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- CURRENT POSITION**      **University of Cologne**, Cologne, Germany      Sep 2019–present
- Assistant Professor for Empirical Democratic Theory
  - Member, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
  - Associated Member, ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy
- PAST POSITIONS**
- Parental leave**      Dec 2020–Jan 2022
- Part-time leave (50%) from Aug 2021–Jan 2022
- University of Barcelona**, Barcelona, Spain      Apr 2017–Aug 2019
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG)
- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ      Jan–Mar 2017
- Visiting Researcher, Department of Politics
- University of Nottingham**, Nottingham, UK      Sep 2016–Jun 2017
- Visiting Fellow, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre of Economic and Political Research (NICEP)
- EDUCATION**
- University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY
- Ph.D., Political Science, May 2017  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Philosophy, Quantitative Methods  
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, Chitralkha. 2020. “Bridging Spatial and Saliency Theory: Party Size and Issue Selection in Campaigns.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(3): 444-458.
- WORKING PAPERS**
- [4] “How the Media Matters for the Economic Vote: Evidence from Britain,” submitted.
- [3] “The Revelation Incentive for Issue Engagement in Campaigns,” with Matthew Knowles, submitted.

- [2] “Democratizing from Within: British Elites and the Expansion of the Franchise,” with Carles Boix, Sonia Giurumescu and Paulo Serôdio, submitted.  
 – Awarded the 2019 James B. Christoph prize for best conference paper presented by a junior faculty member in the British Politics Group.
- [1] “Communicative Power, Inequality and Representation”.

<b>AWARDS &amp; HONORS</b>	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
	Ministry of Education (Singapore) Humanities Scholarship	2004, 2005
<b>RESEARCH GRANTS</b>	Female Professors Programme III “Kopf frei” Grant, University of Cologne	2022
	Selten Seeding Grant, ECONtribute & Reinhard Selten Institute	2021
	URDPS Summer Seed Grant for International Field Research	2014, 2016
<b>INVITED TALKS &amp; WORKSHOPS</b>	*Keynote Lecture, IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Conference <sup>1</sup>	October 2022
	*Workshop on ‘Rationality and Democracy’, University of Mainz	September 2022
	Political Theory Colloquium, University of Hamburg	July 2022
	Historical Political Economy Workshop, University of Zurich	June 2022
	Workshop on ‘Promises of Democracy’, Villa Vigoni	May 2022
	ECONtribute Workshop on Political Economy	May 2022
	CP&PE Research Colloquium, University of Konstanz	May 2022
	Politics Seminar Series, Humboldt University of Berlin	December 2021
	Inaugural Lecture, University of Cologne	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
<b>CONFERENCES &amp; WORKSHOPS</b>	*Cologne Political Science Workshop	2022
	EPSA Annual Conference	2014, 2017–2019, 2022
	CES International Conference of Europeanists	2017, 2022
	British Politics Group Online Conference (D) <sup>2</sup>	2021
	EPOP Annual Conference	2016, 2021
	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

<sup>1</sup>\* if scheduled.

<sup>2</sup>(D) if only as invited chair or discussant.

	NYUAD Workshop on Historical Political Economy	2019
	Politics and History Network Annual Conference	2018
	BCB Workshop on Experimental Political Science (D)	2018
	MPSA Annual Conference	2013, 2015–2016, 2018
	NICEP Annual Conference	2017–2018
	IPERG Historical Political Economy & Gender Politics Workshop	2017
	CES Mini-Conference: Women in Society from a Historical Perspective	2017
	PCRG Workshop: Perspectives on Intra-Party Politics	2017
	SPSA Annual Conference	2015
	Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	2015
	UCLA COMPASS Graduate Student Conference	2015
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	<i>Cologne Center for Comparative Politics:</i>	
	Democracy in the Twenty-First Century (G)	WS 2022
	Democratic Theory and Practice (G)	SS 2020, WS 2021, WS 2022
	Strategic Models of Democratic Politics (G) <sup>3</sup>	WS 2019, SS 2022
	Elections as Instruments of Democracy (G)	WS 2020
	Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective (G)	WS 2019
	<i>University of Rochester:</i>	
	Campaigns and Elections: A Global Perspective (UG)	SS 2015–SS 2016
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</b>	<i>Disciplinary Service:</i>	
	APSA Program Organizer, British Politics Group	2022–2023
	SGAPPC Section Co-Chair, ECPR General Conference	2020
	<i>University and Department Service:</i>	
	Faculty Adviser, CCCP Women’s Working Group	2022–present
	Organizer, Cologne Political Science Workshop	2022
	Co-organizer, CCCP International Workshop	2020
	Student Representative, UR Board of Academic Honesty	2015–2016
	Department Representative, UR Graduate Student Association	2013–2016
	Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme	2010–2016
	<i>Referee Service:</i>	
	Journals: <i>British Journal of Political Science, British Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Political Science Research &amp; Methods.</i>	
	Funding bodies: German National Merit Foundation ( <i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i> ).	
<b>PHD SUPERVISION</b>	<i>Committee Chair:</i>	
	Helena Heberer, University of Cologne	2020–present
	<i>Committee Member:</i>	
	Danielle Pullan, University of Cologne	2021–present
	<i>External Reader:</i>	
	Pau Vall-Prat, University of Barcelona	2022
<b>MEDIA</b>	‘Time to say goodbye’ by Eva Schissler, <i>Kölner Universitäts Magazin</i> , 8 December 2020 (interview).	

<sup>3</sup>Offered as ‘Political Choice and Strategy’ in WS 2019.

**SOFTWARE** Proficient user of Microsoft Office software, R and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**LANGUAGES** Bilingual in English and Bengali; intermediate German; beginner Spanish; some Hindi.