

### Alžbeta Hájková

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Studies: Philosophy

#### Why did you choose Purdue?

I chose Purdue because I really liked the Department of Philosophy at this university. There are several excellent faculty members that I was interested in working with.

#### What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

I like that it is situated in a small friendly town.

#### Please briefly describe your research:

I am mostly interested in social and political philosophy. That means that I am concentrating on philosophers that are exploring notions like best possible forms of political society, the forces behind different political ideologies and regimes, and the relationship between citizens and the rulers.

#### Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Thorough and critical thinking.

#### Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

Purdue Memorial Union.

#### If you have free time, how do you choose to spend it?

I go to COREC, or I hang out with my friends.

#### Current mobile device/computer:

Nextbit Robin, Samsung Chromebook.

#### What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

Evernote, SolCalendar, Google Drive.

#### What's your workspace setup like?

I generally prefer working outside of my home, usually in one of the study spaces on campus. If I have to write a paper I go to library, but when I have to do a lot of reading I prefer a comfy armchair at a coffeeshop.

#### What's your best time-saving shortcut?

Planning my responsibilities in advance and setting a lot of reminders on my phone.

#### What's your favorite to-do list manager?

Evernote. I use it on a daily basis and it helps me keep track of my tasks and responsibilities.

#### Besides your phone and computer, what gadget can't you live without?

I would not say I couldn't live without it, but I recently got a Kindle Paperwhite and it's nice to have all my books on one device wherever I go.

#### What do you listen to while you work?

I usually prefer silence, but when I reply to emails or do some more routine tasks, I listen to podcasts about politics.



I'd love to see \_\_\_\_\_ answer these same questions.

Emily Bazelon.

#### What are you currently reading, or what is the last thing you read (aside from academic reading)?

*Exit Right: The People Who Left the Left and Reshaped the American Century* by Daniel Oppenheimer.

#### What's your sleep routine like?

I am an early riser and usually go to bed relatively early, I like to start my day early and in a productive way.

#### How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

By taking walks, doing sports, spending time with my friends.

#### What's the best advice you've ever received?

To trust in my abilities and not worrying about not being smart enough to do something.

#### What is (are) your career goal(s)?

I would like to be an academic and hopefully also an active member of civil society.

#### Where can we find you on social media?

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