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### Research Interests

- Radicalization and Political Violence
- Prevention of Violent Extremism (P/CVE)
- Social Movements
- Qualitative Methodology and Research Ethics

### Research Experience

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2023 - present	<b>Post-doctoral Researcher.</b> <i>Department of Public Law and Political Science</i> , Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Madrid.
2019 - present	<b>Researcher.</b> <i>Program on Violent Radicalization and Global Terrorism</i> . Elcano Royal Institute. Madrid.
2023 (Sept.-Dec.)	<b>Visiting Researcher.</b> <i>Centre on Social Movement Studies (Cosmos)</i> , Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence.
2016 - 2019	<b>Research Assistant.</b> <i>Program on Violent Radicalization and Global Terrorism</i> . Elcano Royal Institute. Madrid.

### Education

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2023	<b>PhD in Political Sciences.</b> <i>International Doctoral School</i> , Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. <i>A Social Network Approach to Jihadist Mobilization: Analyzing Radicalization and Recruitment among Underage Youth in Spain</i> . (Excellent with honors)
2015	<b>MA in Terrorism Studies.</b> Universidad Internacional de La Rioja.
2013	<b>BA in History and Journalism.</b> Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

### Research

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#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES, BOOKS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 Ferando Reinares & Álvaro Vicente. "When Terrorist Disengagement Processes Are Consistent with Previous Violent Radicalization: Two Case Studies". *Journal for Deradicalization*, No. 37 (Winter 2023/24): 105-139.
- 2022 Álvaro Vicente. "Terrorist Participation Despite Social Influences Opposing Violent Extremism: A Qualitative Study among Young Jihadists in Spain", *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 1-25, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2022.2151094>
- 2021 Álvaro Vicente. "Social Ties and Jihadist Participation: A Mixed-Methods Approach to the Differential Recruitment of Radicalized Youth in Spain", *Terrorism and Political Violence* 35, no. 4 (2023): 988-1006, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2021.1989415>
- 2020 Álvaro Vicente. "How Radicalizing Agents Mobilize Minors to Jihadism: A Qualitative Study in Spain", *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* 14, no. 1 (2022): 22-48, <https://doi.org/10.1080/19434472.2020.1800063>

- Carola García-Calvo, Fernando Reinares & Álvaro Vicente. "National Extraction, Geographical Origin and Migratory Ancestry among Jihadists in Spain", *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2020.1792740>
- 2019 Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. *Yihadismo yihadistas en España. Quince Años Despues del 11-M* [Jihadism and Jihadists in Spain. Fifteen Years After the March 11 Attacks] (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano).
- Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "Evidencia Cuantitativa Sobre Entornos y Ámbitos de Radicalización Entre Yihadistas en España", ["Quantitative Evidence on Radicalization Environments and Settings Among Jihadists in Spain"], in Rut Bermejo & Isabel Bazaga (eds.) *Radicalización Violenta En España. Detección, Gestión y Respuesta.* [Violent Radicalization In Spain. Detection, Management and Response] (Valencia: Tirant lo Blanch), pp. 43-55.
- Work in progress.....*
- Álvaro Vicente. "Absentees, Disconnected, and Apostates from Jihad: Understanding Persistence and Disengagement of Radical Activism"
- Álvaro Vicente. "Extremismo". Dictionary entry in Ismael Crespo (ed.) *Diccionario de Polarización Política y Emociones*. Universidad de Murcia.
- ANALYSIS AND POLICY PAPERS**
- 2024 Álvaro Vicente. "[Radicalización yihadista en España: menores, espacios virtuales y la resonancia de conflictos internacionales](#)", ["Jihadist radicalization in Spain: minors, virtual spaces and the resonance of international conflicts."] ARI (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano).
- 2023 Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[La operación "Inundación de al-Aqsa" de Hamás y sus repercusiones en el yihadismo global](#)", ["Hamas's "al-Aqsa Flood" operation and its impact on global jihadism"] ARI 101/2023 (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-7.
- Nadia Moussa & Álvaro Vicente. "Ensuring Continuity Between Detention and Reintegration After Release: A Comprehensive Overview of the Challenges in the Transition Management", RAN Policy Support Paper (Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union), pp. 1-54.
- Álvaro Vicente, Carola García-Calvo & Marta Driessen. "Ensuring the Continuity of Risk Assessment Between Prison and Rehabilitation Programs" RAN Policy Support Discussion Paper (Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2023), pp. 1-5.
- 2022 Félix Arteaga, Carola García-Calvo, Fernando Reinares, Luis Simón & Álvaro Vicente. "[España en el mundo 2023: perspectivas y desafíos en seguridad](#)", ["Spain in the 2023 world: security approaches and challenges"], (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-7.
- Julie Coleman, Marta Driessen, Eva Jiménez, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente, "Risk assessment in prison: Member States experience in its design, implementation & evaluation", RAN PS Consolidated Overview nº14, (Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union).
- Álvaro Vicente, Carola García-Calvo & Marta Driessen. "Training for P/CVE in prisons and multi-agency cooperation: addressing needs for a better response", RAN Policy Support Paper (Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union), pp. 1-20.
- 2021 Félix Arteaga, Carola García-Calvo, Fernando Reinares, Luis Simón & Álvaro Vicente. "[España en el mundo 2022: perspectivas y desafíos en seguridad](#)", ["Spain in the 2022 world: security approaches and challenges"], (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-7.

- Álvaro Vicente. "[Social ties and Jihadist terrorism: what turns violent radicalisation into terrorist involvement?](#)", *ARI 55/2021*, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-12.
- 2020 Álvaro Vicente & Carola García-Calvo. "[Evaluación de proyectos a pequeña escala en materia de prevención de la radicalización violenta: una visión aplicada](#)", ["Evaluation of small-scale projects on the prevention of violent radicalization: an applied view"], *ARI 121/2020*, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-14.
- Álvaro Vicente & Carola García-Calvo. "[A burgeoning field of practice: lessons learned by implementing agents in evaluating small-scale P/CVE interventions](#)", in Carola García-Calvo (ed.) *Preventing violent extremism: Current trends and debates in Europe*, (Madrid: H2020 project MINDb4ACT), pp. 51-61.
- Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[Extremist Offender Management in Spain](#)", in Rajan Basra and Peter R. Neumann (ed.) *Extremist Offender Management in Europe: Country Reports*. (London: ICSR, King's College London), pp. 77-86.
- Álvaro Vicente. "La radicalización de menores en España", ["Minors' radicalization in Spain"], in *Cuadernos del Centro Memorial de Víctimas del Terrorismo* 10, (Vitoria-Gasteiz: Fundación Centro para la Memoria de las Víctimas del Terrorismo), pp. 80-85.
- 2019 Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[From Criminals to Terrorists and Back? Quarterly Report 2019 Spain](#)", (Bratislava: Globsec Policy Institute), pp. 1-7.
- 2018 Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[Yihadismo y Prisiones: un Análisis del Caso Español](#)", ["Jihadism and Prisons: An Analysis of the Spanish Case"], *Revista Elcano* 26, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), 141-160.
- Álvaro Vicente. "[Fórmulas Utilizadas Para la Radicalización y el Reclutamiento Yihadista de Menores en España](#)", ["Formulas Used in the Jihadist Radicalization and Recruitment of Minors in Spain"], *Revista Elcano* 24, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), 76-94.
- Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[From Criminals to Terrorists and Back? Quarterly Report 2018 Spain](#)", (Bratislava: Globsec Policy Institute), pp. 1-7.
- 2017 Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[Dos Factores que Explican la Radicalización Yihadista en España](#)", ["Two Factors That Explain Jihadist Radicalization in Spain"], *Revista Elcano* 21, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), 54-66.
- Fernando Reinares, Carola García-Calvo & Álvaro Vicente. "[Differential Association Explaining Jihadi Radicalization in Spain: A Quantitative Study](#)", *CTC Sentinel*, 10:6 (West Point: Combating Terrorism Center U.S. Military Academy), 29-36.
- 2016 Álvaro Vicente. "[Insurgencia y terrorismo en Pakistán tras la operación Zarb-e-Azb](#)", ["Insurgency and terrorism in Pakistan in the aftermath of Operation Zarb-e-Azb"], *ARI 44/2016* (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), pp. 1-11.
- 2015 Álvaro Vicente. "[Desarrollo actual de la insurgencia talibán y el terrorismo yihadista en Afganistán](#)" ["Current developments in the Taliban insurgency and jihadist terrorism in Afghanistan"], *Comentario Elcano 55/2016* (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano), p. 1-3.

*Work in progress.....*

Julie Coleman & Álvaro Vicente. "Evaluation of Risk Assessment for Violent Extremist Offenders: Assessing the Impact on Rehabilitation and Reintegration" RAN Policy Support Paper. European Commission.

Álvaro Vicente. *Romper con la yihad. Trayectorias hacia el abandono de la violencia*. Real Instituto Elcano.

## Methodological training

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- 2023 **ECPR-COSMOS Summer School on Methods for the Study of Political Participation and Mobilisation.** Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence. 5-15 of June.
- 2021 **Postgraduate Training Course for Specialists in Applied Social Research and Data Analysis.** Center for Sociological Research, Madrid. 300 hours.
- 2021 **Course on Social Network Analysis.** ECPR Virtual Winter School in association with KU Leuven. 10 horas

## Research Projects

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### PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- 2022 - 2023 "Developing a European framework for disengagement and reintegration of extremist offenders and radicalized individuals in prison, including returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families - EUTEX" (HOME/2019/ISFP/PR/RADX/0075). WP leader and researcher.
- 2018 - 2020 "J-SAFE. Judicial Strategy Against all Forms of Violent Extremism in Prison". Proyecto internacional Justice Action Grant (Convocatoria JUST-AG-2016-03), liderado por Agenfor, Padua. Member of the Spanish research team.
- 2017 - 2020 "MINDb4ACT: Mapping, Identifying and Developing skills and opportunities in operating environments to co-create innovative, ethical and effective Actions to tackle radicalization leading to violent extremism". Proyecto de la Unión Europea Horizonte 2020 (Convocatoria H2020-SEC-2016-2017-1), liderado por el Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid. Member of the research team of the lead partner.

## Research Contracts

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### RESEARCH CONTRACTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- 2019 - 2020 "Extremist Offenders Project". International project led by the International Center for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR), London (2019-2020). Member of the Spanish research team.
- 2017 - 2019 "From Criminals to Terrorists and Back?". International PMI research project led by GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava (September 2017 - September 2019). Member of the Spanish research team.

### RESEARCH CONTRACTS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- 2020 - 2023 "Una investigación empírica sobre la movilización yihadista de menores en España" ["An empirical research about the jihadist mobilization of minors in Spain"]. PhD Program in Legal and Social Sciences, International Doctoral School, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid.

## Awards and Fellowships

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2023. "Solveig Nordström Awards" of the Chair of Peace and Justice of the University of Alicante. Accessit for the paper "Terrorist Participation Despite Social Influences Opposing Violent Extremism: A Qualitative Study among Young Jihadists in Spain". (500€)

2022. Early Career Researcher *Best Paper Prize* awarded by the Radicalism and Violence Research Network of the Council for European Studies (CES) at Columbia University for the paper "Terrorist Participation Despite Social Influences Opposing Violent Extremism: A Qualitative Study among Young Jihadists in Spain".

-International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), organized by the U.S. Department of State:

- "U.S.-European Security Issues" (Washington D.C., Denver, Colorado Springs, San Francisco, and Sacramento. March 26 to April 17, 2022). (22.500\$)
- "U.S.-European Security Challenges" (Online. July 12-30, 2021).

## Teaching Experience

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2018 - present	<b>Associate Lecturer.</b> Department of Public Law and Political Science, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Madrid. - <i>International Terrorism</i> (Spanish and English). International Relations Degree. Years: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. - <i>Terrorism and Organized Crime</i> . Criminology Degree. Years: 2017-2018 to 2021-2022.
2019 - 2020	<b>Guest Lecturer.</b> MA in Global and International Studies, Universidad de Salamanca. - <i>Terrorism in the 21st Century</i> .

## Conferences and Talks

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### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"A social network approach to violent extremist mobilisation: a qualitative study of young jihadist sympathizers in Spain." Presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research (Prague, September 2023) and at the 7th European Conference on Social Networks (Ljubljana, September 2023).

"Persisting in violence: how jihadists resist social counter-attitudinal influences". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (Athens, July, 2022).

"Jóvenes y violencia yihadista: un modelo sobre la fortaleza de actitudes radicales violentas" [Youth and jihadist violence: a model on the strength of violent radical attitudes]. Presented at the XIII Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Investigación Criminológica (Online, November 2021).

"Explicar la radicalización yihadista a partir del aprendizaje social". Presented at the Conference of the International Observatory of Terrorism Studies (OIET). (Alicante, October 2019).

### INVITED TALKS

- International Conference of the DG Justice Project R4JUST. Organized: IPS. Lisbon, July 2022.
- Symposium "Procesos de radicalización yihadista en España: Tipología, Prevención y Estrategias. Análisis de la situación en Melilla". ["Processes of jihadist radicalization in Spain: typologies, prevention and strategies. Analysis of the situation in Melilla"]. Organizer: Fundación Profesor Manuel Broseta. Melilla, October 2019.
- Discussion panel: DG Justice Project JP-COOPS. Judicial and Police Cooperation Preventing Radicalisation towards Terrorism. Organizer: Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Madrid, September 2019.
- 1st Congress of the Observatorio Internacional de Estudios sobre Terrorismo. Alicante, September 2019.
- Discussion panel: European Internal Security Funds Project "Armour". Organizer: Fundación Euroárabe. Granada, June 2019.
- Final Conference of the European Commission Horizon 2020 Project "Takedown". Organizer: SYNIO. Valencia, June 2019.
- Seminar "The Crime-Terror Nexus across Europe". Organizers: Elcano Royal Institute and the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR). Madrid, April 2019.
- International Seminar: "Radicalisation and Violent Extremism: Maps, Contexts and Responses". Organizers: Fundación Euroárabe and Universidad de Granada. Granada, April 2019.

- 6th Elcano Forum on Global Terrorism: "Radicalization, terrorism and prisons". Organizer: Elcano Royal Institute. Madrid, November 2018.
- Final Conference of the Project "PRALE - Preventing juvenile radicalisation: Promoting the use of alternatives to detention through judicial training". Organizer: International Juvenile Justice Observatory. Madrid, June 2018.
- Ciclo "Amenazas geoestratégicas, convivencia y sociedad civil en el siglo XXI" ["Geostrategic risks, convivence and civil society in the 21st Century"]. Organizer: Fundación Profesor Manuel Broseta and Fundación Bancaria. Valencia, November 2017.
- Jornada "El nuevo escenario del terrorismo en España: radicalización, comunicación y el papel de las víctimas" ["The new scenario of terrorism in Spain: radicalization, communication and the role of victims"]. Organizer: COVITE. Deusto Business School. Madrid, November 2017.

#### TEACHING IN COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

- Máster en Evaluación e Intervención con adolescentes en conflicto. [Master's Degree in Assessment and Intervention with Adolescents in Conflict] Organizer: Centro Universitario Cardenal Herrero. Alcalá de Henares, October 2022.
- Summer Course of Universidad Complutense: "El yihadismo global en transición" [Global Jihadism in Transition] Organizer: Fundación de Víctimas del Terrorismo y Centro Memorial de las Víctimas del Terrorismo. Madrid, July 2020.
- Course: "Estrategias contra la Radicalización Violenta para profesionales de la intervención social" ["Strategies against Violent Radicalization for social intervention professionals"]. Organizer: Asociación Hispanomarroquí para la integración de inmigrantes. Málaga, November 2019.
- Summer Course of Universidad Complutense. "Cómo prevenir la radicalización yihadista: prácticas exitosas, dilemas e incertidumbres" ["How to prevent jihadist radicalization: best practices, dilemmas and uncertainties"]. Summer School, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Organizer: Fundación de Víctimas del Terrorismo y Centro Memorial de las Víctimas del Terrorismo. Madrid, July 2019.
- Workshop "Capacity building for children raised in extremist families". Organizer: Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). Ámsterdam, November 2018.

#### Professional Service

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##### PEER-REVIEWER

Reviewer for: *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism* (United Kingdom); *Revista Internacional de Sociología* (Spain); *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* (United Kingdom).

##### MEMBER OF EVALUATION COMMITTEES

- MA thesis committee: Máster en Perfiles Forenses de Peligrosidad Criminal (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos). October 2020.

##### COMMUNICATION

Podcast "Conversaciones Elcano" 2023. (Elcano Royal Institute, Spanish [-link-](#)).

#### Other Merits

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##### LANGUAGES

Spanish (native); Catalan (native); English (fluent).

##### DATA SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Quantitative analysis: SPSS
- Qualitative analysis: NVivo

#### Professional Affiliations and Memberships

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- Council for European Studies (CES). Research Networks Radicalism and Violence, and Social Movements.
- Asociación Española de Ciencia Política y de la Administración [Spanish Association of Political Science and Administration] (AECPA).