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I am a doctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) and the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics. My background is in political science and public administration, and I research abortion access and gender politics from an intersectional perspective. I also have several years of non-academic work experience in nonprofits, impact investing, tech startups, and consulting.

Education

Doctoral Researcher, October 2020 – present.

International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and University of Cologne in Cologne, Germany

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. André Kaiser, chair of Comparative Politics at University of Cologne
- Preliminary dissertation title: “Measuring Abortion Access in Advanced Economies & its Unequal Effects”
- Thesis Advisory Committee Members: Chitrakha Basu (Cologne), Letizia Mencarini (Bocconi Univ.)

Master of Arts in Political Science, 2020

University of Cologne, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences (WiSo), Cologne, Germany

- Masters Thesis: “Explaining Political Rhetoric on Abortion Policy: a Comparative Analysis” supervised by Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch
- Named to WiSo Faculty’s Dean’s List, Winter Semester 2019-2020
- Team member representing the university at debate competition NRW Debattiert Europa 2019

Master of Public Administration, 2016

American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC, USA.

- Concentration: Nonprofit Management
- GPA: 3.951 out of 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2013

American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC, USA

- Degree awarded Cum Laude after several semesters on the Dean’s List
- Additionally awarded Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies upon completion of School of Public Affairs Leadership Program

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 2013

American University, College of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC, USA

- Degree awarded Cum Laude after several semesters on the Dean’s List

Study Abroad during bachelor’s studies, 2011-2012

University College London (UCL), London, UK

Academic Service & Professional Memberships

Human Sciences Section Representative, Max Planck PhDnet, January 2022 - December 2022

Join the six-person steering group of PhDnet, a network of 5000+ doctoral researchers working in the Max Planck Society, representing the institutes studying human sciences (including MPIfG). Collaboration with the Equal Opportunity working group and staff at MPS general administration on the Safer Spaces program, ending the use of externally-funded stipends within the MPS, and other agenda priorities.

Doctoral Spokesperson and External Representative, IMPRS-SPCE, April 2021 – April 2022

Organize events with all doctoral researchers in the IMPRS program; represent their interests in internal meetings with MPIfG management; represent the MPIfG in Max Planck PhDnet. Key advocacy issues: fair compensation and working conditions, particularly for those DRs receiving stipends instead of contracts, and improving inclusion of non-European researchers in the institute's culture.

American Political Science Association Member since 2021

European Political Science Association Member since 2021

Pi Alpha Alpha Public Administration Honors Society Member since 2016

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society Member since 2013

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honors Society Member since 2013

Research and Teaching Jobs

Research Assistant, October 2019 – September 2020

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, Chair of European and Multilevel Politics, University of Cologne

Research Assistant, October 2015 – March 2016

Kogod School of Business, Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Innovation Initiative, American University

Teaching Assistant, August 2012 – May 2013

School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, Leadership Development Lab II, American University

Scholarships

IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Researcher Stipend, October 2020 – June 2024

Funded at 50% TvöD E-13 level, with additional funding available for research and travel. University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

APSA 2021 Conference Travel Grants to support travel to Seattle, WA, USA, October 2021

\$500 general APSA Travel Grant, \$125 Sexuality and Politics Section Support Grant, and \$300 Travel and Accessibility Grant from the APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession (all USD)

Graduate Honor Award merit scholarship, August 2014 – August 2016

Funded at \$8,892 USD per year for two years, approximately half of graduate-level tuition expenses at American University, Washington, DC, USA.

Center for Congressional and Presidential Affairs Benefactors Award, June 2015

CCPA is a center within the School of Public Affairs at American University, Washington, DC, USA. This award of \$1000 USD supported my participation in the European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute.

American University Presidential Scholarship, August 2009 – May 2013

Funded approximately 50% of undergraduate-level tuition and boarding expenses at American University, Washington, DC, USA. This is the largest undergraduate (bachelor-level) merit scholarship the university offers.

Conferences

2021 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, 30 September – 3 October 2021

Hosted by American Political Science Association. Presenting joint work with Bruno Castanho Silva and Jens Wäckerle "Gendered Communication and Women's Political Careers in 20 Democracies" on panel "Class, Gender, and Legislative Behavior." Seattle, WA, USA.

EPSA Virtual 2021, 24 – 25 June 2021

Hosted by European Political Science Association. Presented joint work with Bruno Castanho Silva and Jens Wäckerle "Gendered Communication and Women's Political Careers in 20 Democracies" on panel "Gender Stereotypes." Online.

First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy, 25 - 26 March 2021
Hosted by Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. Discussant on panel "Welfare State." Online.

Invited Talks

Body and Sexuality, 9 May 2022

Guest lecture for a session of "Gender and Politics" seminar (BA level) taught by Elifcan Çelebi in the Chair of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology at the University of Cologne.

Power Abuse, Bullying, and Discrimination in Academia, 4 March 2022

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research's Research Skills Event Series, jointly presented with Alina Fahrenwaldt representing the Max Planck PhDnet, based on data from the 2019 and 2020 PhDnet surveys.

Workshops and Summer Schools

Mixed Methods Workshop, MPiFG, March 2022

Prof. Dr. Ingo Rohlfing taught about research designs that incorporate both quantitative and qualitative components. Hosted by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, online.

Essex Summer School, Introduction to GIS / Geospatial Data, July 2021

Dr. Nick Bearman taught several methods and programs for working with geographic data and making good maps, including QGIS, R, and GeoDa. Hosted by University of Essex, online.

European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute, Brussels, BE, June 2015

Prof. James Thurber taught about lobbying and advocacy at the EU level and brought us to Brussels to meet MEPs, corporate lobbyists, lobbyists from NGOs, and other key actors in the EU policymaking process. This course was credited to my MPA from American University.

Campaign Management Institute, Washington, DC, USA, January 2013

Prof. Candice Nelson taught about US Congressional campaigns and arranged for us to hear from a variety of experts who provide various campaign services. This course was credited to my BA in Political Science from American University.

Technical Skills

Intermediate R, beginner Python, beginner QGIS, beginner LaTeX. Experienced with Microsoft Office suite, most Google utilities, Wix, Squarespace, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Citavi, Canva.

Leadership Development

School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, American University, Washington, DC, USA. Graduated 2013.

Four-year program combining academic study of leadership theory and practical project design and project management experience. Also served as a teaching assistant for younger members of this program.

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC Developing Leaders Program, August 2015 - June 2016

Hands-on education in nonprofit management involving organizing events, public communications, and fundraising. Met and learned from subject-matter experts in order to better understand the organization's services and social mission. In conjunction with this leadership training opportunity and my MPA studies, I conducted a research project on the organization's legal structure and also wrote a grant application for a new program they planned to open which was successfully funded for \$100,000.

LeadIn Graduate, Spring 2018 cohort, Washington, DC, USA

Self-facilitate conversations about leadership in a modern, diverse workplace with other young professionals seeking to grow in their roles or carve new career paths.

StartingBloc Fellow DC 2017 Institute Cohort, Washington, DC, USA

Join with other changemakers in the social impact space to become the better leaders our world needs, first in a one-week event and then contributing to a supportive community of alumni.

Bossed Up Bootcamp Graduate, April 2017, Washington, DC, USA.

Join other professional women in a retreat weekend to focus on balancing professional and personal growth and building sustainable careers without burning out.

Non-academic Professional Experience

- 2018.05 - 2018.09: Qualitative Interviewer at McKinley Advisors, remote work for company based in Washington, DC, USA
- 2018.01 - 2018.04: Consultant on new FinTech startup project at Mission Point Partners LLC, remote work for company based in Boston, MA, USA
- 2016.03 - 2017.11: Cross Department Manager, Operations & Efficiency at impact investing FinTech startup ImpactUs Marketplace LLC, a broker-dealer that traded in socially-responsible investment products, Washington, DC, USA
- 2016.09 - 2017.04: Partner / Special Projects Coordinator at Fearless Labs, a startup consultancy specializing in leadership development and diversity training, Washington, DC, USA
- 2015.08 - 2016.03: Consultant at DEILAB, an education and innovation laboratory consultancy, Washington, DC, USA and Maryland, USA.
- 2014.02 - 2014.08: Part-time administrator for local environmental nonprofit Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy, Washington, DC, USA
- 2013.05 - 2015.10: Compliance Analyst / Special Projects Analyst, Calvert Social Investment Foundation (now Calvert Impact Capital), an impact investing nonprofit and community development financial institution, Bethesda, MD, USA
- 2012.08 - 2012.12: Political Intern at EMILY's List, a political action committee that works to elect pro-choice, Democratic women. Spent final week of 2012 election campaign helping run a local operation for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Based in Washington, DC, USA.
- 2010.05 - 2010.12: Intern for two different members of the US House of Representatives, first in the local district office (Northbrook, IL, USA) and then in the capitol building in Washington, DC.
- 2012.08 - 2013.05,
2010.01 - 2011.04: Stacks Assistant, American University Library, Washington, DC, USA
- 2008.06 - 2009.07: Campaign Intern for a US congressional race.

Summers before 2013: Various jobs in retail, food service, and customer service in Illinois, USA