

# 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 examining the political economy of income stagnation. 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. 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** (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](#)]

## 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](#)]

## 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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### **Hertie School**

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

Median student satisfaction score: 10/10

## 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)

CES (*Conference of Europeanists*): Reykjavik (2023)

## SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

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Reviewer: *Journal of Common Market Studies, Government and Opposition*

## 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)