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- CURRENT POSITION**      **University of Cologne**, Cologne, Germany      2019–present
- Assistant Professor of Empirical Democratic Theory
  - Member, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
  - Associated Member, ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy
- 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, 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**
- [3] "The Revelation Incentive for Issue Engagement in Campaigns," with Matthew Knowles.
- [2] "How the Media Matters for the Economic Vote: Evidence from Britain."
- [1] "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.

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS**

- [3] “Preference Endogeneity and the Problem of Electoral Representation.”
- [2] “Realignment on the Left: From Liberalism to Socialism,” with Carles Boix, Jordi Muñoz and Sonia Giurumescu.
- [1] “Using Gender Quotas to Fight Intraparty Battles,” with Sergio Ascencio.

**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
Singapore Indian Association Award for Academic Excellence	2005
Ministry of Education (Singapore) Humanities Scholarship	2004, 2005

**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	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>1</sup>	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
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

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<sup>1</sup>(D) if only as discussant.

Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop 2015  
UCLA COMPASS Graduate Student Conference 2015

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** *Cologne Center for Comparative Politics:*  
Strategic Models of Democratic Politics (G)<sup>2</sup> WS 2019, 2020  
Elections as Instruments of Democracy (G) WS 2020  
Democratic Theory and Practice (G) SS 2020  
Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective (G) WS 2019

*University of Rochester:*  
Campaigns and Elections: A Global Perspective (UG) SS 2015–SS 2016

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

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

**IT SKILLS** Proficient user of Microsoft Office software, R and  $\LaTeX$ .  
Basic user of Stata, ArcGIS and Python.

**PERSONAL** Languages: bilingual in English and Bengali; intermediate German (B1); conversational Hindi.

## REFERENCES

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<sup>2</sup>Offered as 'Political Choice and Strategy' in WS 2019.