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Bio

BIO

Jens Hainmueller is the Kimberly Glenn Professor of Political Science. He co-directs the Stanford Immigration Policy Lab and is a Faculty Affiliate at the Stanford Center for Causal Science, the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, and the Europe Center. He is also a member of the Maternal & Child Health Research Institute at Stanford's School of Medicine.

Hainmueller's research spans statistical methods, causal inference, immigration, and political economy, and he has published nearly 70 articles with over 40,000 citations. Many of his works appear in top journals, including Science, Nature, and PNAS, as well as leading field journals in political science, statistics, economics, and business.

He has developed widely adopted statistical methods—such as synthetic control methods, entropy balancing, Average Marginal Component Effects, and GeoMatch algorithms—and created several open-source software packages that support empirical research across disciplines. At Stanford, he teaches courses on causal inference and data science.

Hainmueller's contributions have earned him prestigious awards, including the Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology, the Warren Miller Prize, the Robert H. Durr Award, and the Emerging Scholar Award from the Society of Political Methodology. He is an Andrew Carnegie Fellow, an elected Fellow of the Society of Political Methodology, and holds an honorary degree from the European University Institute (EUI).

He earned his PhD from Harvard University, with additional studies at the London School of Economics, Brown University, and the University of Tuebingen. Before joining Stanford, he was a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

For a full list of his publications, please refer to his Google Scholar Citation Page and CV.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Associate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, (2009- present)

- Faculty Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London, (2013- present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Stanford Europe Center, (2014- present)
- Founder and Faculty Co-Director, Stanford Immigration and Integration Policy Lab, (2014- present)
- Associate Professor (by courtesy), Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, (2014- present)
- Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, Stanford University, (2014- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- McCloy Scholarship, German Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) (2003 - 2005)
- Bok Center Awards for Distinguished Teaching (received twice), Harvard University
- Senator Charles Sumner Prize, Harvard Faculty (2009)
- Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology, Society of Political Methodology (2007)
- Robert H. Durr Award, Midwest Political Science Association (2008)
- Award for Best Paper on the study of labor in politics, American Political Science Association (2012)
- Robert H. Durr Award, Midwest Political Science Association (2012)
- Award for Best Paper on the study of elections, public opinion, and voting behavior, American Political Science Association (2013)
- Warren Miller Prize, Society of Political Methodology (2013)
- Editors' Choice Award, Political Analysis (2014)
- Emerging Scholar Award, Society of Political Methodology (2014)
- Warren Miller Prize, Society of Political Methodology (2015)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Associate Editor, Journal of Causal Inference (2015 - present)
- Associate Editor, Political Analysis (2014 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Political Science Research and Methods (2014)
- Editorial Board Member, Political Analysis (2014)
- Editorial Board Member, American Journal of Political Science (2014)
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Causal Inference (2014)
- Editorial Board Member, Observational Studies (2015 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Harvard University , Government (2009)
- M.P.A., Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government , Master of Public Administration (2005)
- M.Sc., London School of Economics , International Political Economy (2003)
- B.A. (Zwischenprüfung), Tubingen University , Major: Political Science; Minors: Economics and Public Law (2001)

LINKS

- Personal Site: http://web.stanford.edu/~jhain/
- Google Scholar Site: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=S-8-QyIAAAAJ&hl=en
- Immigration Policy Lab: https://immigrationlab.org/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Germany in Europe: Political Conflict and Public Policy : OSPBER 77W (Win)

2025-26

- Designing Your Dissertation I: POLISCI 481 (Aut)
- Designing Your Dissertation II: POLISCI 482 (Win)
- Political Methodology II: Causal Inference: POLISCI 450B (Win)
- Political Methodology IV: Advanced Topics: POLISCI 450D (Win)

2024-25

- Designing Your Dissertation I: POLISCI 481 (Aut)
- Designing Your Dissertation II: POLISCI 482 (Win)
- Political Methodology I: Regression: POLISCI 450A (Aut)
- Political Methodology II: Causal Inference: POLISCI 450B (Win)
- Workshop in Political Methodology: POLISCI 353B (Win)
- Workshop in Political Methodology: POLISCI 353C (Spr)

2023-24

- Causal Inference for Social Science: POLISCI 150C, POLISCI 355C (Spr)
- Political Methodology II: Causal Inference: POLISCI 450B (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Douglas Leonard, Mae MacDonald

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

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Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Shirin Abrishami Kashani

Doctoral (Program)

Shirin Abrishami Kashani, Douglas Leonard, Jiehan Liu, Zihan Xie

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Public Health Insurance Expansion for Immigrant Children and Interstate Migration of Low-Income Immigrants** *Public Health Insurance Expansion for Immigrant Children and Interstate Migration of Low-Income Immigrants*
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  2019
- **Multidimensional measure of immigrant integration.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
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- **Improving refugee integration through data-driven algorithmic assignment** *SCIENCE*
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- **Improving environmental practices in agricultural supply chains: The role of company-led standards** *GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE-HUMAN AND POLICY DIMENSIONS*
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- **The Number of Choice Tasks and Survey Satisficing in Conjoint Experiments** *POLITICAL ANALYSIS*
  Bansak, K., Hainmueller, J., Hopkins, D. J., Yamamoto, T.
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- **Catalyst or Crown: Does Naturalization Promote the Long-Term Social Integration of Immigrants?** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Hainmueller, J., Hangartner, D., Pietrantuono, G.
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- **Providing driver's licenses to unauthorized immigrants in California improves traffic safety** *PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*
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- **Does Lean Improve Labor Standards? Management and Social Performance in the Nike Supply Chain** *MANAGEMENT SCIENCE*
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- **Expanding Prenatal Care to Unauthorized Immigrant Women and the Effects on Infant Health.** *Obstetrics and gynecology*
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- **The Hidden American Immigration Consensus: A Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes toward Immigrants** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
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- **Comparative Politics and the Synthetic Control Method** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
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- **Entropy Balancing for Causal Effects: A Multivariate Reweighting Method to Produce Balanced Samples in Observational Studies** *POLITICAL ANALYSIS*
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