

# CRISTINA CONESA PLA

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## EDUCATION

**London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** — *PhD in Political Science*  
2023–2026

- Thesis: **Contested Paradigms: Indigenous Resurgence and Political Alternatives in Ecuador**
- Supervisor: Prof. **Leigh K. Jenco**; Advisor: Dr. **Harry Walker**
- Fieldwork: **Ecuador** (Apr. - Jun. 2025)

**University of Michigan** — *Academic Visiting Scholar*  
2025–2026

- Host: Dr. **David M. Temin**

**London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** — *MRes in Political Science*  
2022–2023

**Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) & University College London (UCL)** — *MA in Intellectual History & History of Political Thought*  
2020–2021

**King's College London (KCL)** — *BSc (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)*  
2017–2020

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indigenous politics; comparative political theory; decolonial and postcolonial studies; Latin America; statecraft.

## WORKING PAPERS

- **The Double Bind of Difference: Indigenous Resurgence Between Alterity and Co-optation** — under review.

- **The Conservative Disposition of Collective Rights: Reclaiming Cultural Control in Ecuador** — working paper.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

- **APSA Advancing Research Grant for Indigenous Politics**, 2024–2025.
- **Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for Fieldwork**, 2024–2025.
- **Best Teacher Award (LSE)**, 2023–2024.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### London School of Economics and Political Science

- **IR130: War, Power, and Morality**, 2024–2025.  
Convenors: Dr. Omar McDoom; Dr. Carl Muller-Crepon.
- **GV100: Introduction to Political Theory (Canon)**, 2024–2025.  
Convenor: Prof. Paul Kelly.
- **Global Political Thought**, 2023–2024.  
Convenor: Prof. Leigh K. Jenco.

### King's College London

- **4SSPP115: Introduction to Political Theory (Contemporary)**, 2024–2025.  
Convenor: Dr. Mollie Gerver.

Teaching evaluations available upon request.

## DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- **Organizer**, LSE Graduate Political Theory Conference, 2024–2026.
- **Organizer**, LSE Government Research Café Series, 2023–2024.
- **Organizer**, Ideas Incubator for Graduate Students, 2023–2024.

## LANGUAGES

- **Spanish:** Fluent
- **English:** Fluent
- **French:** DELF B2

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.