kirk A. Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levente Littvay, and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. Routledge.

Hawkins, Kirk A., and Bruno Castanho Silva. *forthcoming*. "Text Analysis: Big Data Approaches". In: *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Theory, Method & Analysis*, edited by Kirk A. Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levente Littvay, and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. Routledge.

## Book reviews

- 2015 [The Politics of Social Cohesion in Germany, France and the United Kingdom, by Jan Dobbernack], *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology* 2(3-4): 368-71.
- 2015 [Change They Can't Believe in: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America, by Christopher S. Parker & Matt A. Barreto], *Political Studies Review* 13(4): 619-20.

## Selected conference papers

- 2017 "The Psychological Underpinnings of Populist Attitudes." *113 APSA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA August 31– September 03, with Erin K. Jenne and Levente Littvay.
- 2016 "Presenting a Cross-Nationally Validated Populist Attitudes Scale". *Team Populism January Conference*, Provo, UT, with Ioannis Andreadis, Eva Anduiza, Nebojša Blanuša, Guillem Rico, and Levente Littvay.
- 2015 "Mapping Populist Parties in Europe and the Americas". *111 APSA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA. Second author, with Kirk A. Hawkins.

- 2015 | “‘We the People’ in 140 Characters: Identifying Populism in Official and Unofficial Electoral Campaign Tweets”, *Solving the Puzzles of Populism: Team Populism May 2015 Conference*, London, United Kingdom. First author, with Paris Aislanidis.
- 2014 | “Populist Attitudes and Political Discourse: An Experimental Test on Voters’ Responsiveness to Populist Rhetoric.” *ECPR General Conference*, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- 2012 | “The Sao Paulo Forum and Latin American Regional Integration.” *22<sup>nd</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Madrid, Spain.

## Research Visits

- January 2015 | Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.  
Workshop and data-collection project: Identifying and coding populism in party manifestos.  
Host faculty: Kirk A. Hawkins

## Positions

- August 2015 – July 2016 | Course coordinator: CEU Summer University course “[The Political Psychology of Populism](#)”.
- April 2015 – August 2016 | Research assistant, Department of Political Science, CEU.
- October 2014 – September 2015 | Student President, [Political Behaviour Research Group \(PolBeRG\)](#) at CEU
- April 2008 – January 2009 | Research assistant, ADVCOM Institute for Public Law, Curitiba, Brazil.

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

- Summer 2017 [Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling](#), PhD level short-course  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
- Summer 2017 [Gentle Introduction to Machine Learning for the Social Sciences](#), PhD level short-course  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
- Summer 2017 [Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X](#), intensive refresher course  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
- Winter/Spring 2017 Research Design and Methods, BA level course  
McDaniel College Budapest
- Summer 2016 [The Political Psychology of Populism](#), co-instructor  
CEU Summer University

### Teaching assistant

- 2017 [Multilevel Regression Modelling](#)  
Prof. Levente Littvay  
ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques.
- 2016/2017 [Advanced Impact Evaluation: Management and Methodology](#), MA level course  
Prof. Alexis Diamond  
School of Public Policy, Central European University
- 2016 [Multi-Level Structural Equation Modelling](#)  
Prof. Levente Littvay.  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.
- 2015/2016 [Impact Evaluation: Theory and Application](#), MA level course.  
Prof. Alexis Diamond  
School of Public Policy, Central European University
- 2013/2015 Comparative Political Research, MA level course.  
Prof. Carsten Q. Schneider  
Department of Political Science, Central European University
- 2012 International Political Economy, MA level course.  
Prof. Raul Allikivi  
Institute of Political Science and Governance, Tallinn University

## Language teaching

2012 | Portuguese teacher  
Multilingua Keelekeskus, Tallinn, Estonia

## Education

### Degrees

2017 | PhD (*Summa cum laude*) in Political Science, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
Dissertation: [“Contemporary Populism: Actors, Causes, and Consequences Across 28 Democracies”](#)  
Defense committee: Prof. Carsten Q. Schneider (Supervisor), Levente Littvay, and Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi

2012 | MA in International Relations, Tallinn University, Estonia  
Dissertation: “Democratic Peace Theories and Individual Agency”  
Supervisor: Prof. Jyrki Käkönen

2009 | BA in International Relations, Curitiba University Center, Brazil

### Additional Training

2016 | [The 2016 International Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits](#), Boulder-CO, March 7<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup>.

2015 | [Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling](#)  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana

2014 | [Advanced Multi-method Research](#)  
ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Vienna

## Grants and Awards

### Individual grants

2015 | Travel grant from the American Political Science Association to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting  
Amount: \$250

2014 – 2015 | Various internal competitive conference and summer/winter school grants from CEU  
Amount: €3,540

## Collective grants

2017	CEU <a href="#">Intellectual Themes Initiative</a> , project title: <a href="#">Comparative Populism</a> . Total grant amount: €147,000.
2016	<a href="#">ISPP Small Grants Program</a> for co-funding the CEU Summer University course “ <a href="#">The Political Psychology of Populism</a> ”. Total grant amount: \$ 4,000.
2015 – 2016	Grant from the CEU Summer University to organize the course “ <a href="#">The Political Psychology of Populism</a> ”. Total grant amount: €11,700
2013 – 2014	Part of a competitive Research Support Scheme (RSS) grant at CEU, coordinated by the Political Behaviour Research Group with students and faculty, for data collection Total grant amount: €5,000;

## Languages and Computer Skills

Portuguese	Native speaker
English	Fluent
Spanish	Fluent
French	Advanced
German	Intermediate
Russian	Beginner

## Computer Skills

Data	R, Mplus, Stata
Analysis	
Applications	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Microsoft Office
Platforms	Linux, Unix, Windows

## Membership in Academic Associations

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
International Political Science Association  
International Society of Political Psychology

**References available upon request.**

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