

DASP Research Group

Democracy and Autonomies: Society and Politics

Pablo de Olavide University (Seville, Spain)

Democracy and Autonomies: Society and Politics (DASP) is a non-profit and independent research group at the University Pablo de Olavide. DASP is the host of a number of researchers in the Social Sciences trained in several Spanish and international universities. Some of the topics our researchers deal with are: democracy, federalism, political elites and citizens, welfare state, women in politics, public policies, territorial tensions, social inequalities, and electoral behaviour. Our scientific approach combines both qualitative and quantitative methods. DASP is member of the [PADEMIA](#) network and some of its members participate in [MUSAP Master's Degree](#).

DASP Members

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Xavier Coller, director

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Xavier Coller, (PhD in Sociology, Yale University) codirects DASP. He has taught in several universities in Europe and the US and has been visiting fellow at Warwick University (UK), University of California (Berkeley), Yale, Harvard, Georgetown, and Université de Montpellier 1. He is the Seventh Prince of Asturias Chair, Georgetown University (2005-07). He has authored a number of works on social theories, research methods, collective identities, political elites, and complex organizations.

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Jean-Baptiste Harguindéguy, (PhD Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute) codirects DASP. He has worked in places like Institute of European Studies (Bordeaux), Center for the Study of Latin Europe (Montpellier), Center for the Study of Constitutions and Politics (Madrid), University of Valencia, Autonomous University of Madrid and Autonomous University of Barcelona. His research interests are: multilevel governance, European integration, public policies. He is the author of a number of international publications dealing with cross-border cooperation, regional language mobilization, and inter-governmental relations.

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Student	Doctoral thesis field
María Navarro Solano	Women in politics (gender studies)
Emilio Rodríguez López	Federalism and territorial tensions
Javier Moreno Ibarra	Citizens' participation
Manuel Portillo Pérez	Politicians vocations
Agustín Cosano Prieto	Water management in Spain and Colombia

Project Manager

Mario López Oliva

Action areas:

I. Innovative Social Sciences related projects:

We have a wide range of experience in R&D in Social Sciences projects.

Political elites: DASP members have carried out the first survey to a representative sample of Spanish MPs. In the framework of this project the research team analyzed patterns of conflict and cooperation in parliaments, studied the social profile of MPs and their survival rate, the role of women in parliaments, political recruitment and vocations, and the like. The survey to parliament representatives is a pioneer study in Spain aimed to know the functioning and quality of the democracy, its institutions, the State of Autonomies and its relationship with the EU.

Citizens' observatory regarding housing policies: ICOSOP Project (*Iniciativa para el Control Social de las Políticas Públicas*) is an innovative review of traditional tools used to bring closer citizens and public bodies. DASP members are building a web based observatory to monitor the creation and implementation of public policies participated by organized citizens.

Collective identities: DASP members participate in a number of projects dealing with regional, national and European identities comparing political elites, intellectuals and citizens, in order to analyse differences and similarities.

Public policies: DASP members have developed an expertise in evaluating and advising about public policies implementation. The creation of the observatory for housing in Andalucía is just one example.

Transparency: DASP members have participated in the creation of the First Transparency Index for Parliaments.

II. Training

- Master's Degree:

DASP members manage and participate in a master degree titled [*Máster Universitario Sociedad, Administración y Política*](#) (Master's degree on "Society, Administration and Politics" - MUSAP) addressed to politicians, high officials of regional and local governments, journalists, lawyers, leaders of NGOs and advanced students. Special emphasis is given to the analysis of problems related to parliamentary politics (electoral systems, political elites, and new ways of citizens' participation) and changes in society. MUSAP is the academic space where different disciplines and political actors meet at UPO.

- PhD Program:

DASP participates as well in a Social Sciences PhD program titled "Citizens, Parliaments, and Democracy", where several students try to advance their doctoral research. Participation in the [*PADEMIA*](#) network is an opportunity to train PhD students in cooperation with other partners in Europe.

III. Consulting services

Our academic research experience and know-how on Social Sciences give us the capacity to elaborate specialised reports, surveys, measuring instruments, public policies evaluations and social development plans. We offer an expert service to public entities, as well as to private and third sector.

Our last work:

- Report on emancipation of Andalusian young people, in collaboration with [*Instituto Andaluz de la Juventud*](#).
- Follow-up report on childhood, in collaboration with [*UNICEF Andalucía*](#).

Skills offered

- Identification of uncovered social needs and social demands
- Creation of democratic participation mechanisms
- Creation of public policies monitoring mechanisms
- Design and implementation of public policies
- Evaluation of public policies
- Design and creation of citizens' observatories
- Studies regarding parliaments, parliament members and citizens
- E-government and observatories' web platforms
- Public opinion survey
- Social Disproportion Index

Specialization

Citizens

- Participation
- Political disaffection
- Citizens' observatories
- New political movements

Political Elites

- Selectorates and Parliamentary Studies
- Political conflict and consensus
- Relations between MPs and society through ICTs
- Ideological congruence between citizens and political representatives
- Corruption

Democracy

- Democratic participation
- Public policies democratic monitoring
- Regional and national parliaments

Society

- Gender Studies
- Youth
- Active ageing

Public Policies

- Public policies design and implementation
- Open Government and E-governments
- Transparency
- Public policies control and evaluation

Territorial Tension

- Federalism, regionalism and autonomies
- Nationalism and State Building
- Collective identities
- Minorities

Social Policies

- Social policies and redistribution, the relationship between inequality and socio-economic determinants of political attitudes

Double approach

Qualitative assessment

Interviews to key stakeholders
Discussion groups
Case studies



Quantitative assessment

Surveys
Data analysis
Quantity treatment of quality data

Let's be partners

Research & Innovation



HORIZON 2020 The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

[ICT-enabled open government \(INSO-1-2015\)](#)

Opening date: 11-12-2013

Deadline: 28-05-2015

[The young as a driver of social change](#)

Opening date: 11-12-2013

Deadline: 28-05-2015

European Joint Doctorates (EJD): [MSCA-ITN-2015-EJD: Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN \(ITN-EJD\)](#)

European Training Networks (ETN): [MSCA-ITN-2015-ETN: Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN \(ITN-ETN\)](#)

Rights & citizenship



Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020

[Action grants to support national and transnational projects aiming to promote Union citizenship \(JUST/2014/RCIT/AG/CITI\)](#)

Start date: October 2014

Deadline: 04/02/2015

[Joint Justice & Daphne call - National or transnational projects to support victims of violence and crime - JUST/2014/SPOB/AG/VICT](#)

Planned publication date: October 2014

Deadline: 10/02/2015

[Daphne call - Transnational projects linked to children as victims of bullying – JUST/2014/RDAP/AG/BULL](#)

Planned publication date: October 2014

Deadline: 10/03/2015

Education & Training



Erasmus+ EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport

[Civil society projects 2015 - Democratic engagement and civic participation](#)

Deadline: 02/03/2015

[Key Action 1 - Joint Master Degrees](#)

Planned publication date: 04/03/2015

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