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Academic Appointments

European University Institute

Peter Mair Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics, 09/2024 – present

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Associate Member, 09/2024 – present
Prize Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Politics, 11/2022 – 08/2024

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

15. **Shielding Voters? How Partisanship Shapes the Placement of Refugee Housing Facilities** (with Jeremy Ferwerda). Conditionally accepted, *Journal of Politics*.
14. **Limited Backlash? Assessing the Geographic Scope of Electoral Responses to Refugees** (with Jeremy Ferwerda). Conditionally accepted, *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. **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.
7. **Out-group Threat and Xenophobic Hate Crimes** (with Daniel Bischof and Markus Wagner). *Journal of Politics*, 86(4): 1147–1161.
6. **Does Inequality Foster Xenophobia? Evidence from the German Refugee Crisis**. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50(2): 359–378.
5. **Refugee Labor Market Access Increases Support for Immigration** (with Anselm Hager and Hanno Hilbig). *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(5): 749–777.
4. **Natural Disasters and Green Party Support** (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Politics*, 86(1): 241–256.
3. **War and Nationalism: How WWI 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 for APSA Democracy & Autocracy section Best Article Award*.
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

- **Type I Error Inflation in Unexpected Event During Survey Designs** (with Joris Frese)
- **Null by Design: Statistical Dilution in Immigration–Crime Research**
- **Experimental Evidence on the (Limited) Influence of Reputable Media Outlets** (with Gary King, Bharat Anand, and Kiran Misra).
- **Revisiting History, Reshaping Memory: The Effects of Confronting Ingroup Atrocities** (with Alexander De Juan, Julian Voß, and Anton Peez)
- **Regime Loyalty During Wartime – Evidence from Nazi Germany** (with Alexander De Juan, Felix Haass, and Julian Voß)

Work in Progress

- **The Supply Side of Crime News: How Public Discourse Shapes Police Communication** (with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Arun Frey, Violeta Haas, and Tobias Roemer)
- **Bolstering Liberal Democracy with AI: Examining the Political Effects of Scalable Mental Health Interventions** (with Chagai Weiss)
- **Mitigating the Rural-Urban Political Divide through Public Transport Investment** (with Alex Duni and Givi Silagadze)
- **External Shocks and Voting Behavior** (with Joris Frese). Book chapter, under preparation for *Oxford University Press* textbook (eds. Pavlos Vasilopoulos, Ruth Dassonneville, and Anna Sanders)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

EUI Research Council Grant (€9,430), 2025

Civica Faculty Travel Grants to visit IE University and Hertie School Berlin (€1,793), 2025

Dartmouth College Harris Distinguished Visiting Professorship (\$22,000, declined), 2025

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

OX|BER Early Career Researcher Mobility Grant (€6,850), 2022 & 2023

Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$29,000), 2020–2021

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs dissertation grant (\$14,500, declined), 2020–2021

Harvard Graduate Society Predissertation Fellowship (\$3,000), 2020

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

Harvard Immigration Initiative Fellowship (\$5,000), 2020–2021

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs graduate research grants (\$16,855 in total), 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Institute for Quantitative Social Science graduate research grants (\$7,150 in total), 2019, 2020, 2021

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (\$24,000), 2019–2022

Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center (\$7,250), 2018–2020

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Ph.D. Fellowship (~ \$300,000), 2017–2022

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, 2014–2017

Teaching

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

Causal Inference (2025)

Comparative Politics Field Seminar (2024, 2025)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Causal Inference (2024)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Quantitative Social Science Methods I (2020, TA for Gary King)

Data, (2019, TA for David Kane)

Conferences, Workshops, and Invited Talks

2025

IE University Madrid
PolMeth Europe 2025, LSE
Political Behaviour and Institutions Conference, CEU Vienna
Aarhus University
Large Language Models (pre-EPSA) Workshop
EPSA
WZB Junior Scholars Workshop
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
EPSA

2023

PolMeth Europe
ZEW-ifo Political Economy Workshop
QPE Brownbag Seminar, King's College London
EPSA
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

EPSA
EuroWEPS
Inequality Conference, University of Konstanz
Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding Conference, WZB Berlin

2018 – 2021

EPSA

APSA

EuroWEPS

NEWEPS

Asian Polmeth, Doshisha University, Kyoto

Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) Brownbag Seminar

External Democracy Promotion Workshop, Leuphana University

Service

EUI Comparative Politics Seminar Series (co-organizer), 2024 – present

EUI Political Economy Applied Research Lab (co-organizer), 2025 – present

EUI Ethics Committee, 2024 – present

EUI Working Group on External Relations and Partnerships, 2025

EUI Departmental ECPR Jean Blondell Prize Nomination Committee, 2025

References

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