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He received his PhD from the University of Granada in 2013, with a thesis on capsule nouns in English oral and written genres, focusing on lexical cohesion and discourse. His research covers persuasion and evaluation in print, trauma narratives, populist discourse and jihadist propaganda. He has participated in seven interdisciplinary projects alongside experts in artificial intelligence, psychology and security, developing tools to detect extremist discourse and disinformation online. In 2023, he joined BIFI, invited by Dr. Pérez-Llantada, in the Digital Science line.



Researcher profile

He is an R3 level researcher according to EURAXESS, specialized in the detection and analysis of opinions and emotions in texts and genres such as interviews, social networks and online propaganda. His work examines processes of persuasion, manipulation, recruitment, trauma and disinformation. He is currently leading a work package in a European project (2022-1-ES01-KA220-HED-000086521) focused on designing didactic materials to combat hate speech and exclusionary discourses in Europe.

Importance of his research

The findings of this research transcend linguistics, providing useful communicative strategies for law enforcement, mental health professionals, and educators. These strategies help to prevent and treat the negative effects of certain communicative processes. Notably, this work includes collaboration with Catalan security forces and social psychologists to detect radicalization processes among members of the cell responsible for the August 2017 attacks in Barcelona.

