

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Research interests**

Gendered institutions • Women and political leadership • Political communication •  
Democracy and representation • Quantitative text analysis

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## **Academic education**

2020 - present	<b>PhD candidate, Cologne Centre for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne</b> Supervisor: <b>Jun.-Prof. Chitrlekha Basu, PhD</b> Working title of PhD thesis: <i>Gender and power in democratic governments</i>
2015 – 2019	<b>Political Sciences, M.A.</b> <b>University of Cologne, final grade 1,5</b> Title of master thesis: <i>Meaningful Participation. A Comparative Perspective on Women in Cabinets</i>
2012 – 2015	<b>Social Sciences, B.Sc.</b> <b>University of Cologne, final grade 1,8</b> Title of bachelor thesis: <i>Foreign Policy Implementation Strategies of Hamas. Analysis of the Group's Response to the 2010/11 Peace Talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority</i>
2017	<b>Sciences Po Paris</b> <b>Erasmus semester</b> - Foreign Policy Making in the Middle East - European Affairs - Advanced French
2014	<b>University of Cape Town</b> <b>Semester studies abroad</b> - African Foreign Policy - South African Political Thought - Comparative Religious Studies

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**Professional experience**


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2021 - present	<b>Chair for Empirical Democratic Theory, University of Cologne</b> <b>Research assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysis of parliamentary speech data in R</li> <li>- Development of automated text classification and text scaling models in R</li> <li>- Literature review</li> </ul>
2020	<b>Freelance Evaluation Consultant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert for feminist evaluation methodologies, impact orientation and evaluation management</li> <li>- Gender &amp; sexualised and gender-based violence in conflict</li> </ul>
2019 – 2020	<b>UNAIDS Country Office for Ethiopia</b> <b>Carlo-Schmid-Fellow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Information on Gender &amp; Youth</li> <li>- Design of survey tools in HIV prevention for adolescent girls and young women</li> <li>- Participation in UN Technical Working Groups for HIV/AIDS</li> <li>- Thematic research</li> </ul>
2018 – 2019	<b>medica mondiale e.V.</b> <b>Working student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluations management of projects taking place in the African Great Lakes region (DR Congo, Rwanda, Uganda)</li> <li>- Trilingual process management in German, English and French</li> <li>- Process backstopping, coordination between stakeholders, quality control of proposed instruments and methods</li> </ul>
2017 – 2018	<b>Programme Management, MES Faculty, University of Cologne</b> <b>Graduate Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support of monitoring of the admission procedure of master's programmes at the MES faculty</li> <li>- Support of quality control of the master's programme <i>International Management (CEMS MIM)</i></li> </ul>
2016	<b>German Institute for Development Evaluation</b> <b>Working student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support of the meta-evaluation of sustainability in German development cooperation in its inception phase</li> <li>- Support of the conceptualisation of the evaluation and the definition of "sustainability"</li> </ul>
2015 – 2016	<b>Evaluation centre, MES Faculty, University of Cologne</b> <b>Graduate assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluation of teaching at the MES faculty</li> <li>- Collection and analysis of complex empirical datasets for teaching evaluations</li> <li>- Management of software change process (SPSS to EvaSys)</li> <li>- Design and implementation of surveys, online- and offline-based</li> </ul>
2015	<b>Refugee Council North Rhine-Westphalia</b> <b>Internship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support of advocacy and networking</li> <li>- Thematic research</li> <li>- Support of press work and preparation of statements</li> </ul>

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**Professional service**


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2022	<b>Cologne Graduate School</b> Doctoral students representative on the CGS board
2022 - 2023	<b>University of Cologne, MES faculty</b> Deputy doctoral students representative on the doctoral examination board
2021 - 2023	<b>University of Cologne, MES faculty</b> Mid-level academic staff representative on the <i>Gender &amp; Diversity task force</i>

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**Memberships**


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2022 – present	<b>European Political Science Association</b> Member
2021 – present	<b>CCCP Women Researchers Working Group</b> Member

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**Teaching** “Forschungslogik und -design”, BA level  
Summer 2023

**Language skills** **German** Native • **English** Fully proficient • **French** Advanced • **Mandarin Chinese** Beginner

**Software** MS Office • R • STATA • LaTeX • Overleaf • Python • Git

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