Katren Rogers

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Current Position

Postdoctoral Researcher. University of Bremen, Germany. *Feb 2024–present*

I teach widely on the political science and international relations programmes, in the areas of party politics, political economy, public policy, and quantitative research methods. My research interests are cross-disciplinary, with ongoing projects on the politics of welfare and care policy, international cooperation to address global challenges, and the links between domestic and international politics.

Previous Positions

Research Fellow. Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), Australia. *Jan 2023–Dec 2023*

IEP is a global think tank that studies the cultural, economic, and political factors driving peacefulness. I conducted research and data visualisation on conflict trends, specialising in geospatial analysis. I returned to IEP as a Visiting Researcher in Feb–Mar 2026.

Analyst, Education & Skills. New Zealand Treasury, New Zealand. *Jan 2016–May 2018*

I was the Vote Analyst for Education: the main analyst responsible for overseeing capital investment and operational spending in early childhood education and schooling. I advised government ministers on budget initiatives, policy, and performance, collaborating across Treasury and other government departments.

Education

PhD, Political Science. Lund University, Sweden. *Sep 2018–Dec 2022*

My mixed-methods monograph, *After Asylums and Orphanages*, won the Oscar II Stipend for best dissertation within the social sciences. My thesis examined the effect of government partisanship on the types of care policies that replaced large psychiatric institutions and orphanages, 1950–2015.

Pedagogical training: Teaching & Learning in Higher Education (80hrs), Lund University *Spring 2021*
Methodological training: ICPSR Summer School, University of Michigan (online) *Summer 2020*

MPhil, Economic and Social History. University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. *2014–2015*
Grade: Distinction. *Funding:* Cambridge Trust Scholarship.

Bachelor of International and Global Studies (Honours). University of Sydney, Australia. *2009–2012*
Grade: First Class. *Funding:* Commonwealth Scholarship; University of Sydney Honours Scholarship.

Publications

Peer-reviewed

Binetti, Marco Nicola, Philipp Genschel and Katren Rogers (Online First). "The Politics of International Solidarity." *European Journal of International Relations*. doi.org/10.1177/13540661261432134.

Rogers, Katren. 2025. "Party ideology and care policy: the decline of institutional care since 1950." *Journal of European Social Policy*, 35(4), 377–391. doi.org/10.1177/09589287241311164.

Lindvall, Johannes and Katren Rogers. 2023. "The Changing Faces of the Modern State." *Governance* 36(3), 973–993. doi.org/10.1111/gove.12715.

Work in progress

"Distraction, global attention, and conflict escalation" (under review, with S. Nanlohy)

"Institutionalising international solidarity in climate finance" (working paper, with P. Genschel and M. Binetti)

"Solidarity and cooperation at the UN General Assembly" (working paper, with P. Genschel and M. Binetti)

"Party politics and mental health care in England and Germany, 1950–2015" (working paper)

"Women's representation and long-term care policies" (working paper)

"Global welfare generosity dataset" (with T. Böger, A. Grünewald and O. Meftha)

Dissertation

Rogers, Katren. 2022. "After Asylums and Orphanages." PhD thesis. Lund University, Online.

Teaching Experience

Institute for Political Science, University of Bremen

Master of International Relations:

Introduction to Quantitative Methods of Political Science	*Winter 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27*
Specialisation in Quantitative Methods of Political Science	*Winter 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27*
Solidarity in Domestic and International Politics	*Summer 2026*
Mapping Geopolitical Data in R	*Summer 2025, 2026*

Bachelor of Political Science:

Party Politics and Social Change	*Summer 2024, 2025, 2026*
Politics of Mental Health Care	*Summer 2025*
Making Public Policy	*Summer 2024*

Master's thesis supervision:

State sponsorship and transnational terrorism	*Summer 2026*

Bachelor's thesis supervision:

The gender cleavage in the USA and Germany	*Winter 2026/27*
Gender recognition in Germany and Spain (Second supervisor)	*Winter 2025/26*
The Motherhood Penalty in Germany and Norway (Second supervisor)	*Winter 2025/26*
Special Economic Zones as a Policy Tool for Economic Development	*Summer 2025*

Department of Political Science, Lund University

Master of Welfare Policies and Management:

Policy Processes: Actors, Causes, Consequences	*Autumn 2020, 2021, 2022*
Welfare Regimes in Transition	*Autumn 2021*

Master's thesis supervision:

Euroscepticism and the Rural/Urban Divide (Assistant supervisor, methods)	*Spring 2022*

Competitive Funding & Prizes

German Research Foundation, Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Development Dynamics of Social Policy," Project A08 "Social Policy and Global Welfare: How National Social Protection Regimes Shape International Cooperation" (with PI Philipp Genschel and M. Binetti), 2026–2029.

Reserve list, Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute Florence, 2024–2025.

Oscar II Stipend for best dissertation in Social Sciences, Lund University, 2022.

Swedish National Data Service Scholarship for the ICPSR Summer Program, 2020.

Cambridge Trust Scholarship, University of Cambridge, 2014–2015.

University of Sydney Honours Scholarship, 2012.

University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize, 2010 and 2011.

Walter Reid Memorial Prize for academic merit, University of Sydney, 2010 and 2011.

George Arnold Wood Prize for first place in History, University of Sydney, 2010.

Service

Board member. Collaborative Research Centre 1342, University of Bremen.	*May 2026–present*
Reviewer. Oxford University Press, Springer.	*Dec 2024–present*
Hiring committee. Institute for Intercultural and International Studies, University of Bremen.	*June 2026*

Public Outreach

Podcasts

"The War in Sudan with Volker Perthes." *InIIS InSIGHTS*. 24 November 2025.

"Progressiva meets Federico Quadrelli." *ProgressivA Podcast*. 8 September 2022.

"HIV testing week and LGBT-phobia in Europe." *Arbury Road Podcast*. 26 November 2021.

"Towards a European Minimum Wage." *Arbury Road Podcast*. 25 November 2021.

"Towards a European Welfare System?" *Arbury Road Podcast*. 5 December 2020.

Other publications

"Australia voted for climate action, and is class politics dead?" *ProgressivA*. 22 May 2022.

"Ukraine and Ukrainians in Europe." *ProgressivA*. 3 February 2022.

"Why we need a European minimum wage." *Arbury Road*. 9 December 2021.

"How this virus could help us reshape mental health services." *Arbury Road*. 25 July 2021.

"The EU's vaccine strategy isn't failing – yet." *Arbury Road*. 3 March 2021.

"What can Jacinda Ardern's 'politics of kindness' teach Europe?" *Arbury Road*. 1 December 2020.

Conferences & Invited Talks

"The politics of international solidarity" (with M. Binetti and P. Genschel). British International Studies Association & International Studies Association Joint Conference, Newcastle upon Tyne, 10–12 October 2025.

"Solidarity in international relations: Whether, when, and how?" (with M. Binetti and P. Genschel). American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, 11–14 September 2025.

"The politics of child welfare policy and the decline of institutional care in England and Germany since 1948." European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, 26–29 March 2025.

"The politics of international solidarity" (with M. Binetti and P. Genschel). University of Erfurt, 11 December 2024.

"Solidarity in international relations" (with M. Binetti and P. Genschel). German Political Science Association (DVPW) Conference, Göttingen, 24–27 September 2024.

"The State of Global Peace – 2023 Global Peace Index." Rotary Club of Sydney, 15 August 2023.

"Party ideology and care services: the decline of institutional care since 1950." American Political Science Association Conference, Montreal, 15–18 September 2022.

"Party ideology and care services: the decline of institutional care since 1950." Council for European Studies Conference, Lisbon, 28 June–1 July 2022.

"The Changing Faces of the Modern State" (with J. Lindvall). Seminar on the State and Capitalism Since 1800, Harvard University, 28 January 2022.

"After Asylums and Orphanages: The Partisan Politics of Care in Nine Western Welfare States, 1950–2015." University of Gothenburg, 22 March 2021.

"The Changing Faces of the Modern State" (with J. Lindvall). University College London, 3 February 2021.

"Did Deinstitutionalisation Increase Incarceration? A Synthetic-Control Approach to the Penrose Hypothesis." Nordwel Summer School, University of Bremen, 19–23 August 2019.

Skills

Software: R, Stata, LaTeX.
Languages: English (native), Swedish (B2), German (B2).