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Born: April 2, 1994—Ingolstadt, Germany
Nationality: German

Current Employment

Jul 2022 - **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Chair of Comparative Political Economy, School of Economics and Political Science, University of St. Gallen
Project: Governance in Vocational and Professional Education and Training (GOVPET)
PI: Patrick Emmenegger, Professor of Comparative Political Economy

Areas of Specialisation

Comparative Politics; Political Economy; Economic Sociology

Education

2017-2022 **DPhil Social Policy**, Department of Social Policy and Intervention (DSPI) and Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Defended Jan 2022; Degree awarded Jul 2022
Co-advisors: Erzsebet Bukodi and Brian Nolan
Title: *'Technological Change and Labour Market Institutions and Their Effect on Employment, Wages, and Inequality'*

2016-2017 MSc in Comparative Social Policy, University of Oxford (Final grade: Distinction)
2012-2016 BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Freiburg (Final grade: 1.2/Excellent)
Aug - Dec '14 Exchange semester at the Schreyer Honors College, Pennsylvania State University (GPA 3.93/4.0)

Previous Academic Employment

2021 - 2022   **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) and Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Project: The Politics of Wealth Inequality (WEALTHPOL)
PI: Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions

2019 - 2021   **Research Assistant**, DPIR, University of Oxford
Project: The Transformation of Post-War Education: Causes & Effects (SCHOOLPOL)
PI: Jane Gingrich, Professor of Comparative Political Economy

Jul - Sep '16   **Research Assistant**, Wilfried Guth Endowed Chair of Constitutional Political Economy and Competition Policy, University of Freiburg
Project: Genetic Diversity and Human Development
PI: Tim Krieger

Apr - Sep '16   **Research Assistant**, Chair of Finance, Controlling & Entrepreneurship, University of Freiburg
Project: Time Autonomy and Innovation
PI: Stephan Lengsfeld

Publications & Talks

Articles in peer reviewed journals

Elkjaer, M. A., Ansell, B., Bokobza, L., Cansunar, A., **Haslberger, M.**, and Nyrup, J. 'Why Is It So Hard to Counteract Wealth Inequality? Evidence from the United Kingdom'. *World Politics (forthcoming)*.

Giudici, A., Gingrich, J., Chevalier, T., and **Haslberger, M.** 2023. 'Center-right Parties and Post-War Secondary Education'. *Comparative Politics,* 55(2), 193-218.

Haslberger, M. 2022. 'Rethinking the measurement of occupational task content'. *The Economic and Labour Relations Review,* 33(1), 178-199.

Haslberger, M. 2021. 'Routine-biased technological change does not always lead to polarisation: Evidence from 10 OECD countries, 1995 - 2013'. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility,* 74(4), Article 100623.

Articles under review

Haslberger, M., Gingrich, J., and Bhatia, J. 'No Great Equalizer: Experimental Evidence on AI in the UK Labor Market.' Under Review at *Research Policy*.

Haslberger, M., Gingrich, J., and Bhatia, J. 'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Exposure, Subjective Risk, and Policy Preferences.' Under Review at *Journal of European Public Policy*.

Haslberger, M., Emmenegger, P., and Durazzi, N. 'The Missing Link: Automation Risk, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences'. Under Review at *Comparative Political Studies*.

Emmenegger, P. and **Haslberger, M.** 'Yesterday's Model for Tomorrow's Economy? Dual VET and Wage Inequality in the Knowledge Economy.' Under Review at *World Politics.*

Haslberger, M. and Bajka, S. M. 'Subjective Technology Risk and Education Preferences: VET as a Safe Haven or Dead End?' Under Review at *Regulation & Governance.*

WORKING PAPERS

Haslberger, M., Elkjaer, M., and Ansell, B. 'Wealth Tax Preferences in an Age of Inequality: The Role of Housing and Information.'

Haslberger, M., Elkjaer, M., and Ansell, B. 'Housing and Political Efficacy.'

WORK IN PROGRESS

'The Politics of Artificial Intelligence' (*with Jasmine Bhatia, Patrick Emmenegger, and Jane Gingrich*)

'Striking the Balance? Firms' Training Strategies in Response to Generative AI'

'When Top-Down Imposition Meets Bottom-Up Skepticism: The Relative Attractiveness Deficit of VET in Europe' (*with Anna Wilson and Patrick Emmenegger*)

'Perceptions of Inequality in Europe' (*with Mads Elkjaer*)

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025

Jan 9-10   'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Use, Threat Perceptions, and Policy Preferences', *SPSA Conference, Geneva*

2024

Sep 13-14   'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Use, Threat Perceptions, and Policy Preferences', *LCSSP AI Conference, Pasadena*

Jul 3-5   'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Use, Threat Perceptions, and Policy Preferences', *CES, Lyon*

Jun 27-29   'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Use, Threat Perceptions, and Policy Preferences', *SASE, Limerick*

Jun 12-14   'Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Use, Threat Perceptions, and Policy Preferences', *VPET-ECON Conference, Zurich*

Jun 7-8   'Housing Wealth and Tax Preferences Across Europe', *VALURED Conference, St. Gallen*

Apr 10-12   'Housing Wealth and Tax Preferences Across Europe', *In_equality Conference, Konstanz*

Feb 8-9   'Housing and Political Efficacy', *SVPW, St. Gallen*

2023

Sep 7-9	'The Missing Link: Technological Change, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences', *ESPAnet, Warsaw*
Aug 15-17	'Yesterday's Model for Tomorrow's Economy? The Effect of Firm-Based VET on Wage Inequality in the Knowledge Economy', *RC28 Summer Meeting, Ann Arbor*
Jun 27-29	'Housing Wealth and Tax Preferences Across Europe', *CES, Reykjavik*
Jun 27-29	'Yesterday's Model for Tomorrow's Economy? The Effect of Firm-Based VET on Youth Unemployment and Wage Inequality in the Knowledge Economy', *CES, Reykjavik*
Jun 22-24	'Housing and Political Efficacy', *EPSA, Glasgow*
Jun 22-24	'The Missing Link: Automation Risk, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences', *EPSA, Glasgow*
Feb 2-3	'Yesterday's Model for Tomorrow's Economy? The Effect of Firm-Based VET on Youth Unemployment and Wage Inequality in the Knowledge Economy', *SVPW, Basel*
Feb 2-3	'Housing Wealth and Tax Preferences Across Europe', *SVPW, Basel*

RECENT INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Nov 2024	'Housing Wealth and Tax Preferences Across Europe', INEQ Workshop on Wealth Inequality, WU Vienna
Nov 2024	'How Do People Reason about Social Protection in the Age of AI?', ZENiT Politics of AI Workshop, University of Konstanz
Oct 2024	'Technology Risk and Educational Preferences: VET as a Safe Haven or Dead End?', Workshop "The Political Economy of Future Skills", University of St. Gallen
Apr 2024	AI & Algorithms in Government Conference, Yale University (Moderator)
Apr 2024	'The Productivity and Political Implications of Generative AI', OECD Webinar on the Future of Work, Online
Mar 2024	GOVPET PhD Workshop, University of St. Gallen (Discussant)
Feb 2024	'Winners and Losers of the Generative AI Revolution', Economics Research Seminar, University of Freiburg
Dec 2023	'Winners and Losers of the Generative AI Revolution', Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series
Mar 2023	GOVPET PhD Workshop, University of Lausanne (Discussant)

Teaching

Spring 2025	INTEGRATIVE PROJECT, Seminar, Bachelor in International Affairs, University of St. Gallen
Fall 2024	INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE METHODS, Seminar, Bachelor in International Affairs, University of St. Gallen
Fall 2022	THE FUTURE OF WORK, Seminar, Master's Programme in International Affairs and Governance, University of St. Gallen

Grants, Awards & Scholarships

GRANTS

Aug 2024 **CIFAR Catalyst Grant** "ChatGPT and Changing Labor Markets" (with Jane Gingrich, Jasmine Bhatia, and Patrick Emmenegger) (*CAD 50,000*)

Mar 2024 **Green Box Programmförderung** by the University of St. Gallen for a survey on the politics of generative AI (*CHF 10,000*)

Feb 2024 **ZENiT Zukunftskolleg** funding for a research group on the politics of AI (with Tobias Tober) (*€ 45,000*)

Jul 2023 **Project Funding** for a pilot survey on the politics of AI (with Jane Gingrich and Jasmine Bhatia) (*£15,000; from University of Oxford and University of St. Gallen*)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 **Associate Member of Nuffield College**, elected for a 3-year term in December 2023

2017 **Barnett House-Nuffield Joint Graduate Scholarship in Social Policy** covering three years of tuition fees and a living grant for doctoral study at Nuffield College and the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford (*approximately £90,000*)

2017 **George Smith Award** for the best MSc thesis in the academic year 2016-17 at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

Service

Co-organiser of the GOVPET PhD Workshop (2023, 2024) and the ZENiT Politics of AI Workshop (2024).

Panel Organiser at the following conferences: ASPA 2025, EPSA 2025, SASE 2024, EPSA 2023.

Selection Committee for the Best Paper Award of the APSA Education Politics Section (2024).

Reviewer experience: American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, ILR Review, Journal of Education and Work, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Policy & Administration, Social Science Research, Socio-Economic Review.

Professional Skills

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), Arabic (beginner), Mandarin (beginner)

Software

R, Stata, LaTeX, IBM SPSS, MATLAB, Python

Additional methods training and audited courses

Jul - Aug '23	Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Survey Experiments *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
Jun '23	Introduction to Machine Learning with R *GSERM Global Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen*
Jul - Aug '18	Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
Jul - Aug '18	Mathematics for Social Scientists Part 2 *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
Jan - Mar '18	Causality *Department of Sociology, University of Oxford*
Oct - Dec '17	Advanced Econometrics *Department of Economics, University of Oxford*
Apr - Jun '17	Panel Data Analysis *DPIR, University of Oxford*
Apr - Jun '17	Advances in Causal Inference *DPIR, University of Oxford*
Jan - Mar '17	Intermediate Social Statistics *DPIR, University of Oxford*