

APPOINTMENTS

- 09/25 – 04/27 **Max Weber Fellow**
Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute Florence
Advisor: Prof Maarten Vink
- Since 01/24 **Country Expert on Ghana**, Global Citizenship Observatory
European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre
- 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

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
Nov 2026 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 the end of 2027. Status: Book proposal accepted by series' editors; working on the full manuscript.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming
2026 Exclusive Capital: How Ghanaian Return Migrants View Dual Citizenship. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2026.2721131
- 2026 Julia Schweers and Alexander Betts: Authoritarian Legacies: How 1970s African Dictators Shaped Contemporary Refugee Policies, *Third World Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2026.2636129.
- 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>.
- 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. Durable Solution? UNHCR and refugee naturalisation in East Africa. To be submitted to *The Journal of Refugee Studies*.
- In Progress Julia Schweers. The impact of dual citizenship on labour market reintegration after return migration. To be submitted to *International Migration Review*.

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 end of 2026/ early 2027.
- 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

- Forthcoming Schweers, Julia and Alexander Betts. How autocrats make refugee policies. In: *The Conversation*. Forthcoming in Winter 2026.
- 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 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 for BA and MA students, 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** 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
- 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 CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP RESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 06/26 **Conference Paper:** Julia Schweers. *The impact of dual citizenship on labour market reintegration after return migration*. IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- 06/26 **Panel Chair:** *Migrants' Trajectories in Labour Markets*. IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- 06/26 **Conference Paper:** Julia Schweers. *Durable Solution? UNHCR and refugee naturalisation in East Africa*. Workshop 'Citizenship in Displacement: Policies, Practices, and Lived Experiences'. Université de Neuchâtel.
- 05/26 **Conference Paper:** Julia Schweers. *Durable Solution? UNHCR and refugee naturalisation in East Africa*. GLOBALCIT Conference, European University Institute.
- 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 **Conference Paper:** Julia Schweers. *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 **Conference Paper:** A history of Sudan's refugee policy, RSC work in progress seminar, University of Oxford.
- 11/24 **Invited Talk:** *Dual Citizenship, Upward Mobility, and Return Migration*. Invited talk at 'Research Roundtable: Citizenship', Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford
- 06/24 **Invited Talk:** *Refugee Politics in Authoritarian Regimes*, invited talk at 50-years of Oxford Wolfson College celebrations.
- 09/23 **Conference Paper:** *Authoritarian Sanctuaries: How 1970s African Dictators Shaped Contemporary Refugee Policies*. Workshop 'The Global Migration Turn', University of Pisa.
- 07/23 **Panel Chair:** *Citizenship and Naturalization Regimes*. IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- 07/23 **Conference Paper:** *Citizenship Abroad, Capital at Home: The Value of Dual Citizenship in Ghana*. IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- 05/23 **Conference Paper:** *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 **Paper:** *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 **Paper:** *Return Migration with Dual Citizenship*. Migration and Development Colloquium, Berlin Social Science Centre.
- 06/18 **Paper:** *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 **Paper:** *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.

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
- 08/2018 **Linguistics Department, University of California, Berkeley**
Project: Documenting the Panãra language, Brazilian Amazon Forest Xingu Indigenous Territory
Supervisor: Prof Miriam Lapierre
- 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
Supervisor: Dr Philipp Schäfer

ACADEMIC SERVICE

02/26 – 07/26 **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
05/23 – 06/24 **Environmental Representative**, Wolfson College, University of Oxford
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 (Studienstiftung)
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 Progress Application for 'Karlspreis' research grant (25,000 EUR, www.karlspreis.de/de/academy/application)
2025-27 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 (Studienstiftung)
07/22 – 08/22 Travel grant – University of Oxford, Wolfson College
05/20 – 01/23 Full scholarship for doctoral studies – German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung)
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 09/26 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 headquarters 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), Italian (B1), Spanish (B1 course 2016)