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## CURRENT POSITION

**University of Cologne**, Cologne, Germany  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
September 2019–

## PAST POSITIONS

**University of Barcelona**, Barcelona, Spain  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Institutions and Political Economy Research Group  
April 2017–August 2019

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
Visiting Researcher  
January 2017–March 2017

**University of Nottingham**, Nottingham, UK  
Visiting Fellow, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre of Economic and Political Research  
September 2016–June 2017

## EDUCATION

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY  
Ph.D., Political Science, May 2017  
M.A., Political Science, March 2014

**Queens' College, University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK  
M.Phil., Political Thought & Intellectual History, July 2010

**Keble College, University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK  
B.A. (Hons), History, June 2009

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Basu, Chitrlekha. 2020. "Bridging Spatial and Saliency Theory: Party Size and Issue Selection in Campaigns." *Political Science Research & Methods* 8(3): 444-458.

## WORKING PAPERS

- [4] "The Revelation Incentive for Issue Engagement in Campaigns," with Matthew Knowles.
- [3] "The News Media and Voter Responses to the Financial Crisis in Britain."
- [2] "Democratizing from Within: British Elites and the Expansion of the Franchise," with Carles Boix, Sonia Giurumescu and Paulo Serôdio.  
– Awarded the 2019 James B. Christoph prize for best conference paper presented by a junior faculty member in the British Politics Group.
- [1] "Preference Endogeneity and the Problem of Electoral Representation."

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- [5] “Female Employment and the Gender Voting Gap,” with Christopher P. Donnelly.
- [4] “Realignment on the Left: From Liberalism to Socialism,” with Carles Boix, Jordi Muñoz and Sonia Giurumescu.
- [3] “World War One and the Rise of the US Civil Rights Movement,” with Costanza Biavaschi, Giovanni Facchini and Cecilia Testa.
- [2] “Using Gender Quotas to Fight Intraparty Battles,” with Sergio Ascencio.
- [1] “The (Non) Separability of Policy and Valence in Voter Preferences.”

**AWARDS & HONORS**

James B. Christoph Prize, British Politics Group	2019
Postdoctoral Fellowship, National University of Singapore (declined)	2018-20
COFUND Junior Research Fellowship, Durham University (declined)	2018-19
Dean’s Post-Field Research Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2015-16
The Star Lab Fellowship, University of Rochester	2014-15
The Star Lab Conference Presentation Award, University of Rochester	2014
Donald E. Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship, British Politics Group	2014
Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, University of Rochester	2010-15
Keble College Scholarship, University of Oxford	2007, 2008

**GRANTS**

EPOVB Graduate Student Travel Grant	2016
Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	2015, 2016
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association	2015
Conference Travel Grant, UR Graduate Student Association	2014, 2015, 2016
Wallis Institute of Political Economy PEPR Grant (with Bonnie Meguid)	2014
URDPS Summer Seed Grant for International Field Research	2014, 2016

**INVITED TALKS**

★Inaugural Lecture, University of Cologne <sup>1</sup>	November 2020
★Democracy & Elections Seminar Series, University of Manchester	October 2020
★MZES Seminar Series, University of Mannheim	October 2020
Comparative Politics Seminar Series, Kings College London	February 2020
LMU Munich (guest lecture)	January 2020
University of Barcelona (Political Science)	February 2019
IPZ Workshop, University of Zurich	March 2018
NICEP Seminar Series, University of Nottingham	November 2016
University of Strathclyde Department Colloquium	October 2016

**CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

ECPR General Conference	2020
HPE Virtual Workshop (D)	2020
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments Workshop	2019
APSA Annual Conference	2015–2016, 2018–2019
EPSA Annual Conference	2014, 2017–2019
NYUAD Workshop on Historical Political Economy	2019
Politics and History Network Annual Conference	2018
BCB Workshop on Experimental Political Science (D) <sup>2</sup>	2018
MPSA Annual Conference	2013, 2015–2016, 2018
NICEP Annual Conference	2017–2018
IPERG Historical Political Economy & Gender Politics Workshop	2017

<sup>1</sup>★ if scheduled

<sup>2</sup>(D) if only as discussant

CES Mini-Conference: Women in Society from a Historical Perspective	2017
CES International Conference of Europeanists	2017
PCRG Workshop: Perspectives on Intra-Party Politics	2017
Elections, Public Opinion & Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference	2016
SPSA Annual Conference	2015
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	2015
UCLA COMPASS Graduate Student Conference	2015

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

*Cologne Center for Comparative Politics:*

Strategic Models of Democratic Politics (G)	WS 2020
Elections as Instruments of Democracy (G)	WS 2020
Democratic Theory and Practice (G)	SS 2020
Political Choice and Strategy (G)	WS 2019
Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective (G)	WS 2019

*University of Rochester:*

Campaigns and Elections: A Global Perspective (UG)	SS 2015–SS 2016
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**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

Co-organizer, CCCP International Workshop	2020
SGAPPC Section Co-Chair, ECPR General Conference	2020

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Political Science Research & Methods.*

**IT SKILLS**

Proficient user of Microsoft Office software, R and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.  
Basic user of Stata, ArcGIS and Python.

**PERSONAL**

Languages: English (native), Bengali (native), German (intermediate), conversational Hindi.

**REFERENCES**

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