

# Dr. Joshua Cova

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

Cologne, Germany

*Postdoctoral Research Associate*

*Jul 2023 –*

- Postdoctoral research associate in the Political Economy research group. Supervisor: Prof. Lucio Baccaro

### King's College London

London, UK

*Postdoctoral Research Associate*

*Dec 2022 – Jun 2023*

- Research associate in the Leverhulme Trust-funded project '[The Political Economy of Growth Models in an Age of Stagnation](#)'. Worked on a project examining the relationship between labour market institutions and export specialization in European economies. PIs: Prof. Engelbert Stockhammer, Dr. Chiara Benassi

## EDUCATION

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### Hertie School and Humboldt University

Berlin, Germany

*DFG-funded joint PhD program [DYNAMICS](#); Grade: Summa cum laude*

*Sep 2019 – Dec 2022*

*Thesis title: "The political economy of European wage formation"*

*Committee: Prof. Anke Hassel (Hertie School), Prof. Hanna Schwander (Humboldt University),*

*Prof. Lucio Baccaro (Max Planck Institute)*

### University of Oxford

Oxford, UK

*MPhil in European Politics; Grade: Pass with Merit*

*Sep 2014 – Jun 2016*

### King's College London

London, UK

*BA in History; Grade: First Class Honours*

*Sep 2011 – Jun 2014*

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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### Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

Zurich, Switzerland

*Analyst*

*Dec 2017 – Jun 2019*

### European Investment Bank

Luxembourg

*Traineeship*

*Feb 2017 – Jul 2017*

### European Parliament (Cabinet of the President)

Brussels, Belgium

*Traineeship*

*Sep 2016 – Jan 2017*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Cova, Joshua** (2024) 'On industrial relations and inflation: a long-term perspective', *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research* [[Published version](#)]

**Cova, Joshua** (2023) 'Politicizing the minimum wage: A multilingual text analysis of minimum wages in European electoral manifestos', *Journal of European Social Policy*, 33(4): pp.469-483 [[Published version](#)]

**Cova, Joshua** (2023) 'Back to the basics: Applying multilingual dictionary analysis to the Comparative Manifesto Project corpus', *Computational Communication Research*, 5(2): pp.1-25 [[Published version](#)]

**Cova, Joshua** (2022) 'Reconsidering the drivers of country-specific recommendations: The Commission's ideological preferences on wage policies', *European Union Politics*, 23(4): pp. 639-661 [[Published version](#)] [[LSE European Politics Blog](#)]

## DATA

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**Cova, Joshua** (2024), *ITAPARL*CORPUS, a machine-readable database of all parliamentary transcripts in Italy's post-war republic history (1948-2022) [[Harvard Dataverse](#)]

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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**Cova, Joshua** (2023) 'Book Review - Diminishing Returns: The New Politics of Growth and Stagnation', *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* [[Published version](#)]

**Cova, Joshua** (2022) 'The EU directive on fair and adequate minimum wages: Low-pay work, collective bargaining and the prospects for income growth', *Jacques Delors Centre* [[Published version](#)]

## UNDER REVIEW

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**Cova, Joshua** 'State intervention in the new political economy of low-wage work', *European Journal of Industrial relations* (**Revise & Resubmit**)

**Cova, Joshua** 'A new database for Italian parliamentary speeches. Introducing the ITAPARLCORPUS dataset', *Italian Political Science Review* (**Revise & Resubmit**)

**Cova, Joshua** and Marenco, Matteo 'Safety net or just smoke and mirrors? Party politics, labour market outsiders and the minimum wage in Germany and Italy', *West European Politics* (**under review**)

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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**SASE Early Career Workshop** Awarded the SASE Early Career Workshop price - conferences & accommodation fees at the SASE conference were waived

**DFG-funded DYNAMICS PostDoc start-up funding (2022)** DFG-funded DYNAMICS doctoral candidates who submitted their PhD theses within three years were eligible to apply, on a competitive basis, for PostDoc Start-up funding

**Dahrendorf Forum Research Paper Competition (2020)** Awarded € 2,000 for best paper

## TEACHING

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### University of Cologne

*The Political Economy of Inequality* (Fall semester 2024)

Designed my own course for BA students

### Hertie School

*Statistics I* (Fall semester, 2021 & Fall Semester, 2022)

Median student satisfaction score: 10/10

### University of Cologne

Guest seminars for *Politics and Instruments of Macroeconomic Governance* (Fall semester 2023)

### Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

- Co-organizer of an ongoing workshop series on the uses of Large Language Models in social science for advanced graduate students
- Introduction to Python for social scientists (February 2024)

## SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS

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Time Series & Panel Data Analysis (Essex Summer School, University of Essex)

Introduction to Python for the social sciences (Humboldt University Berlin)

Beyond Counting Words: Working with Word Embeddings (Humboldt University Berlin)

Econometrics for Policy Analysis (Bocconi University)

## CONFERENCES

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EPSA (*European Political Science Association*): Prague (2022)

SASE (*Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*): Amsterdam (2022), Limerick (2024)

CES (*Conference of Europeanists*): Reykjavik (2023), Lyon (2024)

## SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

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Reviewer: *Journal of Common Market Studies, Government and Opposition, Review of Evolutionary Political Economy*

## SKILLS

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**Programming:** R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Git, Microsoft Office

**Languages:** Italian (Native), German (Native), English (Professional), French (Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Lucio Baccaro**, Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

**Prof. Chiara Benassi**, University of Bologna

**Prof. Anke Hassel**, Hertie School, Berlin