

Cristina Blanco Sío-López, EU 'Marie Curie' Fellow at Pitt, selected as Member of the Spanish Young Academy

An independent international committee has selected 13 young scholars from among 185 candidates

Dr. Cristina Blanco Sío-López, currently European Union 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie' Senior Global Fellow at the [European Studies Center \(ESC\)](#) of the University of Pittsburgh and [PI of the research project](#) 'Navigating Schengen: Historical Challenges and Potentialities of the EU's Free Movement of Persons, 1985-2015' ([NAVSCHEN](#)) was selected as Member of the Spanish Young Academy, representing the field of History.

An independent international committee made up of renowned scholars from different areas has participated in the selection process. The latter distinguished only 7% of the applicants by virtue of a truly competitive process due to the candidates' excellent professional track record.

Dr. Blanco Sío-López previously worked as an Assistant Professor in European Culture and Politics at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands) and as '[Santander Senior Fellow](#)' in European Studies at the European Studies Center – St. Antony's College of the University of Oxford, where she remains a Senior Member. She obtained her PhD at the [EUI](#) in Florence, for which she received the FAEY Best PhD Thesis 'European Research and Mobility' Award. She is also a Member of the [Global Young Academy](#) (GYA).

The average age of the thirteen new academics is 39 years old, 6 of them being women. Their profiles cover different fields including History, Computer sciences, Chemistry, Biology, Materials sciences, Veterinary sciences, Bioengineering and Psychology. Among them, there are recipients of prestigious EU grant programs, such as the Marie Skłodowska-Curie and the European Research Council grants. In total, the thirteen new members of the Spanish Young Academy are the authors of more than 1,000 scientific articles.

Dr. Blanco Sío-López's research focuses on European Integration History —with an accent on enlargement policy temporalities and the Schengen area fundamental rights— Global Governance, Comparative Regional Integration and Digital Humanities. She coordinated and participated in numerous international research projects, conferences and peer-reviewed publications in Europe, Asia, and the Americas, in line with the Academy's commitment to transnational cooperation.

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