

APPOINTMENTS

- 09/25 – 08/26 **Max Weber Fellow**
Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute Florence
Advisor: Prof Maarten Vink
- 09/22 – 08/25 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Project: The Politics of Refugee Rights, Research Group: Refugee Economies Programme
Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
PI: Prof Alexander Betts
- Research Assistantships**
- 10/20 – 05/22 **Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford**
Project: Horizon 2020 Project MIGNEX (Aligning Migration Management and the Migration-Development Nexus)
Supervisor: Prof Carlos Vargas-Silva
- 06/20 **Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford**
Project: Denationalisation Politics
Supervisor: Prof Matthew Gibney
- 10/15 – 10/16 **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**
Research Group: Integration and Conflict along the Upper Guinea Coast
Supervisor: Prof Jacqueline Knörr
- 01/16 – 03/16 **Sociology Department, University of Konstanz**
Project: The Governance of Migration in Urban Asylum Regimes: Comparing France and Germany
Supervisor: Dr Philipp Schäfer

EDUCATION

- 01/20 – 04/24 **DPhil Migration Studies**
University of Oxford, Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society
Supervisors: Prof Matthew Gibney and Prof Tom Scott-Smith
- 10/16 – 03/19 **MA Social Theory**
University of Jena, Sociology Department, Grade: 1.0 (A)
- 07/17 – 06/18 **Visiting Student Researcher**
University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department
Supervisor: Prof Irene Bloemraad
- 10/12 – 05/16 **Double BA in Political Science and African Studies**
University of Leipzig
05/2016: BA Political Science, Grade: 1.2 (A)
02/2016: BA African Studies, Grade: 1.1 (A)

PUBLICATIONS

- Books**
- Forthcoming Alexander Betts and Julia Schweers (as equal authors): *Authoritarian Sanctuaries: How Illiberal Governments Forge Liberal Refugee Policies*. Oxford University Press, Series: 'Oxford Studies in African Politics and International Relations'
- In Progress Julia Schweers. *Capitalising Passports: Ghanaian Return Migration with Dual Citizenship*. Full manuscript to be submitted to Oxford University Press, Series 'Oxford Studies in Migration and Citizenship' by 12/2026.
- Peer-Reviewed Articles**
- 2025 Ruta Nimkar and Julia Schweers: The Vulnerability Gap: How people affected by climate change perceive their circumstances and make (risky) migration decisions. *Anti-Trafficking Review* 25(2025) <https://doi.org/10.14197/atr.201225255>.
- Forthcoming Julia Schweers and Alexander Betts: Authoritarian Legacies: How 1970s African Dictators Shaped Contemporary Refugee Policies, *Third World Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2026.2636129.

- R&R Exclusive Capital: How Ghanaian Return Migrants View Dual Citizenship. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- In Progress Julia Schweers, Alexander Betts and Jamie Smith: Central Governance and Local Contestations: A political history of Nakivale refugee settlement. To be submitted to *African Affairs*.
- In Progress Julia Schweers, Godin, Marie, Maria G. Jumbert, Elaine Lebon-McGregor: *Same Term, Different Meaning: What the Changed Definition of 'Coherence' Can Tell About the EU's Shifting Engagement with Migration-Sending Countries*.

Reports and Policy Briefs

- Planned With Alexander Betts. Policy Brief drawn from book 'Authoritarian Sanctuaries'. To be disseminated in parallel with book launch, planned for 2026.
- 2024 Schweers, Julia. *Citizenship Law in Ghana*. EUI Global Citizenship Observatory, <https://cadmus.eui.eu/entities/publication/bbf2d6c9-990e-5a22-9017-b81b10a2ab39>
- 2024 Policy Brief: Marie Godin, Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Mathias Hatleskog Tjønn, Niels Ike, Elaine Lebon-McGregor, Julia Schweers. *Is policy coherence a smokescreen for a more restrictive migration agenda?* <https://www.mignex.org/d095b>
- 2024 Policy Brief: Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Marie Godin, Niels Ike, Elaine Lebon-McGregor, Julia Schweers, Mathias Hatleskog Tjønn. *Does informality lead to better or worse migration partnerships, and for whom?* <https://www.mignex.org/d095c>
- 2022 Godin, Marie, Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Elaine Lebon-McGregor, Julia Schweers. *Comparative Experiences of Third-country Cooperation*. Mignex Background Papers: <https://www.mignex.org/d093>
- 2021 Godin, Marie, Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Elaine Lebon-McGregor, Julia Schweers & Mathias H. Tjønn. *Internal (In)coherence in European Migration Policies*. MIGNEX Background Papers: <https://www.mignex.org/d092>

Op-eds

- Planned Journalistic article planned to be published in parallel with book launch of 'Authoritarian Sanctuaries'
- 2020 Schweers, Julia. Alte Macht, junge Revolte: Afrikas dritte Protestwelle. In: *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik* 1/2020: 59-64
- 2019 Schweers, Julia. Ebola im Kongo: Die ignorierte Epidemie. In: *Blätter für Deutsche und Internationale Politik* 8/2019: 29-32
- 2018 Schweers, Julia. Bolsonaros Brasilien: Die Vernichtung der grünen Lunge. In: *Blätter für Deutsche und Internationale Politik* 12/2018: 63-66

TEACHING

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- 10/25 – 05/26 **European University Institute's Teaching Certificate for Higher Education**
- 05/26 **Guest Lecturer: Free University Berlin, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science**
Guest lecture BA/MA Political Science, as part of the EUI's Teaching Certificate
- 05/26 **Guest Lecturer: Free University of Berlin, Language Centre**
Seminar on academic English, as part of the EUI's Teaching Certificate
- 02/26 **Instructor: Executive Training 'Migration Winter Academy'**
European University Institute: School of Transnational Governance, Migration Policy Centre
- 11/26 – 06/26 **Supervisor: MA Transnational Governance**
European University Institute, Florence School of Transnational Governance
- 04/25 – 08/25 **College Advisor: Pastoral care for six master's and doctoral students**
St Antony's College, University of Oxford
- 10/24 – 06/25 **Supervisor: MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies**
Oxford Department of International Development
- 02/25 **Guest Lecturer: MPhil Development Studies**
Oxford Department of International Development
Designed 2-hour lecture on climate change and migration as part of option course 'Climate Change from a Global South Perspective'
- 11/24 – 12/24 **Social Science Division Course 'Introduction to Learning and Teaching at Oxford'** Participant
- 04/24 **Organiser: Sustainability Careers**. One-day outreach workshop for master's and doctoral students
Wolfson College, University of Oxford

11/22 – 01/23 **Mentor** at Graduate Application Support Scheme of Oxford Refugee-Led Research Hub, ODID
 Since 06/22 **Mentor** for BA and MA students in the social sciences, Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
 01/22 **Guest Lecturer: BA Human Sciences**
 School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford
 Conducted one week of teaching on global mobility inequalities as part of option course
 ‘Geographies of Migration’: designed own lecture, tutorial, and essay questions, and graded essays

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

04/26 Invited Talk: Mobilities in History Roundtable, History Department, European University Institute
 11/25 Co-organiser and chair: Panel Discussion ‘Hybrid Warfare or Humanitarian Crisis? Politics, Law and Humanity on the EU–Belarus Border’, European University Institute
 05/25 *Exclusive Capital: How Ghanaian Return Migrants View Dual Citizenship*, GLOBALCIT conference, European University Institute
 02/25 Organiser: *Book workshop ‘Authoritarian Sanctuary’*, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
 11/24 A history of Sudan’s refugee policy, RSC work in progress seminar, University of Oxford
 11/24 *Dual Citizenship, Upward Mobility, and Return Migration*. Invited talk at ‘Research Roundtable: Citizenship’, Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford
 06/24 *Refugee Politics in Authoritarian Regimes*, Invited talk at 50-years of Oxford Wolfson College celebrations
 09/23 *Authoritarian Sanctuaries: How 1970s African Dictators Shaped Contemporary Refugee Policies*. Conference: The Global Migration Turn, University of Pisa
 07/23 Chair of Panel: *Citizenship and Naturalization Regimes*. IMISCOE Annual Conference
 07/23 *Citizenship Abroad, Capital at Home: The Value of Dual Citizenship in Ghana*. IMISCOE Annual Conference
 05/23 *Same Term, Different Meaning: What the Changed Definition of ‘Coherence’ Can Tell About the EU’s Shifting Engagement with Migration-Sending Countries*. The EU in International Affairs Conference, EUIA
 05/23 *What Does it Mean to Return as a Dual Citizen to Ghana?* Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, Free University Berlin, Liberal Script Colloquium
 09/21 *Return Migration with Dual Citizenship*. Migration and Development Colloquium, Berlin Social Science Centre
 06/18 *Perceptions of Citizenship among West African Immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area*. Biennial International Conference of the German African Studies Association, Panel: Transcontinental Migration
 05/18 *Perceptions of Citizenship among West African Immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area*. Inequalities & Inclusion Symposium, UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Since 02/26 **Gender equality committee member**, European University Institute
 12/25 **Selection committee member**: ESR Grant, European University Institute
 10/25 **Founder**: Migration Writing Group, European University Institute
 Since 10/25 **Postdoctoral Representative**, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
 Since 01/24 **Country Expert on Ghana**, Global Citizenship Observatory, European University Institute
 11/22 – 01/23 **Mentor** at Graduate Application Support Scheme of Oxford Refugee-Led Research Hub, ODID
 10/21 **Admissions committee member**, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
 10/20 – 10/21 **DPhil student representative**, Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy and Society
 2018–2020 **Graduate student representative**, German Association for Philosophy, DGPhil
 06/14 – 03/16 **Search committee member** for professorship, University of Leipzig, Department for African Studies

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

In preparation Gerda-Henkel-Foundation, ‘Special Programme Forced Migration’, 2-year grant
 2025-26 Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (<5% acceptance rate)
 05/25 Conference travel grant – University of Oxford, Department of International Development
 07/24 Conference travel grant – University of Oxford, Department of International Development
 07/22 – 08/22 Travel grant – University of Oxford, Wolfson College
 03/22 – 04/22 Grant for fieldwork in Ghana – German Academic Scholarship Foundation
 07/22 – 08/22 Travel grant – University of Oxford, Wolfson College

05/20 – 01/23	Full scholarship for doctoral studies – German Academic Scholarship Foundation
01/18 – 02/18	Grant for internship in New York – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
07/17 – 05/18	Grant for research stay at UC Berkeley – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
10/16 – 01/19	Full scholarship for graduate studies – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
02/15 – 04/15	Grant for fieldwork and internship in Benin – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
08/14 – 09/14	Grant for summer school in Niger – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation
04/13 – 05/16	Full scholarship for undergraduate studies – Friedrich Ebert Scholarship Foundation

VISITING RESEARCHER POSITIONS

Since 09/25	Associate Researcher, University of Oxford, Refugee Studies Centre, Department of International Development
07/22	Free University Berlin, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science
08/22	European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
03/22 – 05/22	Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana
07/21 – 08/21	WZB – Berlin Social Science Centre
07/17 – 06/18	University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

01/19 – 01/20	Editor (full-time): Publishing House 'Blätter Verlagsgesellschaft', Berlin Political Magazine 'Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik' Part of editorial board of five, selection of articles, in charge of global south topics, reviewing, content editing, translations, copy-editing with InDesign, co-organizing of annual Democracy Lecture, speaker and interviewer at monthly podcast, social media, training of interns
06/18 – 07/18	Intern: Publishing House 'Blätter Verlagsgesellschaft', Berlin Content editing, copy-editing, translation of articles from English to German
01/18 – 02/18	Intern: German Foreign Ministry, Politics and Press Dep., Consulate General New York City Co-organizing the UN Holocaust Remembrance Week with the German Mission to the UN, writing speeches in English and German, briefings to the head quarter on US domestic politics
05/16 – 06/16	Intern: Federal State Parliament of Saxony, Germany Work for MP and member of education committee: Desk research on public higher education, summarizing policy options, organizing events, correspondence
02/15 – 04/15	Intern: Friedrich Ebert Foundation, international liaison office Cotonou, Benin Research on political engagement in Benin, translating between French, English, and German, co-organising panel discussions on topical issues in Benin domestic politics
05/14; 05/19	Volunteer: Polling clerk at European elections
07/17 – 12/17	Volunteer: Language tutoring for refugees , Refugee Transition Oakland (US)
01/13 – 12/17	Volunteer: Language tutoring for refugees, assistance with bureaucracy and authorities , Refugee Council Leipzig (Germany)
08/11 – 08/12	Volunteer (Social Service): Federal German Corporation for International Cooperation, GIZ Ghana
10/09 – 07/11	Volunteer: Tutoring migrant children , Casablanca Language Centre Berlin

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (near native), French (C1 certificate, C2 course 2020), Spanish (basic, B1 course 2016), Italian (basic, learning towards B1).

REFEREES

Prof A. Betts: alexander.betts@geh.ox.ac.uk Principle Investigator at postdoctoral project	Prof T. Scott-Smith: tom.scott-smith@geh.ox.ac.uk DPhil supervisor
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