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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

“Bridging Spatial and Saliency Theory: Party Size and Issue Selection in Campaigns.”  
*Political Science Research & Methods*, forthcoming.

“The Clarity Incentive for Issue Engagement in Campaigns.” (with Matthew Knowles)  
NICEP Working Paper Series 2018-01.

## WORKING PAPERS

“The News Media and Voter Responses to the Financial Crisis in Britain.”

“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.

“Voting Without Influence? Preference Endogeneity and Electoral Representation.”

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS**

“Realignment on the Left: From Liberalism to Socialism.” (with Carles Boix, Jordi Muñoz and Sonia Giurumescu)

“World War One and the Rise of the US Civil Rights Movement.” (with Costanza Biavaschi, Giovanni Facchini and Cecilia Testa)

“Using Gender Quotas to Fight Intraparty Battles.” (with Sergio Ascencio)

“Measuring the Importance of Issues to Voters.”

**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
Subject Prize in History, Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore	2005
Subject Prize in General Paper, Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore	2004
Ministry of Education (Singapore) Humanities Scholarship	2004, 2005

**TRAVEL &  
RESEARCH  
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 &  
SEMINARS**

PE Seminar Series, Kings College London, February 2020 (scheduled)  
Geschwister Scholl Institute, LMU Munich, January 2020 (scheduled)  
University of Barcelona (Political Science), February 2019  
Trinity College Dublin, January 2019  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, January 2019  
National University of Singapore, May 2018  
IPZ Workshop, University of Zurich, March 2018  
NICEP Seminar Series, University of Nottingham, November 2016  
University of Strathclyde Department Colloquium, October 2016  
PSPE Research Group, London School of Economics, February 2016

**CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION**

American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2015–2016, 2018–2019
European Political Science Association Annual Conference	2014, 2017–2019
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments Workshop	2019
NYUAD Workshop on Historical Political Economy	2019
Politics and History Network Annual Conference	2018
Barcelona-Gothenburg-Bergen Workshop on Experimental Political Science	2018
Midwest Political Science Association 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
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2015
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	2015
UCLA COMPASS Graduate Student Conference	2015

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** *Cologne Center for Comparative Politics:*  
 Political Choice and Strategy (G) Winter 2019/2020  
 Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective (G) Winter 2019/2020

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

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** Referee: *British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Political Science Research & Methods.*

*University of Rochester:*  
 Student Representative, UR Board of Academic Honesty Fall 2015, Spring 2016  
 Coordinator, URDPS Womens' Graduate Working Group Spring 2014  
 Department Representative, UR Graduate Student Association 2013–2016  
 Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme 2010–2016

**AFFILIATIONS** American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, British Politics Group.

**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** Citizenship: Singapore  
 Languages: English (native), Bengali (native), German (intermediate), Spanish (basic), conversational Hindi.

**REFERENCES**

Carles Boix Professor Princeton University 433 Robertson Hall Princeton, NJ 08544 +1 (609) 258-2139 cboix@princeton.edu	G. Bingham Powell Jr. Professor University of Rochester Harkness Hall 313 Rochester, NY 14627 +1 (585) 275-0621 gb.powell@rochester.edu
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