

Caterina Chiopris

Contact Information	Department of Political Science, 734 Columbia University 420 W 118 th Street, New York NY 10027 cc5398@columbia.edu	
Academic Positions	Columbia University , New York, NY <i>Assistant Professor of Political Science</i>	2025-
	Harvard Academy , Cambridge, MA <i>Academy Scholar (postdoc)</i>	2026-2027 2024-2025
	Bocconi University , Milan, Italy <i>Visiting Lecturer in Comparative Politics</i>	2022-2023
	Berlin Social Science Center , Berlin, Germany <i>Visiting Researcher, Transformations of Democracy Unit</i>	2022
Education	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA <i>Ph.D., Political Economy and Government</i>	2024
	Duke University , Durham, NC <i>Master in Analytical Political Economy</i>	2018
	Technische Universität Dresden , Dresden, Germany <i>Bachelor in Internationale Beziehungen – international law, economics, and political science</i>	2015
Working Papers & Publications	Continuity and Change in U.S. Legal Tradition: Evidence from Judicial Citation Communities. <i>with Elliott Ash, Robert Mahari, and Suresh Naidu</i> Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2026 A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Citizen Uncertainty and Democratic Backsliding. <i>with Monika Nalepa and Georg Vanberg</i> Journal of Politics, 2025 Democratic Backsliding in Poland in Light of Rule of Law Accountability to the European Union. <i>with Monika Nalepa</i> Emory Law Journal, 2024 Wedded to the State: Elite Social Networks and Credible Commitment in Early Modern Venice. <i>with Yubua Wang</i> Conditionally accepted, APSR.	

The Diffusion of Ideas.
Job Market Paper

The Politics of Region-Biased Technological Change.
with Torben Iversen
Under Review

Who are the People? The Evolution of the Concept of the “Volk” in German
Parliamentary Debate, 1871-1918.
with Fabio Ellger and Daniel Ziblatt

KaiserParl: The German Historical Parliamentary Debates Dataset 1867–1918
with Fabio Ellger, Daniel Ziblatt, and Yasmin Zysk
Under Review

The Religious Origins of the Welfare State.
with Francesca Miserocchi

What We Get Wrong About Closing the Racial Wealth Gap.
*with William Darity Jr., Darrick Hamilton, Mark Paul, Alan Aja, Anne Price,
Antonio Moore.* Insight Center for Community Economic Development, 2018
Covered by: [MSNBC](#), [Fortune](#), [Bloomberg](#).

Grants & Awards	2026	ISERP Seed Grant
	2025	Best Dissertation Award – APSA European Politics and Society Section
	2024	John Sprague Award Best Paper Award in Political Networks
	2024	UniCredit Foundation Junior Researcher Best Paper Award
	2024	Senator Charles Sumner Prize Dissertation Award
	2024	Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship
	2023	NSF, Grant for diversity in political methodology
	2023	Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Research Grant
	2023	Business and Government Research Cluster Grant
	2022	Stone Inequality Research Fellowship
	2022	Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowships
	2021	Excellence in Teaching Award
	2021	Weatherhead Center Graduate Student Associate Grant
	2021	Weatherhead Center Mid-Dissertation Grant
	2021	Harvard GSAS Student Council, Summer Research Grant

2018 Master's Scholar Award, Duke University Economics
Department

Honorary title 'Alfiere del Lavoro' of the Italian Republic,
awarded by the President of the Italian Republic, on behalf of
Federazione Nazionale Cavalieri del Lavoro

Skills

Languages: Italian (native), German (fluent), Chinese (proficiency exam in 2016), French and Spanish (basic)

Software: R, Python, Latex

**Academic
Service and
Engagement**

Referee for: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Development Economics, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Cambridge University Press, Journal of Politics, Economica, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of European Public Policy, Governance, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Research Policy, Economic Journal, Political Science and Politics, European Journal of Political Research.

Section Chair, Historical Political Economy section, European Political Science Society (EPSS), 2026-2027.

Co-organizer, European Development in a Historical Perspective, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, May 2025 and May 2026.

Seminar chair, Seminar on European Development in a Historical Perspective, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2024-2025 and 2026-2027

Co-convener, Regional Inequality and Innovation Workshop, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, June 2025

Co-founder and Chair, International Student Committee, Harvard Government Department, 2019-2020