

## A philologist joins ICS to conduct research on freedom of expression at the university level

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Alberto de Lucas, investigador de 'Discurso público'

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Alberto de Lucas, who holds his undergraduate degree in Hispanic philology and earned a doctorate in linguistics, joins the [Institute for Culture and Society](#) (ICS) at the University of Navarra to conduct research on freedom of expression in the university setting. He joins the [Public Discourse project](#), where he also completed his doctoral thesis.

As he explains, he will focus on **analyzing discourse that occurs in public space** (media, social networks, etc.) concerning key cases in which the limits of the freedom of expression have been put into question.

"With this, I hope to verify, starting from frequently used arguments, how this freedom is conceived socially in the world of higher education and the extent to which political correction limits in practice the exercise of this freedom," he notes.

Alberto de Lucas holds a degree in Hispanic philology from the [University of Murcia](#) and completed a Master's Degree in Spanish and English as Foreign Languages, specializing in Spanish, at the University of Navarra. He then earned his PhD from Navarra in Linguistics. He also has ten years of experience as a high school teacher.

### Polyphonic argumentation strategies in the press

In recent years, his research has focused on **polyphonic argumentation strategies** in the press, the subject of his thesis, on which he has also published.

De Lucas notes that he was eager to join ICS again because "it fosters and values rigorous and serious research in humanities, as well as multidisciplinary perspectives."

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