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UNIVERSITY DEGREES

- **PhD** in Political Science and Public Administration. University of the Basque Country. July 2011. Mark: outstanding CUM LAUDE.
- **Master** Degree for Advanced Studies: Specialist Advanced Studies in Political Science and Public Administration. University of the Basque Country, November 2002.
- **Master** on Teacher Training Course - Pedagogical Aptitude Course. University of the Basque Country, June 2000.
- **B. A.** in Political Science and Public Administration. University of the Basque Country, June 1999.

WORK EXPERIENCE OUT OF UNIVERSITY

- Justice Administration in the Basque Country. Courthouse of Vitoria-Gasteiz, the first instance. December 2001 – February 2003.
- Full-time Adviser of the Basque Government's Minister of Housing and Social Affairs. April 2006 – September 2006. He voluntarily left the position to go to the University as a lecturer.

POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY

- 2000 (December) – 2001 (December) Teachers/Lecturers assistant in the Laboratory of Social Research Techniques. University of the Basque Country, departments of Sociology I, Sociology II and Political Science and Public Administration. **Assistant.**

- 2003 (February) – 2006 (March): The University of the Basque Country (UPV – EHU), Department of Political Science and Public Administration. **Researcher.**
- 17/09/2006 – 31/05/2017 full-time lecturer of The University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Department of Political Science and Public Administration.
- **01/06/2017 – Present full-time professor of The University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Department of Political Science and Public Administration.**

The main subjects taught in Political Science degree: Comparative Politics (at the present); Spanish and Basque Political System (at the present); Electoral Studies; Political Parties; Research methods and techniques; Empirical Political Analysis.

The main subjects taught in Master on Human Rights; Master in Participation & Community Development; Master & Doctoral Studies in Governance & Political Science; Master & Doctoral Studies in Basque Nationalism degree: Patterns of Democracy; Democratic Innovation; Participatory Budget; Ethnic and National Conflicts; Comparative nationalism; Power-sharing, Federalism and Secessions.

- 2011 – Present: Member of academic committee of the Doctoral (PhD) Programme in Political Sciences. UPV-EHU.
- 2011/2012, 2015/17, 2016/17: Director of Master in Participation and Community Development.
- 2007 – 2012: Academic secretary of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.
- 2013 – 2016: members of academic committee of the Postgraduate Course International Election Observation and Electoral Assistance (in English).
- 2015/2016: Director of the Postgraduate Course International Election Observation and Electoral Assistance (in English).
- **09/02/2017 – present: Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.**

VISITING PROFESSOR

- 11-04-2016 – 10-05-2016 Visiting professor and researcher at Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia). He won the BACKIS erasmus scholarship.
- 19-10-2015 – 23-10-2015 Visiting professor as a teaching staff under Erasmus + agreement at Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Kaunas (Lithuania).
- 17-02-20015 / 17-03-2015 Visiting professor and researcher at Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Kaunas (Lithuania). He taught

the course "Party organization and party politics" (6 ECTS) in the Master Contemporary European Politics.

- 01-02-2014 / 30-06-2014: visiting professor and researcher at Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Kaunas (Lithuania).

PRIZES

1st Prize for Research on Political and Territorial Decentralization, awarded by Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation for Parliamentary and Autonomous Rights Studies, 2012:

Modelos de democracia en las Comunidades Autónomas españolas (Patterns of Democracy in the Spanish Autonomous Communities)

3rd Prize for Short Essays Social Sciences 'Fermín Caballero', award by Association of Sociology of Castilla La Mancha (Spain), 2002:

Identidad nacional y postmaterialismo en la Comunidad Autónoma Vasca: El nacionalismo lingüístico como modelo en expansión para el siglo XXI (National Identity and postmaterialism in the Basque Country: The linguistic nationalism as a model for expanding the XXI century)

2nd Prize for Great travelers Literary Contest, award by City Council of Aramaio, 2001:

Gaueko ekspresoak (Night express trains)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 1) Blas, A. (2012): *Patterns of Democracy in the Spanish Autonomous Communities*. Zaragoza: Fundación Manuel Giménez (In Spanish).
- 2) Blas, A. (2009): *Techniques and methodology for the analysis of Political Science and Public Administration*. Bilbao: Udako Euskal Unibertsitatea (In Basque).
- 3) Blas, A. and Martínez, Z. (2009): *Political Power and Participation*. Bilbao: Eusko Jauriaritza (In Spanish and Basque).
- 4) Ajangiz, R. and Blas, A. (2008): *Map of citizen participation experiences in the Basque municipalities*. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco (In Spanish).
- 5) Blas, A. (2005): *The Walls of Yesterday and Today*. Bilbao: Txalaparta (In Basque).
- 6) Letamendia, F., Etxebarria, N., Urrutia, M., Blas, A., Gorroño, S., Ahedo, I. (2002): *Policy Networks in the Basque Autonomous Community and Iparralde*. Donostia: Erein (In Spanish).
- 7) M. Donaldson, R. Gomà, R. González, S. Martí, A. Montardit, Ll. Peláez, M. Truño, Asier Blas, P. Ibarra, M.J. Montesernin (2002): "Critical networks in Catalonia and the Basque Country: International solidarity and anti-racism" en *Finestra Oberta* 24, Barcelona: Fundació Jaume Bofill (In Catalan language).

- 8) M. Donaldson, R. Gomà, R. González, S. Martí, A. Montardit, Ll. Peláez, M. Truño, Asier Blas, P. Ibarra, M.J. Montesernin (2002): "Critical networks in Catalonia and Euskadi: antimilitarism and squatting", en *Finestra Oberta* 25, Barcelona: Fundació Jaume Bofill (In Catalan language).

Book chapters

- 1) Blas, A. (2017): "Hitzaurrea: Burujabetza eta demokrazia XXI. mendean", Menasse, Robert, *Europar mezularia*. Iruñea: Katakarak liburuak.
- 2) Blas, Asier (2016): "Identity, Territoriality and Basque Secessionism: The Issue of Navarre", Ibarra Güell, Pedro and Kolàs, Àshild (eds), *Basque Nationhood: Towards a Democratic Scenario*. Oxford, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, New York, Wien: Peter Lang. Pp. 121-150.
- 3) Blas, Asier (2015a): "The Spanish state's response to ethno-cultural diversity in Spain", in Martinova, M., Peterson, D., Ignatiev, R. and Madariaga, N. (eds), *Peoples, Identities and Regions: Spain, Russia and the Challenges of the Multi-Ethnic State*. Moscow: Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, pp. 43-65.
- 4) Blas, A. (2015b): "Europa: barne- eta kanpo-inperialismoaren artean", in Vázquez Puente, Unai, *Munduari so. Zenbait gatazka eta prozesuren gakoak ulertzeko XXI. mendeko inperialismoaren analisisa*. Bilbo: Udako Euskal Unibertsitatea, 33-55.
- 5) Blas, Asier y Zubiaga, Mario (2015c): "Patriotismo, Democracia y Justicia Social", en Engelken, M., Bergantiños, N. y Cortina, *Contextos y perspectivas de la democracia: ensayos en honor a Pedro Ibarra Güell*. Pamplona: Pamiela, pp. 183-208.
- 6) Blas, A. (2012): "The Basque State as an effective management tool: diversity, democracy and Social Justice", in Mario Zubiaga (coor.), *Towards a Basque State: Nation-building and institutions*. Bilbao: Ipar Hegoa Fundazioa – UEU, p. 73-93 (in English).
- 7) Blas, A. (2012): "Electoral and party systems in the Spanish Autonomous Communities: between bipartisanship and a multiparty system", in Concepción, Luis Enrique, Soto Humberto y Gómez Castellanos, Rodolfo, *Partidos políticos y elecciones*, México: Editorial Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, p. 77-126 (in Spanish).
- 8) Blas, A. (2012): "The Basque state, the right tool for the management: plurality, democracy and social justice", in Mario Zubiaga (coor.), *Euskal Estatuari bidea zabaltzean: herrigintza eta erakundeak*. Bilbo: Iparhegoa Fundazioa-UEU, p. 89-110 (in Basque).
- 9) Blas, A. (2012): "The reactivation of citizen participation: articulating new networks of political relationship", in Mascareño, C. and Montecinos, E. (eds.): *Democracia participativa vs. representación: tensiones en América Latina*. Santiago de Chile: Centro de Estudios Regionales CEDER Universidad de Los Lagos, p. 103-122 (In Spanish).
- 10) Blas, A. (2011): "Political Parties and the Party System in Hegoalde", in Pedro Ibarra and Xabier Irujo (eds.), *Basque Political System*. Reno (USA): Center for Basque Studies – University of Nevada, p. 145-166 (In English).
- 11) Blas, A., Gorostidi, I. and Martínez, J. (2011): "A brief reflection on the gender dimension", in Bergantiños, N., Ibarra, P. and Martínez, J. (eds.), *Participación, cultura política y sostenibilidad*. Barcelona: Hacer, p. 199-210 (In Spanish).

- 12) Blas, A. (2009): "Electoral evolution and party system in the Basque Country", Eusko Ikaskuntza / Sociedad de Estudios Vascos, *Auñamendi Eusko Entziklopedia* (two versions: in Basque and Spanish).
- 13) Blas, A. (2009): "Electoral Systems in the Basque Country", Eusko Ikaskuntza / Sociedad de Estudios Vascos, *Auñamendi Eusko Entziklopedia* (two versions: in Basque and Spanish).
- 14) Blas, A. (2009): "Local public policies and Citizen Participation in Hernani: Participatory budget", Martínez, Z. and Blas, A., *Poder político y participación. Demokrazia: ogi gogorari hagin zorrotza. Construyendo Ciudadanía 12*. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco, p. 213-235 (In Basque).
- 15) Blas, A. and Ajangiz, R. (2008): "Ideas and Concepts on citizen participation", Ajangiz and Blas, *Mapa de experiencias de participación ciudadana en los municipios del País Vasco*. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco, p. 9-31 (In Spanish).
- 16) Ajangiz, R. and Blas, A. (2008): "Analysis of citizen participation in the municipalities of the Basque Country", Ajangiz and Blas, *Mapa de experiencias de participación ciudadana en los municipios del País Vasco*. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco, p. 33-74 (In Spanish).
- 17) Blas, A. (2007): "The challenge of participatory decentralization at the local level. An approach to the problems and dilemmas", Ahedo, I. and Ibarra, P., *Democracia participativa y desarrollo humano*. Madrid: IISJ / Editorial Dykinson, p. 253-282 (In Spanish).
- 18) Gomà, González, Martí, Peláez, Truñó, Ibarra, Monteserín and Blas (2003): "Participation, Public Policies, and Democracy (International Solidarity and Anti-Militarism in the Basque Country and Catalonia)", Ibarra, P., *Social movements and Democracy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 169-194 (In Spanish).
- 19) Pelaez, L. and Blas, A. (2002): "La insumisión y otros antimilitarismos", Ibarra, P., Goma, R., Martí, S., *La democracia radical. Movimientos sociales y redes políticas en Euskadi y Cataluña*. Barcelona: Icaria, p. 113-144 (In Spanish).
- 20) González, R., Pelaez, L. and Blas, A. (2002): "Occupy, Resist and Generating autonomy", Ibarra, P., Goma, R., Martí, S., *La democracia radical. Movimientos sociales y redes políticas en Euskadi y Cataluña*. Barcelona: Icaria, p. 187-220 (In Spanish).
- 21) González, Martí, Peláez, Truñó, Gomà, Ibarra, Monteserín and Asier Blas (2001): "Participation, public policy and democracy. International and Antimilitarism Solidarity in Catalonia and the Basque Country", Maíz, R., *Europa Mundi. Construcción d Europa, democracia y globalización. Volumen I*. Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, p. 387-408 (In Spanish).
- 22) Arbelaitz, Ajangiz, Barcena, Blas, Borja, Ibarra, Lejona, Larrinaga, Marcos, Moreno, Cortina, Ormazabal, Riveras, Rodríguez, Telleria (2008): "Mechanisms and experiences of citizen participation in the municipalities of the Basque Country", Ajangiz and Asier Blas, *Mapa de experiencias de participación ciudadana en los municipios del País Vasco*. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco, p. 75-222 (In Spanish).

Academic Articles

- 1) Blas, A. (2018a): "Power-sharing coalitions in the Basque Country (1987–1998): centripetal coalitions vs. consociational coalitions", *Nations and Nationalism* 24 (4): 998-1022.

- 2) Guarneros-Meza, V., Tellería, I., Blas, A. y Pill, M. (2018b): "The Jewel in the Crown: Co-optive Capacity and Participation During Austerity in Cardiff and San Sebastián-Donostia", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 42 (6): 1096-1113.
- 3) Blas, A. (2015): "Sezesionismoa eta erabakitze eskubidearen prezioa: Desanexioaren paradigma merkatze saiakera gisa", *Revista internacional de estudios vascos Cuad.*, 11: 256-283.
- 4) Blas, A. (2013): "Catalonian Secessionism Made in Spain", in *Ethnopolitics: Formerly Global Review of Ethnopolitics*, 12:4, 398-401 (In English).
- 5) Blas, A. (2009) (with Iñaki Barcena, Jone Martínez, Epifanio Zurimendi, Izaro Gorostidi, Josu Larrinaga, Antxon Gallego, Arkaitz San Jose, Mario Zubiaga, Imanol Telleria): "Sustainability, environmental conflicts and participatory democracy", *Revista de la Cátedra Unesco sobre Desarrollo Sostenible de la UPV/EHU* 3: 75-85 (In Basque).
- 6) Blas, A. and Blas, I. (2007): "The latent confrontation. The uncertain future of the Korean Peninsula", *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals* 78: 197-216 (In Spanish).
- 7) Blas, A. and Ibarra, P. (2006): "Participation: State of the Art", *Working Paper Hegoa* 39: 1-42 (In Spanish).
- 8) Blas, A. (2005): "Participatory democracy: new objective?", *Uztaro* 53: 119-129 (In Basque).
- 9) Blas, A. (2002b): "Left, Nationalism and postmaterialism: Analysis of the issues of conflict in the Basque society through political culture indicators", *Inguruak* 33: 179-195 (In Spanish).
- 10) Blas, A. (2002a): "National identity and postmaterialism in the Basque Autonomous Community: linguistic nationalism as growing model for the XXI century", *Barataria Revista Castellano-manchega de Ciencias Sociales Separata* núm. 6, s/paginar (In Spanish).

Other publications

- 1) Ajangiz, R., Blas, A. and Suso, A. (2013): [*Los nudos de la participación. Bilbao: Gobierno Vasco – Innobasque.*](#)
- 2) Blas, A., Suso, A. and Barrenetxea, M. (2013): *Partaidetzazko aurrekonturako gida.* Donostia: Gipuzkoako Foru Aldundia.

Conference papers

Papers in Congresses, Conferences and Research Meetings

2015c: "The Crossroads of Basque nationalism: Identity, Citizenship and Territoriality", III Annual CCCS Conference "Identity and Culture", Skopje (Macedonia, 3-5 September, 2015).

2015b: "Europa: Guda hotzetik glaziazio berrira", Summer Course *Munduari so: XXI. mendeko imperialismoaren hausnarketa prozesu ezberdinen gakoei erreparatuz*, Basque Summer University (UEU), June 13, 2015.

2015a: "Between territorial and communal identities: the impact of different types of institutionalization in the Basque identity", Workshop on A Multidisciplinary Approach to Processes of Sovereignty Construction: The Basque Case. Organized by International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Oñati, May 2015.

2014: "Identity, Territoriality and Basque Secessionist Project: The Issue of Navarre.", Workshop on Basque Nationhood in a Globalizing World, organized by Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and collaboration of International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP) and University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, May, 2014.

2013d: "Sezesio prozesuak europar: euskal kasua ikuspegi konparatiboan", Summer Course From The Right To Decide To Secession: New States In Europe, University of the Basque Country, Donostia-San Sebastián, June, 2013.

2013c: "Euskal kasuaren abantailak eta desabantailak balizko sezesio prozesu baten aurrean XXI. mende hasieran", 2nd International Conference Research on Nationalism: From Nation To State In The 21th Century. University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, June, 2013.

2013b: "Búsqueda y construcción de referentes contradictorios en los Balcanes: del Estado a la nación en el quinto aniversario de la proclamación de la secesión kosovar en GARA", 2nd International Conference Research on Nationalism: From Nation To State In The 21th Century. University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, June, 2013.

2013a: "Divided Society, Power-Sharing And Democracy: An Exit Way For The Basque Country", ASN (Association for the Study of Nationalities) 18th Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 18-20 April, 2013.

2011b: "La respuesta del Estado de las autonomías a la diversidad étnico-cultural española" / "Ответ государства автономий на этнокультурное разнообразие Испании", International Conference: Peoples, Regions and Unity State: Spain and Russia, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (Russia), 28-30 September, 2011.

2011a: "Plurilingual Reality in the Spanish State: Beyond the Castilian", Spanish Cultural Week, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas (Lithuania), 11-13 May, 2011.

2009b: "Presupuestos participativos, un viaje de Latinoamérica a Europa", 21st IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Santiago de Chile, 12-16 July, 2009.

2009a: "Modelos de democracia en Europa Central y Oriental. Una aproximación al espacio postsoviético", Research Seminar Master in Political Science, University of Salamanca, March, 2009.

2008b: "Changes in policies for the protection of minorities in the European Union after the last enlargements", 4th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Riga (Latvia), September, 2008.

2008a: "Los procesos de secesión en Europa tras la caída del muro de Berlín: modelos diversos, desarrollos diferentes e impactos desiguales en las luchas de emancipación nacional vigentes", 1st Conference on Critical Political Analysis, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, November, 2008.

2007: "Los inmigrantes como sujetos de las políticas públicas para obtener una mejor gobernabilidad. El caso de las Comunidad Autónoma de Euskadi", VIII Spanish Congress of Political Science and Public Administration (AECPA), University of Valencia, september, 2007.

2006b: "La gobernabilidad en la gestión del pluralismo. Análisis y exposición de las experiencias de presupuestos participativos. Ejemplos de buenas prácticas en Euskadi", Conference on Participatory Democracy, Mancomunitat Intermunicipal de l'Horta Sud, Torrent (Valencia), september, 2006.

2006a (with Rafael Ajangiz): "EAEko partaidetzarako esperientzia-mapa", Conference on Citizen Participation, Donostia-San Sebastián City Council and Eudel (Association of Basque Municipalities), may, 2006.

2004 (with Iker Blas): "Acercamiento al desarrollo de los factores internos y externos del conflicto intercoreano tras el fin de la Guerra Fría", VI Congress of Sociology and Political Science (AVSP), Bilbao, february, 2004.

2003: "Cambios y perspectivas en la relevancia electoral de los partidos nacionalistas vascos en la Comunidad Autónoma de Euskadi", VI Spanish Congress of Political Science and Public Administration (AECPA), University of Barcelona, september, 2003.

2001 (with Saioa Gorroño): "Gobierno multinivel, Ejes de Conflicto y Legitimación en la Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco a través de las pautas de cultura política", V Spanish Congress of Political Science and Public Administration (AECPA), University of la Laguna (Tenerife), september, 2001.

2000 (with P. Ibarra, M. J. Monteserin, R. Gonzalez, S. Martí, Ll. Peláez, M. Truño y R. Gomà): "Participación, políticas públicas y democracia. Solidaridad Internacional y Antimilitarismo", Simposium Europa Mundi, University of Compostela, march, 2000.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (Native) / Basque (Native) / Catalanian (Fluent) / English (Fluent)
- Others: Italian (Fair), French (Fair), Latvian (Beginner)

RESEARCH

Research lines

- **Comparative Politics:** Patterns of Democracy; Power-Sharing; Comparative Government.
- **Ethnic and National Conflicts:** State Responses to Ethnic and National Diversity; Consociationalism/Power-sharing; Asymmetrical federalism; Federalism; Integrationism; Secessionism; Minority Rights; Nationalisms Without State.
- **Spanish and Basque Politics:** Conflict; Nationalism; Territoriality; Political Parties; Elections; Governments; Divided Society.
- **Democratic Innovation:** Electoral Studies; Citizen Participation; Participatory Democracy; Direct Democracy; Decentralization.

Research projects

- **Shared projects:** "The Basque Case: conflict, peace and democracy" Agirre Center, Columbia University, George Washington University and University of the Basque Country (2013-2016); "Imagined Sovereignties: Frontiers of Statehood and Globalization", Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO) and collaboration of the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP) and University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU).
- **Competitive projects:** since 2003 is member of the research group PARTE HARTUZ, which won many competitive projects of the universities, Spanish government, Basque government and local governments.
- **Individual + competitive:** he won among other in these institutions: Basque Institute of Public Administrations, UEU University, University of the Basque Country, local governments.
- **Research and Consulting contracts:** Basque government, local governments, political communication firms and social research firms.