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

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 Political Economy; Public Policy; Social Policy

Education

2017-2022 **DPhil in 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
Thesis: *'Technological Change and Labour Market Institutions and Their Effect on Employment, Wages, and Inequality'*

2016-2017 **MSc in Comparative Social Policy**, DSPI and Kellogg College, University of Oxford
Final grade: Distinction
Thesis: *Labour Market Institutions and Wage Inequality*
Awards: George Smith Award for the best MSc thesis at DSPI in the academic year 2016-17

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 Researcher**, 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

Haslberger, M., Emmenegger, P., and Durazzi, N. 'The Missing Link: Technological Change, Dual VET, and Social Policy Preferences'. Forthcoming in *British Journal of Political Science*.

Emmenegger, P., **Haslberger, M.**, and Wilson, A. 'Caught in a Downward Spiral? The Relative Attractiveness Deficit of Vocational Education and Training.' Forthcoming in *Sociology of Education*.

Haslberger, M., Elkjær, M., and Ansell, B. 2026. 'Homeownership and Political Efficacy: How Housing Wealth Shapes Whether People Feel Heard.' *West European Politics*.

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*.

Elkjær, 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., Gingrich, J., and Bhatia, J. 'No Great Equalizer: Experimental Evidence on AI in the UK Labor Market.' Invited to Resubmit at *Research Policy*.

Haslberger, M., Elkjær, M., and Ansell, B. 'The Electoral Politics of Wealth Taxation: Housing, Information, and Public Opinion.' Under Review at *Perspectives on Politics*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

'Artificial Intelligence, Voice at Work, and Politics'

'The New Politics of Artificial Intelligence' (with Aina Gallego, Thomas Kurer, and Nicole Wu)

'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'

'Perceptions of Inequality in Europe' (with Mads Elkjær)

'Housing Wealth and Tax Mix Preferences' (with Mads Elkjær)

'VET Systems and Socio-Economic Outcomes' (with Patrick Emmenegger)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	SPSA (Zurich)
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), VAL-URED 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	EALSO AASLE World Conference (virtual), ECSR (virtual)

2019 RC28 Summer Meeting (Princeton), ECSR (Lausanne)
 2018 ECSR (Paris)

RECENT INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2026 European Consortium for Political Research Headquarters
 2025 University of Basel, Nuffield College (University of Oxford), European Forum Alpbach, SERI VET Conference, University of St. Gallen
 2024 Vienna University of Economics and Business, University of Konstanz, University of St. Gallen, Yale University, OECD Future of Work Programme, University of Freiburg
 2023 Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series
 2022 University of St. Gallen, Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung Bonn (BIBB), Nuffield College (University of Oxford), Junge Akademie Mainz, University of Lausanne, Social Inequalities Research Group (University of Oxford)

Teaching

Spring 2026 INTEGRATIVE PROJECT, Project seminar, Bachelor in Business Administration, University of St. Gallen
 Spring 2025 INTEGRATIVE PROJECT, Project seminar, Bachelor in Business Administration, 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, Lecture and 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 Zukunftskolleg** funding for research 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 special issue on “The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities” in *Comparative Political Studies*.

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

Panel Organiser at the following conferences: EPSA 2026, 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 European Social Policy, 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, 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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