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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| Singapore Management University Presidential Assistant Professor of Political Science | from 07/2026 |
| European University Institute Peter Mair Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics | 2024–2026 |
| Nuffield College, University of Oxford Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics Associate Member | 2022–2024 2024–present |

EDUCATION

Harvard University
Ph.D. Government, 2022
M.A. Statistics, 2020

Freie Universität Berlin
M.A. International Relations, 2017
B.A. Political Science, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

16. Null by Design: Statistical Dilution in Immigration-Crime Research. Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.
15. Shielding Voters? How Partisanship Shapes the Placement of Refugee Housing Facilities (with Jeremy Ferwerda). Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
14. Limited Backlash? Assessing the Geographic Scope of Electoral Responses to Refugees (with Jeremy Ferwerda). Forthcoming, *Political Science Research and Methods*.
13. Racial Threat in Public Social Spaces (with Tobias Roemer). Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
12. Anti-immigrant Bias in the Choice between Punitive and Rehabilitative Justice (with Maik Hamjediers). Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.
11. The Gendered Persistence of Authoritarian Indoctrination (with Daniel Ziblatt, Hanno Hilbig, and Nourhan Elsayed). Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.
10. Do Autocrats Respond to Citizen Demands? Petitions and Housing Construction in the GDR (with Hans Lueders and Hanno Hilbig). Forthcoming, *Comparative Political Studies*.

9. After the Genocide: Proximity to Victims and Support for Punishing Ingroup Crimes (with Volha Charnysh). Forthcoming, *Comparative Political Studies*.
8. Out-group Threat and Xenophobic Hate Crimes (with Daniel Bischof and Markus Wagner). *Journal of Politics*, 86(4): 1147–1161.
7. Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization – Evidence from a Multi-Party Setting (with Fabio Ellger, Hanno Hilbig, and Philipp Tillmann). *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(4): 1256–1275.
6. War and Nationalism: How WW1 Battle Deaths Fueled Civilians’ Support for the Nazi Party (with Felix Haass, Alexander De Juan, Carlo Koos, and Thomas Tichelbaecker). *American Political Science Review*, 118(1): 144–162.
Honorable Mention, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section Best Article Award.
5. Natural Disasters and Green Party Support (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Politics*, 86(1): 241–256.
4. Does Inequality Foster Xenophobia? Evidence from the German Refugee Crisis. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50(2): 359–378.
3. Refugee Labor Market Access Increases Support for Immigration (with Anselm Hager and Hanno Hilbig). *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(5): 749–777.
2. Local News Monopolies Increase Misperceptions about Immigration (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49(17): 4536–4558.
1. Freedom of Movement Restrictions Inhibit the Psychological Integration of Refugees (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Politics*, 84(4): 2288–2293.

WORKING PAPERS

- Revisiting History, Reshaping Memory: The Effects of Confronting Ingroup Atrocities (with Alexander De Juan, Julian Voß, and Anton Peez). R&R, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Type I Error Inflation in Unexpected Event During Survey Designs (with Joris Frese). R&R, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- The Police as Gatekeepers of Information: Immigration Salience and Selective Crime Reporting (with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Violeta Haas, Arun Frey, and Tobias Roemer).
- Experimental Evidence on the (Limited) Influence of Reputable Media Outlets (with Gary King, Bharat Anand, and Kiran Misra).
- Regime Loyalty During Wartime – Evidence from Nazi Germany (with Alexander De Juan, Felix Haass, and Julian Voß).
- Revisiting the Temperature-Aggression Link: Evidence from Amateur Football (with Heike Klüver and Maurice Baudet von Gersdorff).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Healing Democracy: Psychological Distress, Democratic Erosion, and the Promise of AI-Based Therapy (with Chagai Weiss).
- Trading Democratic Conventions for Pork (with Thomas Tichelbaecker and Vicente Valentim)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Research Grants

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| Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant | \$ 30,000, 2025 |
| EUI Research Council Grants | € 31,830, 2025 & 2026 |
| Oxford University Press John Fell Fund | £ 10,000, 2023 |
| Oxford DPIR Research Support Fund | £ 1,700, 2023 |
| Nuffield College Research Grant | £ 7,000, 2023 |
| Oxford Social Science Division Researcher Support Fund | £ 500, 2023 |
| Harvard Weatherhead Center graduate research grants | \$ 16,855, 2019–2022 |
| Harvard IQSS graduate research grants | \$ 7,150, 2019–2021 |

Fellowships

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| Dartmouth College Harris Visiting Professorship (<i>declined</i>) | \$ 22,000, 2025 |
| Civica Faculty Travel Grants (IE University & Hertie School) | € 1,793, 2025 |
| OX BER Early Career Researcher Mobility Grant | € 6,850, 2022–2023 |
| Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship | \$ 29,000, 2020–2021 |
| Weatherhead Center dissertation writing grant (<i>declined</i>) | \$ 14,500, 2020–2021 |
| Harvard Graduate Society Predissertation Fellowship | \$ 3,000, 2020 |
| Harvard Immigration Initiative Fellowship | \$ 5,000, 2020–2021 |
| Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship | \$ 24,000, 2019–2022 |
| Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center | \$ 7,250, 2018–2020 |
| Harvard GSAS Ph.D. Fellowship | ~ \$ 300,000, 2017–2022 |
| German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung) | 2014–2017 |

Awards

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| Harvard Bok Center Award for Distinction and Excellence in Teaching | 2019, 2020 |
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TEACHING

European University Institute

- Causal Inference (graduate)
- Comparative Politics Field Seminar (graduate)

Oxford University

- Causal Inference (graduate)

SERVICE

- EUI Comparative Politics Seminar Series (co-organizer), 2024 – present
- EUI Political Economy Applied Research Lab (faculty co-sponsor), 2025 – present
- EUI Ethics Committee, 2024 – present
- EUI Working Group on External Relations and Partnerships, 2025
- EUI Departmental ECPR Jean Blondel Prize Nomination Committee, 2025

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED TALKS

- 2026**
(incl. scheduled) London School of Economics and Political Science (Dep. of Methodology); Singapore Management University; National University of Singapore; DVPW Methods Section; Bocconi University; Emory University (Sexton Conflict Lab); EPIC Workshop (London School of Economics); PolMeth Europe 2026; Popular Support for Autocratic Regimes Workshop (Toulouse School of Economics); University of Gothenburg; ETH Zurich (Immigration Policy Lab); Identity & Conflict Lab Conference (Yale University); European Political Science Society Conference (EPSS); WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 2025** IE University Madrid; PolMeth Europe 2025 (LSE); Political Behaviour and Institutions Conference (CEU, Vienna); Aarhus University; Large Language Models (pre-EPISA) Workshop; EPISA; EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium; New York University Abu Dhabi; University of Mannheim; University of Münster; University of Oxford; Hertie School Berlin
- 2024** New York University Abu Dhabi; Yale–Barcelona Historical Political Economy Workshop; IAST–Oxford–Sciences Po Political Economy Conference; CP & Political Economy Workshop (King’s College London); University College London Migration Cluster Research Seminar; DVPW Convention; EPISA
- 2023** PolMeth Europe; ZEW–ifo Political Economy Workshop; QPE Brownbag Seminar (King’s College London); EPISA; WZB Berlin IPI/TD Brownbag Seminar; Challenging Inequalities Workshop (University of Konstanz); Humboldt University Politics Lecture Series; American University; University of Texas at Austin; University of Southern California; European University Institute
- 2022** EPISA; EuroWEPS; Inequality Conference (University of Konstanz); Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding Conference (WZB Berlin)
- 2018–2021** EPISA; APSA; EuroWEPS; NEWEPS; Asian PolMeth (Doshisha University, Kyoto); Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) Brownbag Seminar; External Democracy Promotion Workshop (Leuphana University)

ACADEMIC VISITS & AFFILIATIONS

Nuffield College, University of Oxford (Associate Member), 2024–present
 Hertie School Berlin (CIVICA Faculty Visit), 2025
 IE University (CIVICA Faculty Visit), 2025
 WZB Berlin Social Science Center (Visiting Researcher), 2020–2022
 German Institute for Global and International Studies (Visiting Researcher), 2018
 Duke University, Department of Political Science (Visiting Graduate Student), 2015–2016