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<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>	<b>University of Cologne</b> , Cologne, Germany - Assistant Professor for Empirical Democratic Theory - Member, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics - Associated Member, ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy	Sep 2019–present
<b>PAST POSITIONS</b>	<b>Parental leave</b> - Full-time leave (100%) from Dec 2020–Jul 2021 - Part-time leave (50%) from Aug 2021–Jan 2022	Dec 2020–Jan 2022
	<b>University of Barcelona</b> , Barcelona, Spain - Postdoctoral Researcher, Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG)	Apr 2017–Aug 2019
	<b>Princeton University</b> , Princeton, NJ - Visiting Researcher, Department of Politics	Jan–Mar 2017
	<b>University of Nottingham</b> , Nottingham, UK - Visiting Fellow, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre of Economic and Political Research (NICEP)	Sep 2016–Jun 2017
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b> , Rochester, NY Ph.D., Political Science, May 2017 Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Philosophy, Quantitative Methods M.A., Political Science, March 2014	
	<b>Queens’ College, University of Cambridge</b> , Cambridge, UK M.Phil., Political Thought & Intellectual History, July 2010	
	<b>Keble College, University of Oxford</b> , Oxford, UK B.A. (Hons), History, June 2009	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	[1] Basu, Chitrlekha. 2020. “Bridging Spatial and Saliency Theory: Party Size and Issue Selection in Campaigns.” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 8(3): 444-458.	
<b>WORKING PAPERS</b>	[4] “The Revelation Incentive for Issue Engagement in Campaigns,” with Matthew Knowles. [3] “How the Media Matters for the Economic Vote: Evidence from 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] “Communicative Power, Inequality and Representation”.

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- [4] “Measuring Relative Group Representation,” with Helena Heberer.  
 [3] “Communicative Representation in Cross-National Perspective,” with Helena Heberer.  
 [2] “Realignment on the Left: From Liberalism to Socialism,” with Carles Boix and Jordi Muñoz.  
 [1] “The Great Migration and Northern Realignment, 1900–1940” with Costanza Biavaschi, Giovanni Facchini and Cecilia Testa.

**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

**RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS**

Female Professors Programme III “Kopf frei” Grant, University of Cologne	2022
Selten Seeding Grant, ECONtribute & Reinhard Selten Institute	2021
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
PEPR Grant, UR Wallis Institute	2014
URDPS Summer Seed Grant for International Field Research	2014, 2016

**INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS**

*Political Economy Workshop, Norwegian Business School <sup>1</sup>	June 2023
Department of Government Speaker Series, University of Essex	February 2023
‘Representation and Behavior’ Workshop, University of Cologne	February 2023
Research Colloquium, University of Stuttgart	January 2023
Keynote Lecture, IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Conference	October 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

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

	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>	*EPSA Annual Conference <sup>2</sup>	2014, 2017–2019, 2022–2023
	Cologne Political Science Workshop	2022
	DVPW Working Group on Analytical Political Theory Workshop	2022
	CES International Conference of Europeanists	2017, 2022
	British Politics Group Online Conference (D) <sup>3</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
	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>	
	Strategic Models of Democratic Politics (G) <sup>4</sup>	2019, 2020, 2022, 2023
	Elections as Instruments of Democracy (G)	2020, 2023
	Democracy in the Twenty-First Century (G)	2022
	Democratic Theory and Practice (G)	2020, 2021, 2022
	Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective (G)	2019
	<i>University of Rochester:</i>	
	Campaigns and Elections: A Global Perspective (UG)	2015, 2016
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</b>	<i>Disciplinary Service:</i>	
	Advisory Board Member, ERC Project DDME (PI: André Bächtiger)	2023–
	APSA Program Organizer, British Politics Group	2022–2023
	SGAPPC Section Co-Chair, ECPR General Conference	2020
	<i>University and Department Service:</i>	
	Member, UC Gender and Diversity Taskforce	2023–present
	Organizer, CCCP Research Colloquium	2022–present
	Organizer, CCCP Workshop on Political Institutions & Behaviour	2023
	Organizer, Cologne Political Science Workshop	2022
	Co-organizer, CCCP International Workshop	2020
	Student Representative, UR Board of Academic Honesty	2015–2016

<sup>2</sup>\* = scheduled.

<sup>3</sup>(D) if only as invited chair or discussant.

<sup>4</sup>Offered as 'Political Choice and Strategy' in 2019.

Department Representative, UR Graduate Student Association 2013–2016  
Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme 2010–2016

*Referee Service:*

Journals: *British Journal of Political Science*; *British Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Party Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Funding bodies: German National Merit Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*).

**PHD  
SUPERVISION**

*Committee Chair:*

Helena Heberer, University of Cologne 2020–present

*Committee Member:*

Katelyn Nutley, University of Cologne 2022–present  
Danielle Pullan, University of Cologne 2021–present

*External Reader:*

Pau Vall-Prat, University of Barcelona 2022

**MEDIA**

‘Time to say goodbye’ by Eva Schissler, *Kölner Universitäts Magazin*, 8 December 2020 (interview).

**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; conversational Hindi.