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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

14. **Shielding Voters? How Partisanship Shapes the Placement of Refugee Housing Facilities** (with Jeremy Ferwerda). Conditionally accepted, *Journal of Politics*.
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

- **Limited Backlash? Assessing the Geographic Scope of Electoral Responses to Refugees** (with Jeremy Ferwerda). R&R, *Political Science Research and Methods*
- **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)
- **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).

## Work in Progress

- **The Politics of Crime Reporting: Electoral Cycles and the Distortion of Out-Group Crime** (with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Arun Frey, Violeta Haas, and Tobias Roemer)
- **Mitigating the Rural-Urban Political Divide through Public Transport Investment** (with Alex Duni and Givi Silagadze)
- **Peace of Mind: Can AI Therapy Reduce Support for Political Violence?** (with Chagai Weiss)

## Grants, Fellowships & 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 & Invited Talks

2025

IE University Madrid

PolMeth Europe 2025, LSE

Political Behaviour and Institutions Conference, CEU Vienna

Aarhus University

Large Language Models (pre-EPISA) Workshop

EPISA

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

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