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Associate Professor in the Department of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University (UCM). She holds a PhD in Law from the UCM and a BA in Political Science from the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED). She holds a Master's degree in Constitutional Law and Political Science from the Center for Political and Constitutional Studies (Ministry of Presidency).

She has been a fellow of the Congress of Deputies.

She is Deputy Director of the Department of Constitutional Law at the UCM and a member of the Board of the Faculty of Law. She has served as President of the Electoral Board of the Faculty of Law.

Her main lines of research are electoral systems, political representation, and parliamentary law. She has had two six-year research grants recognized by the CNEAI (2008-2015 and 2016-2021).

She was the PR on a contract with the Royal Board on Disability to examine the reform of the electoral law that abolishes the disenfranchisement of persons with disabilities and its impact. This report received an Honorable Mention in the awards granted by the Global Network for Electoral Justice. She has participated in seven research projects on fundamental rights, electronic voting in political parties, democratic quality and the rule of law, cybersecurity in electoral processes, and Artificial Intelligence.

Her main scientific contributions include:

In electoral studies. She has published three monographs, thirteen articles in various journals, some of them of the highest scientific quality, and eight chapters in relevant collective works, referring to electoral systems in Spain and abroad, voting equality, judicial review of electoral laws, and the voting rights of persons with disabilities. These have made innovative contributions to electoral studies in Spain and have been cited by other experts. She has participated in numerous conferences and academic meetings as an invited speaker, which have served to publicize her publications or promote them.

In parliamentary law, she has published six articles on Senators appointed by regional

governments. These works offer a current, systematized, and updated overview of regional senators, which fills a significant gap and represents original research. They also focus on the Constitutional Court's doctrine on this matter. She has also conducted research on parliamentary debate and government oversight, the results of which have been published in a collective work of outstanding quality. He has a monograph, four articles, and three book chapters dedicated to constitutional justice, and more specifically to the appeal for parliamentary protection.

She recently began working on social media and information disruptions during election periods and on the use of AI in the electoral process. He has participated as a speaker at three conferences and published two book chapters.

She has carried out several transfer activities from the University to society and is a regular contributor to the media. She has also participated in the production of audiovisual media for teaching, in collaboration with the UNED.

She supervises three doctoral thesis and co-directs another four, all of them focused on electoral and parliamentary law

She is on the Board of 'Escrutinio', an electoral news bulletin, within the Electoral Observatory of the Institute of Parliamentary Law. She has been an evaluator of research projects for the National Science Center of Poland.

Previous international Visiting Professor experience

1. International Chair at Luiss University during 2019/2020 Academic Year, within the Department of Law, hosting seminars and carry out teaching activity (7-22 November, 2019).

2. Erasmus STA Teaching Staff Programme

- Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS) 'Guido Carli', Roma, From 16/04/2018 to 18/04/2018
- Università degli Studi di Genova, Genova, From 21/11/2016 to 25/11/2016
- Università degli Studi di Bologna 'Alma Mater Studiorum', From 20/04/2015 to 24/04/2015
- Libera Università "Maria Ss. Assunta", Roma. From 7/04/2014 to 11/04/2014

3. Latin American Complutense School, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina), from 18/02/2013 to 1/03/2013.

Leadership or participation in research groups

Principal Researcher.

(March 2019-December 2019). 'Suffrage rights and disability. Analysis and impact of the reform of article 3.1 of the Organic Law on the General Electoral System.

Funding Entity: Royal Board on Disability.

Duration: March 2019-December 2019.

Research projects.

- (2023-2026) ‘Institutional and regulatory safeguards. Authorities. Electoral and digital supervision authorities in the face of interference, hostile narratives, segmented advertising and polarisation Ministry of Science and Innovation PID2022-13245OB-I00 IP: Rafel Rubio Núñez and Loreto Corredoira.
- (2022-2025) Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law through Artificial Intelligence. Ministry of Science and Innovation PID2021-122677NB-I00. PI: Rafael Bustos Gisbert and Javier García Roca.
- (2020-23). ‘Constitutional design and democratic quality (DICOCADÉ), sub-project: ‘Political control and accountability in the constitutional state with special reference to Parliament in the multilevel context (CORE)’, Ministry of Science and Innovation (PID2019-104414GB-C31) Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation for Parliamentary Studies and the Autonomous State, PI: José Tudela Aranda..
- (2022-23) ‘Cybersecurity in electoral processes. Guarantees in the face of disinformation and other information disruptions on platforms’. (Ministry of Science and Innovation, Next Generation Funds,) TED2021-130876B-I00, IP. Rafael Rubio and José M^a Coello de Portugal.

Awards and recognitions for research

- Two six-year research grants recognized by the CNEAI (2008-2015 and 2016-2021).
- Honorable Mention in the awards granted by the Global Network for Electoral Justice (category access to Electoral Justice) for the report about the reform of the electoral law that abolishes the disenfranchisement of persons with disabilities and its impact. (October, 2022)

Publications (Selection)

BOOKS

- GARROTE, M., The Spanish Electoral System. Memory, Balance, and Change, Madrid, Marcial Pons, 2020.
- GARROTE, M. PÉREZ-MONEO, M., PANO PUEY, E., Spanish Electoral Law, Porto, Juruá, 2019.
- GARROTE, M., VILA, B., Constitutional Jurisdiction and the Procedure for the Defense of Rights, Dykinson, 2015.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- GARROTE, M., AI in the Electoral Period: Three Proposals Based on Electoral Integrity, in BUSTOS, R. (Coord.), Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law through AI, San Sebastián, 2024.
- GARROTE, M., Non-attached councillors: moderate origins, exaggerated development, and considerable legal uncertainty , FERNANDEZ ESQUER, C., (Dir), Political transfugism: legal responses and their constitutional fit, Tirant lo Blanch, 2024, pp. 371-410.
- GARROTE, M., The Challenges of Democracy and the Rule of Law: The Anti-Liberal Offensive, Populist Discourse, and Information Disorder in the Digital Ecosystem,

MORENO GONZÁLEZ, G. (Coord.) *The Rule of Law in the 21st Century*, Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 201-228, 2024

- GARROTE, M., *Parliamentary Debate and Government Oversight*, in TUDELA, J., KÖLLING, M., (Eds.) *Democratic Quality and Parliament*, Madrid, Marcial Pons, 2022-11-43.

- GARROTE, M., *The Voting Right of Disabled Persons in Europe: New Standards for the European Court of Human Rights?*, in FDEZ RIVEIRA, R; SÁNCHEZ NAVARRO, A. (Eds.) *Reflections for a Quality Democracy in a Technological Age*, Cizur Menor, Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, 2021.

- GARROTE, M., *The Exercise of the Representative Mandate. New Challenges in Contemporary Democracies*, in RIOS VEGA, L. E.; SPIGNO, I., (Eds.) *Political Representation in the Digital Age*, Naples, Editoriale Scientifica, 2020, pp. 83-116.

- GARROTE, M., *Representation and the Electoral System. An Assessment*, in SEIJAS VILLADANGOS, E. (Ed.), *Parliament and Parliamentarism. Origin and Challenges*. 15th Congress of the Association of Constitutionnalists of Spain, Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 2018, pp. 107-136.

- GARROTE, M., *The Electoral Amparo Appeal*, in VILLANUEVA TURNES, A. (Coord.), *The Spanish Constitutional Court. An Updated View of the Supreme Interpreter of the Constitution*, Madrid, Tebar Flores, 2018, pp. 157-176.

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- GARROTE, M., *The scope of the speaker's powers. Recent issues*, *General Review of Constitutional Law*, 42, 2025, pp. 50-103.

- GARROTE, M., *The Rise of the Parliamentary Amparo Appeal. Account and Reflections on Constitutional Jurisprudence in the Last Decade*, *Constitutional Theory and Reality*, 53, 2024, 557-593.

- GARROTE, M., *The Case of the Captive Senator. The Appointment of Autonomous Senators and STC 56/2022*, *Spanish Journal of Constitutional Law*, 128, 2023, 269-297.

- GARROTE, M., *The Rules of the Democratic Game Under Examination: The Constitutional Review of Electoral Law*, *Journal of the Cortes Generales*, 116, 2023, 171-209.

- GARROTE, M., *Low-Magnitude and Proportionality Constituencies in Europe. A Selective Overview*, in *Constitutional Theory and Reality*, 45, 2020, 451-478.

- GARROTE, M., *Different but Equal?; The Mandate of Autonomous-Appointed Senators and STC 123/2017*, in *Spanish Journal of Constitutional Law*, No. 117, 2019, 275-310.

- GARROTE, M., *The Constitutional Review of the Electoral System of the Cortes of Castilla-La Mancha in Relation to STC 197/2014 and 15/2015*, in *Asamblea: Parliamentary Review of the Assembly of Madrid*, 32, 2015, 279-302.

- GARROTE, M., *The Reform of the British Electoral System. Regarding the referendum of May 5, 2011*. *Constitutional Theory and Reality*, 28, 2011, 521-539.

- GARROTE, M., *The elections of March 9, 2008, and voting equality*, in *InDret, Journal for the Analysis of Law*, No. 2, 2008.