

CURRICULUM VITAE (CVA)

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Part A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

CV date

21/05/2026

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A.1. Current position

Position	Full Professor		
Initial date	February 2012		
Institution	Universidad de Zaragoza		
Department/Center	Departamento de Ciencias de la Antigüedad	Facultad de Filosofía y Letras	
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Key words	Democracy, classical Athens, political ideas, stásis		

A.2. Previous positions

Period	Position/Institution/Country
1988 - 2012	Professor / CUH and Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Zaragoza / Spain
1982 - 1988	Associate Professor / (CUH) Universidad de Zaragoza / Spain
1980 - 1982	FPI Research fellow / Universidad de Zaragoza / Spain

A.3. Education

PhD, Licensed, Graduate	University/Country	Year
PhD in History	Universidad de Zaragoza / Spain	1983
Degree in History and Geography	Universidad de Zaragoza / Spain	1978

Part B. CV SUMMARY

My main research is focused on Greek thought and political activity in the Classical period. My most relevant works have dealt with Athenian society, democracy and ideological conflicts that took place in this city during Classical times (5th and 4th centuries BC). Concurrently and narrowly linked to this topic, ancient historians are a remarkable way to approach the intellectual development of that age. Moreover, the study of the repercussion of Classical democracy in the modern world has allowed me to better understand the political reality in these centuries. I have carried out ten Research Projects as IP (Main Researcher), funded by the consecutive Ministries of Education, Innovation, or Science and Technology; all of them are connected. Thanks to these projects and their resulting publications, my work has progressed from the study of the very basic aspects that sustain the development of democracy as a political system (freedom, equality, and law), to the interpretation of political and social conflicts of two well defined and crucial phases in the history of Athenian democracy. I refer to the last decades of 5th century and the end of the Peloponnesian War, on the one hand, and to the epoch of Demosthenes, on the other hand. Linked to the stásis in the end of 5th century, I have accomplished an in-depth analysis of some historiographic myths, as for instance the existence of a political project between oligarchy and democracy, which has offered me the possibility of drawing a more realistic image of the conflict, as well as to

understand the works of Thucydides and Pseudo Xenophon in a more renewed and accurate way. Political controversy and civil war in Athens, closely connected to the development of the general concept of war, leave a swarm of citizens out. Regarding the final phase of democracy, I have examined the language in political discourses of Demosthenes and its effort at recovering democratic values, and I have pointed out the depths between the reality of political life and the high participation ideals that were fixed by rhetorical statements. The Macedonian triumph was partly due to the military and economic superiority of this northern kingdom; nevertheless, the reason of the failure of Demosthenes is not really the treason of philomacedonians, but primarily to the disrepute of Athens among all the Greeks, as well as to the exhaustion of citizens towards imperialistic and warlike politics. In the field of thought, my contribution has focused on the works of Thucydides as a theorist of the concept of power, Plato as a critic of democracy, and Aristotle as the pioneer of sociology. I have been recognized for seven “sexenios” (six-year periods) of research, the latest being 2017-2022.

Part C. RELEVANT MERITS

C.1. Publications

1. **Article.** La historia del imperio ateniense como argumento retórico en Isócrates”, *Gerión* 43.2, 2025, *Gerión* 43(2), 2025: 497-508. <https://dx.doi.org/10.5209/geri.101773>
2. **Article.** Jenofonte, *Póroi*: ¿una propuesta de economía política?”, *Araucaria. Revista Iberoamericana de Filosofía, Política, Humanidades y Relaciones Internacionales*, año 26, nº 57. Tercer cuatrimestre de 2024. pp. 287-304. ISSN 1575-6823 e-ISSN 2340-2199 <https://dx.doi.org/10.12795/araucaria.2024.i57.X>
3. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “La crisis de la noción de legalidad y la defensa de ley por Sócrates”, *Isegoría. Revista de filosofía moral y política*, 69 (21), 2023, 2-11, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3989/isegoria.2023.69.21>.
4. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “Ejército, asamblea y polis: cuando las asambleas se reúnen fuera del marco urbano”, *Dialogues d'Histoire Ancienne (DHA) Supplément 27 (S27)*, *Les lieux du savoir dans l'Athènes démocratique*, monographic volume coordinated by García Quintela, M. V.; Helmer, E.; Macé, A.; and Villacèque, N., 2023, 125-146, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3917/dha.hs27.0125>.
5. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “Aristóteles y la posibilidad de una *mése politeía*”, in *Araucaria* 49, *Politeia in Aristotle's Political Theory and Historical Research*, monographic volumen coordinated by Poddighe, E. and Pezzoli, F., 2022, 351-372, DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.12795/araucaria.2022.i49.17>.
6. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “La democracia y el Areópago en la segunda mitad del s. IV a.C.: del *Areopagítico* de Isócrates al caso de Hárpalos”, *Erga-Logoi*, 9, 2021, 59-91, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7358/erga-2021-001-s>.
7. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “¿Es la *demokratía* semejante a la democracia? Lecturas contemporáneas de la democracia ateniense”, *Logos* 51, *Recepciones de la democracia antigua*, monographic volume coordinated by Moreno Pestaña, J. L., 2018, 15-33, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5209/ASEM.61641>.
8. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “Sociología de la *stásis*: I. El *dêmos* y los oligarcas en 411 a.C.”, *Athenaeum* 104-1, 2016, 5-30. “II. El soporte social de los Treinta y el del *dêmos* en 404/3 a.C.”, *Athenaeum* 104-2, 2016, 373-396.
9. **Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “*Kerdos*, *philia* and *mesoi*: Aristotle and the ways of preventing *stasis*”, *Incidenza dell'Antico* 14, 2016, 143-174.
10. **Edited book:** Sancho Rocher, L. & García Sánchez, M., eds., *Democracia, ley e instituciones (Antiguas y Modernas)*, Madrid, Guillermo Escolar ed., 2024

C.2. Conferences

1. **Invited conference:** “La *pátrios politeía*. El recuerdo de la mejor democracia”, Conferencia PUCV, 13 de abril de 2026.
2. **Invited conference.** Oral communication, “Comunismo, *oikos* y mujeres en Aristófanes y Platón”, Ponencia en el II Simposio Internacional de estudios griegos, Jorge González Förster: *Democracia, Filodemocracia y Antidemocracia en los testimonios históricos de la Antigüedad*, PUCV, 14-15 de abril de 2026.
3. **Invited conference.** Oral communication: “El origen de la sociedad política en los antiguos griegos y el contrato social de los modernos: ecos y disonancias”, in the conference *La*

democracia griega y sus intérpretes en la tradición occidental, Sevilla 26-28/10/2022 [published in Tecnos, Madrid 2023].

4. Invited conference. Oral communication: “El discurso deliberativo y su potencial instructivo”, in the International Conference *La transmisión del conocimiento en la Atenas democrática*, 9-12/02/2022, Logos programme (SEEC-BBVA) [published in Guillermo Escolar, Madrid 2023]

5. Invited conference. Oral communication: “Después de Platea: la pugna por el relato de la victoria sobre Jerjes”, in the Symposium of the Spanish Society for Classical Studies (SEEC) “Literatura e Historia en el mundo Clásico”, Madrid, 26-27/11/2021 [published in Guillermo Escolar, Madrid 2022]

6. Invited conference. Oral communication: “La política democrática de los subsidios”, in the conference *Pobreza en el mundo antiguo*, Zaragoza 9-10/09/2021 [published in Instrumenta, Barcelona 2022].

7. Invited conference. Oral communication: “L’édition du Pseudo-Xénophon par l’Institut de Estudios Políticos. La Constitution des Athéniens traduite durant l’époque franquiste (Madrid 1951)”, in the conference *Les aventures d’un panphlet antidémocratique : transmission et réception de la Constitution des Athéniens du Pseudo-Xénophon*, organised by D. Lenfant and L. Quatrocelli, Université de Strasbourg 15-16/11/2018 [published in ed. de Bocdard, Paris 2020].

8. Invited conference. Oral communication: “Tucídides y la democracia”, in I Jornadas “Clásicos del pensamiento”, organised by A. Hermosa, Sevilla, 9-10/09/2017 [published in Sevilla 2019].

9. Invited conference. Oral communication: “Autoctonía ateniense y pureza de sangre”, in *IX Coloquio de Historia Antigua de la Universidad de Zaragoza, Xenofobia y racismo en el mundo antiguo*, 14-15/09/2017 [published in Instrumenta, Barcelona 2019].

10. Invited conference. Oral communication: “La revolución imposible en Pseudo-Jenofonte”, in the conference *Athenaion Politeiai tra storia, politica e sociologia: Aristotele e Pseudo-Senofonte*, organised by T. Gargiulo, E. Poddighe, C. Bearzot and M. Canevaro, 10-12/05/2017, Università degli Studi di Cagliari.

C.3. Research projects

(must indicate their personal contribution, and lines of research for which they have been responsible)

1. Project as PI / Main Researcher. ‘Futuro pasado’: memoria, historia y utopía en la cultura política de la Grecia del s. IV a.C. (PID2023-146729NB-I00). 2024-2027. Funding agency: MICINN (PLAN NACIONAL I+D).

2. Project as PI / Main Researcher. *La democracia antigua en el discurso y en la construcción de la república moderna* (PID2020-112558GB-I00), 1/09/2021-30/09/2023. Funding agency: MICINN (PLAN NACIONAL I+D).

PhD dissertations defended within the frame of this project: Ignacio Álvarez, *El santuario de Termo y el origen del estado etolio* (17/02/2023), co-supervised by F. Marco Simón.

3. Project as PI / Main Researcher. *Inventar el pasado / construir la historia: usos y apropiaciones antiguos y modernos del pasado de los griegos* (HAR2015-63549-P), 2016-30/09/2019. Funding agency: MICINN (PLAN NACIONAL I+D). PhD dissertations defended within the frame of this project: Jorge Antón Bendicho, *Los dorios. La construcción de la identidad de un ethnos griego* (25/01/2019); Irene Cisneros Abellán, *El trabajo de las mujeres en la Atenas de los siglos V y IV a.C.* (15/02/2019).

4. Project as member of the research team. *Antigüedad y modernidad: la doble existencia histórica del sistema político democrático* (US-1380257), 01/01/2021-31/12/2022. PIs: Fornis Vaquero, C. and Hermosa Andújar, A. (Universidad de Sevilla). Funding agency: Junta de Andalucía, Universidad de Sevilla.

5. Project as member of the research team. *Los lugares del saber en la Atenas democrática* (Logos Programme G999088Q), 2020-2021. Funding agency: BBVA Foundation and Spanish Society for Classical Studies (SEEC). PI: García Quintela, M. V. (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela).

C.4. Transfer merits

1. Book. *El nacimiento de la democracia. El experimento político ateniense (508-322 a.C.)*, Barcelona – Madrid – México 2021.

- 2. Edited book.** Sancho Rocher, L.; Echeverría, F.; Domínguez Monedero, A.; Fornis, C. and Pascual, J. (eds.), *La Gran Guerra de Jerjes*, col. Instrumenta, Barcelona 2022.
- 3. Article.** Sancho Rocher, L. “La primera piedra del Imperio ateniense. ¿De *symmachía* a *arché*?”.
- 4. Article.** Sancho Rocher, L. “La Acrópolis en llamas. Entre la caída de Termópilas y el incendio de Atenas”, *Desperta Ferro* 74, november-december 2022.
- 5. Article.** Sancho Rocher, L. “La democracia ateniense en época de Pericles”, *Desperta Ferro* 44, august-september 2022.
- 6. Article.** Sancho Rocher, L., “Georges Grote (1794-1871)”, in Duplá, A.; Núñez, Ch. and Raimond, G. (eds.), *Pasión por la Historia Antigua*, Pamplona 2021 (ed. Urgoiti), 31-50.
- 7. Conference:** L. Sancho Rocher, “El Discurso Fúnebre de Pericles. Un elogio de Atenas y de su sistema político”, Madrid. Conferencia Fundación Juan March, 10 de marzo de 2026.
- 8. Oral communication.** “Entre la aniquilación y la *homónoia*: dos formas de poner fin al conflicto en Grecia clásica”, in the UNED summer course *Cum pax parva esset. Paz, pacifismo y diplomacia en el mundo antiguo*, organised by Andreu, J., 26-28/09/2023, Pamplona.
- 9. Oral communication.** “Ser ciudadano en una *demokratía*: análisis del concepto de ciudadanía en el libro III de la *Política* de Aristóteles”, in the seminar *Ciudadanía en el mundo clásico*, 14-15/09/2023, USC, organised by López Barja de Quiroga, P. and González García, J.
- 10. Oral communication.** “La democracia antigua en el espejo de la democracia moderna: ideario y práctica”, within the frame of the course *Escuela del mundo clásico* (1st edition), coordinated by López Fonseca, A., 02/08/2023, UIMP, Palacio de la Magdalena, Santander.