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SUMMARY

I work on my dissertation under the title of 'The Political Epistemology of the Internet: From Knowledge to Epistemic Agency' with Jesús Navarro and Fernando Broncano-Berrocal as my advisors. I argue that the discussion on the political epistemology of the Internet has been focalized on knowledge, whereas I propose a framework to focus on how digital affordances and other design choices shape our epistemic agency (sometimes expanding it, sometimes eroding it).

Note: for administrative purposes I still use my current legal name (Daniel Gutiérrez Fernández).

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native) | English (advanced) | Russian (advanced) | German (intermediate-advanced) | French (basic)

SCHOLARSHIPS



Sep 2024 – Aug 2025

Fulbright scholarship — Predoctoral research. Funds: \$51,500

- Theoretical objective: I will develop a central distinction in my thesis between informational and agential challenges of the Internet.
- Practical objective: I seek to familiarize myself with the interdisciplinary research and teaching conducted at Northeastern, with the aim of establishing similar collaborative networks between engineering and philosophy in Spain.

PUBLICATIONS

'Am I still young at 20?' Online Bubbles for Epistemic Activism

With Lola M. Vizuete. Forthcoming, *Topoi* (Q1) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-024-10093-0>

The Functions of Memes in Political Discourse.

With Glenn Anderau. Forthcoming, *Topoi* (Q1) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-024-10112-0>

RESEARCH VISITS

TOTAL: 24 MONTHS

Sep 2024 — Aug 2025	<i>Northeastern University</i> (Boston, USA). Hosted by Prof. John Basl Funded by a Fulbright scholarship (see above)
Feb 2024 – May 2024	<i>University of Glasgow</i> . Hosted by Prof. Adam Carter
Jan 2023 – May 2023	<i>Northeastern University</i> (Boston, USA). Hosted by Prof. Don Fallis
Feb 2022 – Jun 2022	<i>Northwestern University</i> (Evanston, IL, USA). Hosted by Prof. Sanford Goldberg

EDUCATION

Oct 2020 - present	PhD program in Philosophy. FPI fellow. <i>University of Seville</i>
Sep 2020	M.A. on Logics and Philosophy of Science, <i>University of Granada</i> (Inter-university program)
Jun 2019	B.A. on Philosophy, <i>University of Seville</i>

WORK IN PROGRESS

'Pastel QAnon' and vaccination regret. How some conspiracy theories exploit and produce epistemic injustice.

With Lola M. Vizuete.

Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

With Jesús Navarro

COURSES TAUGHT (AT UNIVERSITY OF SEVILLE)

17 ECTS IN TOTAL

Fall 2021, 2022, 2023	Contemporary philosophy, Technoscience and Society
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full responsibilities in programming, teaching, and grading half the course (3 ECTS out of 6).• I designed a syllabus to teach a state-of-the-art array of problems on the philosophy of the Internet.• Course structured around a written assignment and work-in-progress presentation. Supervision and correction of numerous essays of senior students.
Fall 2021, 2022, 2023	Basic Sociological Processes
Fall 2022	Philosophy for children

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Finalist. Three Minutes Thesis 3MT® at University of Sevilla, Fifth edition.

Finalist. VI Premio Catarata de Ensayo. Manuscript: *Alienación digital. La lucha entre la comunidad y las redes sociales.* (Digital alienation. The struggle between community and social networks). [[link](#)]

TALKS

Jan 31st 2025. Informational and Agential Challenges of the Internet.

— *Ethics Institute Speaker Series.* Northeastern University, United States.

Jan 29th 2025. Trust and the Agential Challenges of the Internet

— *Digital Society and Trust workshop.* University of Massachusetts Boston, United States.

Nov 12th 2024. Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

— *Department of Philosophy and Religion-Faculty Research Blitz.* Northeastern University, United States.

Aug 4th 2024. Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

— *World Congress Philosophy Rome 2024.* Italy.

Jul 16th 2024. (With Jesús Navarro). Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

— *X Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science.* University of Oviedo, Spain.

Jun 5th 2024. Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

— *IfilNOVA Macquarie Workshop on Flourishing Minds.* NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal.

Mar 28th 2024. (With Lola M. Vizuete). Are filter bubbles good too? Hermeneutical justice online.

— *'Epistemic Injustice and AI' Workshop.* Universidad de Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Mar 16th 2024. (With Glenn Anderau). The Function of Memes in Political Discourse

— *Philosophy of Memes Conference.* University of Bucharest, Romania.

Jan 19th 2024. (With Jesús Navarro) Informational and Agential Epistemic Challenges of the Internet.

— *Agency and Knowledge in the Digital World workshop.* University of Seville, Spain.

Nov 7th 2023. ¿Quién venció a Kasparov? Agencia artificial y responsabilidad. (Who beat Kasparov? Artificial agency and responsibility).

— *International Congress (in Spanish). Digital platforms and speech control within the framework of the Digital Service Act.* Department of Law. University of Seville, Spain.

- Oct 17th 2023. Are we taking credit for ChatGPT's epistemic achievements?
—*COGITO Glasgow-Seville Summer School on the Epistemology of Ernest Sosa*. University of Seville, Spain.
- June 22nd 2023. (With Lola M. Vizuete). Epistemic bubbles for hermeneutical justice: the case of CF memes.
—*A Social Epistemology of Social Media*. TU Berlin. Germany.
- June 2nd 2023. (With Lola M. Vizuete). 'Pastel QAnon', vaccination regret and epistemic reparation. How some conspiracy theories exploit and produce epistemic injustice.
— *2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory*. VU Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- May 18th 2023. From Knowledge to Epistemic Agency in The Political Epistemology of the Internet.
— *Inaugural Conference of the Technology Ethics eXchange of the NorthEast*. Harvard University, United States.
- Apr 23rd 2023. Comments on 'Eloquent Silence: Vogel and Borgmann on Speech and Practice' by Joseph Aloï and Charles Hayes.
—*Digital Worlds workshop*. University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States.
- Apr 2nd 2023. Comments on 'Privacy in a Virtual World' de Kay Mathiesen (Northeastern University).
—*Ethics and Epistemology of Virtual Reality conference*. Northeastern University, United States.
- Mar 24th 2023. Resisting injustice, boosting epistemic agency. When do epistemic bubbles have a good side?
—*Ethics Institute Speaker Series*. Northeastern University, United States.
- Aug 12th 2022. Comments for two chapters of 'Who Should We Be Online? A Social Epistemology for the Internet.' (OUP), by Karen Frost-Arnold.
—*A Social Epistemology for the Internet Book Symposium*. University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Mar 9th 2022. (With Lola M. Vizuete) They aren't victims. Conspiracy theorists exploit and produce epistemic injustices.
—*The social and political dimensions of epistemic risk*. University of Seville, Spain.
- Feb 6th 2022. Let's talk about Conspiranoia - Leaving behind the demarcation debate.
—*The 1st International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory*. Pitzer college, United States.
- Nov 19th 2021. (With Lola M. Vizuete) Teorías de la conspiración: explotación, producción y tergiversación de injusticias epistémicas. (Conspiracy theories: exploitation, production and distorting of epistemic injustices).
—*X Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*. University of Salamanca, Spain.
- Nov 3rd 2021. (With Lola M. Vizuete) Resistance strategies. The (possible) bright side of online epistemic bubbles.
—*Epistemology of the Internet online Workshop*. African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS). University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- March 1st 2025. Panel: *Pioneering the concept*. Contribution: *Philosophy of the Internet: Informational and Agential challenges*.
—*Fulbright Association. Spain Interest Group*.
- July 17th 2024. Panel: *Celsius y academia. Imaginarios de ida y vuelta*. (Celsius and Academia. Imagenieries back and forth).
—*Celsius 232 - Fantasy, Horror, and Science-Fiction Festival*. Cátedra de Cine de Avilés, University of Oviedo, Spain.
- November 27th, December 4th, 2023 (final). '¿Quién toma nuestras decisiones *online*?' (Who is making our online choices?)
—*Three Minutes Thesis 3MT® Contest, Fifth Edition*. University of Seville, Spain.

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Jan 9th 2025 American Philosophy Association	121st meeting of the APA Eastern Division (New York City) Chair for the Social Epistemology II colloquium.
Nov 23rd 2024 Northeastern University	Ethics Bowl (Northeast Regional Phase) Jury
Feb 20th — 21st 2024 University of Seville.	Epistemic and Practical Normativity Local committee.
Jan 19th 2024 University of Seville.	Agency and Knowledge in the Digital World. Main organizer
Jan 17th 2024 University Carlos III of Madrid	Talk by Karen Frost-Arnold: «Pay attention to this! Epistemic Responsibility & Social Media Algorithms». Organizer, chair.
Jan 16th 2024 University Carlos III of Madrid	Symposium for <i>Daimon's</i> special issue «Diversidad y deliberación en entornos digitales». Organizing committee.
Oct 20th -22nd 2022 University of Seville.	Scientific Knowledge and its Public Understanding: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Chaired the talks on the 22nd.
Jun 23rd-24th 2022 University of Seville.	The social and political dimensions of epistemic risk. Second edition. Organizing committee.
Sep 2021- Jan 2023 University of Seville.	Social Epistemology Seminar Coordinator
Mar 9th — 10th 2022 University of Seville.	The social and political dimensions of epistemic risk. Organizing committee.
Feb 24th – 25th 2020 University of Seville.	Luck, Risk and Competence: Epistemology and Beyond. Local committee.

PEER REVIEW

Episteme (Q1), *Social Epistemology* (Q1), *Synthese* (Q1), *Topoi* (Q1), *Daimon* (Q2)

MEMBERSHIP IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Moral disagreements on the digital sphere. Interactive dynamics, micro-mechanisms and cultural markers – DIGI_morals. 01/09/2022 – 31/3/2024	Multidisciplinary Project. PI: Antonio Gaitán Torres (University Carlos III of Madrid).
METAPRODES (Meta-attitudes, deep disagreement and moral progress). PID2021-124152NB-I00 01/01/2022-31/12/2025.	PI: Antonio Gaitán Torres (University Carlos III of Madrid).
NANORIN (The Nature and Normativity of Inquiry). PID2021-123938NB-I00 01/01/2022-31/12/2025.	PI: Michele Palmira. (Complutense University of Madrid). Javier González de Prado (UNED)
New Perspectives on Epistemic Risk. 01/01/2019- 01/01/2023.	PIs: Jesús Navarro (University of Sevilla); Fernando Broncano-Berrocal (Universidad de Barcelona).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association — *Member*

Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (Spanish Society of Analytical Philosophy) — *Member*

Sociedad de Lógica, Metodología y Filosofía de la Ciencia en España (Spanish Society of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science) — *Member*

AFFILIATION TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Fulbright Association — *Member* (Massachusetts chapter)

Asociación de exbecarios William J. Fulbright — *Member*

Fulbright Network Spain — *Member*

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

TOTAL: \$51,500, €3000

Fulbright Enrichment Seminar: 'The Future of Space Exploration'
Houston, Texas, United States.
February 20 - 23rd, 2025.

Fulbright Program

Fulbright Predoctoral Research Scholarship
Northeastern University, Boston, United States.
Academic year 2024-2025.

Fulbright Commission Spain
12 months – \$51,500

Travel allowance for the 47th Fulbright Conference
Washington D.C.
October 25-26th, 2024.

William J. Fulbright Alumni Association
€300

Grant from VII Plan Propio para Estancias de Investigación en el Extranjero
Glasgow University, Glasgow, United Kingdom
Academic year 2023-2024

University of Seville
90 days - €2700