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## Current Employment

Jul 2022 -  
**Postdoctoral Researcher**, 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; Public Policy

## 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	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> , Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) and Nuffield College, University of Oxford Project: The Politics of Wealth Inequality ( <a href="#">WEALTHPOL</a> ) PI: Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions
2019 - 2021	<b>Research Assistant</b> , DPIR, University of Oxford Project: The Transformation of Post-War Education: Causes & Effects ( <a href="#">SCHOOLPOL</a> ) PI: Jane Gingrich, Professor of Comparative Political Economy
Jul - Sep '16	<b>Research Assistant</b> , 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	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Chair of Finance, Controlling & Entrepreneurship, University of Freiburg Project: Time Autonomy and Innovation PI: Stephan Lengsfeld

## Publications & Talks

### ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

**Haslberger, M.**, Gingrich, J., and Bhatia, J. 2025. '[Rage Against the Machine? Generative AI Exposure, Subjective Risk, and Policy Preferences.](#)' *Journal of European Public Policy*.

Emmenegger, P. and **Haslberger, M.** 2025. '[Yesterday's Model for Tomorrow's Economy? Dual VET and Wage Inequality in the Knowledge Economy.](#)' *Journal of European Social Policy*.

**Haslberger, M.** and Bajka, S. M. 2025. '[Subjective Technology Risk and Education Preferences: VET as a Safe Haven or Dead End?](#)' *Regulation & Governance*.

Elkjaer, M. A., Ansell, B., Bokobza, L., Cansunar, A., **Haslberger, M.**, and Nyrup, J. 2025. '[Why Is It So Hard to Counteract Wealth Inequality? Evidence from the United Kingdom](#)'. *World Politics*, 77(3), 515-561.

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.**, Emmenegger, P., and Durazzi, N. ‘[The Missing Link: Technological Change, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences](#)’. Revise and Resubmit at *British Journal of Political Science*.

**Haslberger, M.**, Elkjaer, M., and Ansell, B. ‘[Homeownership and Political Efficacy: How Housing Wealth Shapes Whether People Feel Heard](#).’ Revise and Resubmit at *West European Politics*.

Emmenegger, P., **Haslberger, M.**, and Wilson, A. ‘[Caught in a Downward Spiral? The Relative Attractiveness Deficit of Vocational Education and Training](#).’ Revise and Resubmit at *Sociology of Education*.

**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.**, Elkjaer, M., and Ansell, B. ‘[Wealth Tax Preferences in an Age of Inequality: The Role of Housing and Information](#).’ Under Review at *Journal of Politics*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

‘How Do People Reason About Policy Responses to Generative AI?’ (*with Jasmine Bhatia, Patrick Emmenegger, and Jane Gingrich*)

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

‘Voice at Work and Preferred Policy Responses to Generative AI’

‘The New Politics of Artificial Intelligence’ (*with Shir Raviv*)

‘Perceptions of Inequality in Europe’ (*with Mads Elkjaer*)

‘Housing Wealth and Tax Mix Preferences’ (*with Mads Elkjaer*)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	DPSA (Nyborg), APSA (Vancouver), EPSA (Madrid), ECPR Joint Sessions (Prague), SPSA (Geneva)
2024	LCSSP AI Conference (Pasadena), CES (Lyon), SASE (Limerick), VPET-ECON (Zurich), VALURED Conference (St. Gallen), In_equality Conference (Konstanz), SPSA (St. Gallen)
2023	ESPAnet (Warsaw), C28 Summer Meeting (Ann Arbor), CES (Reykjavik), EPSA (Glasgow), SPSA (Basel)
2022	APSA (Montreal), EPSA (Prague), RC28 Spring Meeting (London)
2021	RC28 Summer Meeting (virtual), ISA Forum of Sociology (virtual)
2020	EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (virtual), ECSR (virtual)
2019	RC28 Summer Meeting (Princeton), ECSR (Lausanne)
2018	ECSR (Paris)

## INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- Aug 2025 ‘The Role of Housing in Building Resilient Democracies,’ European Forum Alpbach (Invited panelist)
- Mar 2025 ‘When Top-Down Imposition Meets Bottom-Up Skepticism: The Relative Attractiveness Deficit of VET in Europe,’ Political Science Research Seminar, University of St. Gallen
- 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 (Co-organiser, speaker)
- 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 (Invited panelist)
- Feb 2024 ‘Winners and Losers of the Generative AI Revolution,’ Economics Research Seminar, University of Freiburg (Invited speaker)
- Dec 2023 ‘Winners and Losers of the Generative AI Revolution,’ Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (Invited speaker)
- Nov 2022 ‘Why Is It So Hard to Counteract Rising Wealth Inequality? Evidence from England and Wales’, Political Science Research Seminar, University of St. Gallen
- Nov 2022 ‘Arbeit im Spannungsfeld von technologischem Wandel und Arbeitsmarktinstitutionen’, Themenwoche “Arbeit bleibt | Technik hilft”, Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung Bonn (Invited speaker)
- Sep 2022 ‘(Mis)Perceptions of Inequality, Wealth, and Tax Preferences Across Europe’, WEALTHPOL/Banklash Conference, Oxford (Invited speaker)
- Jul 2022 ‘Rethinking the Measurement of Occupational Task Content: Background, Updates, and Outlook’, Workshop “Berufe und Soziale Ungleichheit”, Junge Akademie Mainz (Invited speaker)
- Apr 2022 ‘Housing Wealth, Information, and Political Efficacy’, Annual GOVPET PhD Workshop
- Feb 2022 ‘Housing Wealth, Information, and Political Efficacy’, Social Inequalities Research Group, DSPI, University of Oxford
- May 2020 ‘Back to Square One? Routine-Biased Technological Change and the Polarization Argument’, Social Inequalities Research Group, DSPI, University of Oxford
- May 2019 ‘Which Kind of Technological Change? Reassessing the Routine-Bias Argument in a Large Sample of OECD Countries’, Social Inequalities Research Group, DSPI, University of Oxford
- Mar 2018 ‘Skill-Biased Technological Change and Its Implications for Inequality’, Social Inequalities Research Group, DSPI, University of Oxford

## 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

### MAJOR GRANTS

- May 2025      **Workshop Funding** from Nuffield College, Oxford, for a workshop “The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities” (with Ben Ansell; £7,000)
- 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 Zukunftscolleg** funding for a research group on the politics of AI (with Tobias Tober; € 45,000)
- Jul 2023      **Project Funding** from University of Oxford and University of St. Gallen for a pilot survey on the politics of AI (with Jane Gingrich and Jasmine Bhatia; £15,000; )

### 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-Guest Editor** for a planned special issue on “The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities” in *Comparative Political Studies*.

**Co-organiser** of the ZENiT Politics of AI Workshop (2025, 2024) and GOVPET PhD Workshop (2024, 2023).

**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 contributions (selection):** American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, ILR Review, Journal of Politics, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Policy & Administration, Socio-Economic Review, World Politics.

**Nuffield College:** Boat Club Secretary (2019 - 2021), Boat Club Captain (2018/2019), Student Common Room President (2018/2019), Social Secretary (2017/2018)

## 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 (SELECTION)

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

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