

# Ana DÍAZ VIDAL

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## ABOUT ME

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I work and learn best when I find myself at the crossroads of disciplines, and I am the most comfortable in the context of systems thinking. With ecology at the core of my actions, I am interested in political economy, policy analysis, and in theorising economy and environment relations, with a focus on post-growth, degrowth, sufficiency and Buen Vivir.

## WORK EXPERIENCE




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- **OECD**  February 2025 – July 2025  
Paris, France  
*Policy Analyst*
  - Used machine learning and web scraping to analyse UNFCCC policy documents (such as NDCs and BTRs).
  - Researched and drafted case studies on climate finance and innovative policy solutions.
  - Reviewed OECD papers on climate policy in the framework of the UNFCCC.
  - Supported the organisation of the March 2025 Global Forum on the Environment and Climate Change.
- **REN21**  November 2022 - January 2025  
Paris, France  
*Research Lead*
  - Authoring key pieces in REN21 reports, such as the Oil and Gas finance section in the 2023 Renewables Global Status Report and the Renewable Energy for Industry module in the 2024 edition.
  - Developing data management, extraction and analysis methodologies using Python and AI.
  - Developing a taxonomy and data structure for REN21's policy database.
  - Designing and identifying new indicators to track energy transition progress.
  - Producing REN21 knowledge products, including facilitating collaboration between authors and contributors, designing and implementing peer reviews, and conducting critical review of text, figures, tables and report content.
  - Conducting over 30 expert interviews with policymakers, industry, and NGO leaders and transforming the outputs into a conference programme with over 20 sessions, reflecting the main dilemmas of energy transitions for the 2024 Australian International Renewable Energy Conference (AUSIREC).
  - Supporting the design of the 3-year institutional strategy
- **University of Edinburgh**  June 2022 - August 2022  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
*Research Assistant*
  - Working in an interdisciplinary team of archaeologists, historians, ecologists, economists, and architects to assess the multiple values of building a traditional turf hut.
  - Developing a research methodology to explore the cultural, social, and environmental value of the hutting project.
  - Engaged in ethnography and interview research, survey design and analysis.
- **Sustrans**  June 2021 - August 2021  
Remote  
*Data Analysis and Reporting Intern*
  - Designing and implementing a framework to analyse and review active travel projects pre- and post-Covid 19 pandemic working with excel advanced functions with a first-hand insight into environmental policymaking, community project funding and stakeholder management.
  - Identifying and testing key variables influencing active travel project success including population size, rural vs urban areas and funding awarded.
- **Buchanan Institute**  2020 - 2021  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
*Policy Analyst*
  - Researching the role of the UK in the the EU Emissions Trading Scheme after Brexit and exploring potential alternatives through interviews and content analysis.



## EDUCATION



- **Sciences Po Paris (PSIA)** August 2022 - May 2025  
Paris, France  
*Masters in Environmental Policy (Global Economy and Methods)*
  - Grade: Cum Laude
  - Thesis: Summarising is Power: Exploring the IPCC claims to neutrality through discourse analysis (supervised by Yamina Saheb, awarded a 19/20)
  - Relevant Coursework: Theory and Politics of Degrowth (FR, with Agnes Sinaï and Luc Semal), Designing Wellbeing Policies (with Eloi Laurent), Reality of Environmental Economics: Challenges and Perspectives
- **University of Edinburgh** September 2018 - June 2022  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
*Sustainable Development MA*
  - Grade: First Class Honours (72.63%)
  - Thesis: Debt-for-Nature Swaps in Ecuador: killing two birds with one stone or a wolf in sheep's clothing? A case study of the interaction between a Western development tool and a place-based worldview (Using Buen Vivir as theoretical framework)
- **Ecological and Feminist Macroeconomics Summer School** July 2021  
*Universitat de Barcelona*
  - Completed the online summer school on Ecological and Feminist Macroeconomics
- **IES Pere Boil** July 2018  
Manises, Spain  
*International Baccalaureate*
  - Grade: 42/45

## PROJECTS

- **Collectif Spirales: Sciences Po Degrowth Group** 2022-2023  
*Co-founder*
  - Initiated a student-led group to bring Degrowth to the Sciences Po Campus
  - Organised a conference with Timothée Parrique to bring degrowth ideas to the Sciences Po community
  - Organised and facilitated a workshop at *L'Academie du Climat* focusing on imagining alternative post-growth pathways, using creative writing and asking "What if" questions
- **Degrowth book reviews: A Twitter project** 2021-2024  
*Author* 
  - Read, summarised and discussed books related to degrowth for the Twitter community
  - Books include: "Marx in the Anthropocene" by Kohei Saito, "The invisible Doctrine" by George Monbiot, "The future is Degrowth" by Matthias Schmelzer, Aaron Vansintjan and Andrea Vetter
- **Association de la Fondation Étudiante pour la Ville (AFEV)** 2022 - 2023  
*Volunteer - Priority Neighbourhoods* 
  - Provided mentoring for a teenager from a priority neighbourhood.
  - Provided homework and teaching support for maths, Spanish and geography for a group of high school students in the south of Paris.
- **La Casa en Llamas Podcast** 2021-2022  
*Founder and co-host* 
  - Developed and co-hosted a podcast on the environmental crisis in Spanish
  - Worked on content development with an emphasis on radical solutions and post-capitalism

## POSITIONS OF TRUST

- **Board Member** September 2024 - Present  
*Sciences Po Energy Review* 
  - Identifying the framing for the second issue of the review, framing the call for submissions, managing the submission process and critically reviewing the pieces.
  - Collaborating with senior advisors for issue framing and identification of contributors
  - Skills developed or applied during this experience
- **Board Member** 2022 - Present  
*Green Economics Institute* 
  - Peer reviewer of the Green Economics Journal
  - Contribute to strategic framing and activities of the institute, especially focusing on feminism, climate and energy in the context of the UNFCCC process.
  - Skills developed or applied during this experience

- **Peer Learning and Support Coordinator** 2019 - 2022  
University of Edinburgh   
◦ Coordinating the School of Social and Political Sciences' Peer Learning and Support Schemes with over 100 volunteers.  
◦ Bringing innovative projects to the community: podcast production, collaboration between subject areas, support of session design, and team building.
- **Rent Manager** 2021 - 2022  
Edinburgh Student Housing Co-operative   
◦ Focused on increasing rent collection in a student run cooperative housing project with over 100 members.  
◦ Used accounting software (Quickbooks) and managed rent reductions, rent delays and other anomalies combining quantitative and person-focused skills.

## PUBLICATIONS AND KEY RESEARCH PRODUCTS




B=BLOG, J=JOURNAL, R=REPORT

- [J.2] Díaz-Vidal, A. (2024). **It's not only about gigawatts: A comment on the COP28 renewable energy target's conceptual issues**. In *Sciences Po Energy Review*, pp. 42-46. European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition. 2024, Paris.
- [R.1] Díaz-Vidal, A. et al. (2024). **Renewables in Energy Demand. Renewables 2024 Global Status Report**.
- [B.1] Díaz-Vidal, A.; Freudenberg, C.; Darmon, I. (2022). **The unequal university will never be 'sustainable'**. In *Undisciplined Environments [Blog]*, February 2022.
- [J.1] Díaz-Vidal, A. (2022). **Cloudy Days for Solar Energy: A Study of the Spanish Solar Photovoltaic Feed-in Tariff through the Multi-level Perspective and Socio-technical Transition Pathways**. *Intersect: The Stanford Journal of Science, Technology, and Society*, Vol. 16, Issue 1.




## SKILLS AND METHODS

- **Programming Languages:** Advanced: Python; Intermediate: R, Stata, SSPS
- **Data Science and Machine Learning:** Libraries: Pandas, PlotLy, SpaCy, Beautiful Soup, Methods: Natural Language Processing, Supervised and unsupervised machine learning, sentiment analysis, topic modeling,
- **Qualitative methods:** Interviews, Surveys, Discourse Analysis, Literature Review, Ethnography
- **Quantitative methods:** Linear and multiple regressions, Logit models

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Edinburgh Award: Society and Volunteering groups; Professional Development and Employed on campus** 2022  
University of Edinburgh   
◦ Received three awards recognising my extra-academic work in volunteering with the Sustainable Development Association, professional development through Peer Assisted Learning and my internship work at the Institute for Academic Development.
- **Feminist Climate Ambassador** 2021  
Green European Foundation   
◦ Selected to join a group of European activists in developing advocacy skills and reflecting on the links between climate and feminism.  
◦ Part of the official delegation for COP26: furthering a feminist climate policy agenda and running a workshop entitled "What would feminist climate policy look like?"
- **Mención de Honor - Bachillerato** 2018  
Ministerio de Educación y Formación Profesional   
◦ Recognised by the Spanish Government for an extraordinary academic performance in Spanish Baccalaureate

## CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **Presentation** 2025  
18th Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics and 11th International Degrowth Conference   
◦ *The narratives of neutrality: The making of the IPCC Summary for Policymakers*
- **Report Launches and Presentations** 2024  
REN21   
◦ September 2024 - Presentation of the Renewables for Economic and Social Value Creation module of the Renewables 2024 Global Status Report on X Space  
◦ May 2024 - Presentation of the Renewables for Industry module of the Renewables 2024 Global Status Report for over 100 people
- **IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Ecología Política** November 2022  
Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar   
◦ Delivered a session on Buen Vivir entitled "To what extent are Debt for Nature Swaps compatible with the Buen Vivir concept in Ecuador?"

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native), Catalan (Native), English (C2), French (B2+)