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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

1. **Freedom of Movement Restrictions Inhibit the Psychological Integration of Refugees** (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Politics*, 84 (4): 2288–2293.
2. **Local News Monopolies Increase Misperceptions about Immigration** (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49(17): 4536–4558.
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*.
4. **Natural Disasters and Green Party Support** (with Hanno Hilbig). *Journal of Politics*, 86(1): 241–256.
5. **Refugee Labor Market Access Increases Support for Immigration** (with Anselm Hager and Hanno Hilbig). *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(5): 749–777.
6. **Does Inequality Foster Xenophobia? Evidence from the German Refugee Crisis**. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50(2): 359–378.
7. **Out-group Threat and Xenophobic Hate Crimes** (with Daniel Bischof and Markus Wagner). *Journal of Politics*, 86(4): 1147–1161.
8. **After the Genocide: Proximity to Victims and Support for Punishing Ingroup Crimes** (with Volha Charnysh). Forthcoming, *Comparative Political Studies*.

9. **Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization - Evidence from a Multi-Party Setting** (with Fabio Ellger, Hanno Hilbig, and Philipp Tillmann). Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.

Working Papers

10. **Racial Threat in Public Social Spaces** (with Tobias Roemer). R&R, *Journal of Politics*.
11. **Anti-immigrant Bias in the Choice between Punitive and Rehabilitative Justice** (with Maik Hamjediers). R&R, *British Journal of Political Science*.
12. **Limited Backlash? Assessing the Geographic Scope of Electoral Responses to Refugees** (with Jeremy Ferwerda). R&R, *Political Science Research and Methods*.
13. **Do Autocrats Respond to Citizen Demands? Petitions and Housing Construction in the GDR** (with Hans Lueders and Hanno Hilbig). R&R, *Comparative Political Studies*.
14. **Shielding Voters? How Partisanship Shapes the Placement of Refugee Housing Facilities** (with Jeremy Ferwerda).
15. **Revisiting History, Reshaping Politics: The Effects of Confronting In-Group Atrocities** (with Alexander De Juan, Julian Voß, and Anton Peez)
16. **The Gendered Persistence of Authoritarian Indoctrination** (with Daniel Ziblatt, Hanno Hilbig, and Nourhan Elsayed).

Work in Progress

- Hidden Bias: Using LLMs to Scrutinize Police Reporting Behavior (with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Arun Frey, Violeta Haas, and Tobias Roemer)
- Do harsher punishments deter crime? (with Maik Hamjediers)
- Regime Loyalty in Nazi Germany (with Alexander De Juan, Felix Haass, and Julian Voß)

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

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

Civica Faculty Travel Grant (€1,966), 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 Int. 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
German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung), 2014–2017

Teaching

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

Comparative Politics Core Seminar (2024)

Causal Inference (2025)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Causal Inference (2024)

Service

EUI Ethics Committee, 2024 – present

Conferences & Invited Talks

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

2021 & 2020

EPSA
APSA
EuroWEPS
NEWEPS

2019 & 2018

Asian Polmeth, Doshisha University Kyoto
Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) Brownbag Seminar
External Democracy Promotion Workshop, Leuphana University