Dr Julia Ebner

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ACADEMIC PATH

01/2024- 01/2026 **University of Oxford, (Magdalen College), Calleva Centre Postdoctoral Fellow**
Project: "When Despots Become Deadly: the psychological foundations of institutionalised extremism in autocratic states" supported by the Airey Neave Trust and a British Academy Talent Development Grant

10/2019- 07/2023 **University of Oxford (St John's College), DPhil in Anthropology**
Dissertation: "The Identity-Extremism Nexus in Virtual Groups: The Impact of Online Group Alignment on Radicalisation Towards Violence" – under contract for an academic book w/ Columbia University Press
Maternity Leave: January – June 2021, November – December 2023
Awards: ECSR DTP Full Scholarship (co-sponsored by St John's College)
Research Prizes: ESRC Celebrating Impact Award Finalist 2023 and winner of the MRS President's Medal 2023

09/2014- 08/2015 **London School of Economics and Political Science**, **MSc International History (Distinction, GPA: 70/100)**
and

09/2013- 06/2014 **Peking University, MSc International Relations (Distinction, GPA: 88/100)**
Awards: Full Chinese Government Scholarship 2013/14, MERICS European China Talent Program 2015

10/2009-03/2013 **Vienna University**, **BA Philosophy (Distinction, GPA: 1.3)** *and* **Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, BSc International Business (Merit, GPA: 1.7)**
Awards: Vienna University Scholarship of Academic Excellence and WU Scholarship

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

07/2017 – ongoing **Institute for Strategic Dialogue (London),** *Senior Researcher (2017-2019)/ Senior Research Fellow (2019-2023)*
Research Focus: Radicalisation, online extremism, polarisation, hatespeech and conspiracy myths in cyberspace
Research Methods: Digital analytics/NLP, digital ethnographic research, surveys and interviews

01/2020 – 01/2021 **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (London/New York),** *Special Advisor on Terrorism Prevention*

10/2015 – 06/2017 **Quilliam Foundation (London),** *Researcher*

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Research Impact Advisory work for the UN, NATO, the World Bank, the European Commission, several British and German ministries, intelligence agencies in Europe/North America, as well as Google, Meta and other tech firms

Teaching Experience **Guest lectures** at Johns Hopkins University, University of California Los Angeles, University of Southern California, UC Berkeley, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, George Washington University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge University, Exeter University, King's College London, Leiden University and University of Vienna; **curriculum development** for the far-right extremism course at NATO School Oberammergau; **a teaching tour** through Saxony (Germany) organised by Landeszentrale für politische Bildung (Nov 2018); **part-time teacher** at high schools in Beijing (Sept 2013 - June 2014)

Awards Winner of the Dr Caspar-Einem-Prize 2022, Austrian Science Book of the Year 2020 ("Wissenschaftsbuch des Jahres 2020") and the Bruno-Kreisky-Award for the Political Book of the Year 2018, shortlisted for the NDR Kultur Sachbuchpreis 2018 and longlisted for the non-fiction Gold Dagger Award 2020

Media My research has been featured in documentaries (BBC Panorama, Channel4 Dispatches) and I regularly contribute to news outlets such as *The Guardian, BBC, Washington Post, The Economist* and *Süddeutsche*.

Non-Academic Talks Based on my research, I gave a Google Talk and several TEDx talks (TEDx Oxford 2022, TEDx London Business School 2021, TEDxVienna 2016) and held speeches at institutions such as the Royal Society of Arts, the How To Academy, London Review Bookshop, Durham Book Festival and Sydney Writer's Festival.

Languages Julia works in English and German, is fluent in French and has intermediate Spanish and Mandarin skills.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Ebner, Julia, *The Language of Terrorists: Distinguishing Trolls from Violent Extremists* (N.Y.: Columbia UP) – forthcoming 2024.
Ebner, Julia, *Going Mainstream: How Extremists Are Taking Over* (London: Ithaka Press/Bonnier Books, 2023) – translated into three languages.
Ebner, Julia, *Going Dark: The Secret Social Lives of Extremists* (London: Bloomsbury, 2020) – translated into seven languages.
Ebner, Julia, *The Rage: The Vicious Circle of Islamist and Far-Right Extremism* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2017) – translated into three languages.

Book Chapters

Ebner, Julia and Jakob Guhl, "Extremism and conspiracy myths on social media", in *The Routledge Handbook of Conflict and Peace Communication* (Abington: Routledge, 2023) – forthcoming.
Ebner, Julia and Harvey Whitehouse, "Identity and Extremism: Sorting out the causal pathways to radicalization and violent self-sacrifice", *The Routledge Handbook on Radicalization and Countering Radicalization* (Abington: Routledge, 2023).
Ebner, Julia, "Verschwörungstheorien – Was Corona mit unserer Gesellschaft macht" in *Corona Stories* (Berlin: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2020).
Ebner, Julia, "Countering (Post-)Digital Hate: What Can Civil Society Do? in Fielitz, Maik and Nick Thurston (eds), *Back to Front Truths: Opposing the Post Digital Cultures of the Far-Right* (Columbia University Press, 2019).
Crawford, Justin, Ebner Julia and Usama Hasan, "The Balanced Nation: Addressing the Challenges of Islamist and Far-Right Extremism in the Classroom" in (eds.) Panjwani, F. et al., *Education and Extremisms* (Abington: Routledge, 2018).

Journal Articles

Ebner, Julia, Christopher Kavanagh and Harvey Whitehouse, "Assessing Violence Risk among Far-Right Extremists: A New Role for Natural Language Processing", *Terrorism and Political Violence* – forthcoming Summer 2023.
Ebner, Julia, Christopher Kavanagh and Harvey Whitehouse, "Measuring Socio-Psychological Drivers of Extreme Violence in Online Terrorist Manifestos: An Alternative Linguistic Risk Assessment Model", *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism* – forthcoming Summer 2023.
Ebner, Julia, Christopher Kavanagh and Harvey Whitehouse, "The QAnon Security Threat: A Linguistic Fusion-Based Violence Risk Assessment", *Perspectives on Terrorism,* Special Issue on Anti-Government Extremism, December 2022.
Ebner, Julia, Christopher Kavanagh and Harvey Whitehouse, "Is There a Language of Terrorists? A Comparative Manifesto Analysis, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, August 2022.
Ebner, Julia, "Replatforming Unreality", *MIT Journal of Design and Science*, Issue 6: Unreal, September 2019.
Ebner, Julia, "The Sino-European Race for Africa's Minerals: When Two Quarrel A Third Rejoices", *Resources Policy* Vol. 43, March 2015.

Reports and Policy Briefings

Ebner, Julia. "Decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs) in the metaverse: the future of extremist organisation?", Project Immersive Democracy, European Metaverse Research Network, September 2023.
Busher, Joel, Gareth Harris, Julia Ebner at al., "The Dynamics of Violence Escalation and Inhibition during 'Hot Periods' of Anti-Minority and Far-Right Activism ", *Centre for Research and Evidence on Security Threats (CREST),* February 2022.
Guhl, Jakob, Julia Ebner and Jan Rau, "The Online Ecosystem of the German Far-Right", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue and Robert Bosch Foundation*, February 2020.
Davey, Jacob and Julia Ebner, "The Great Replacement: The Violent Consequences of Mainstreamed Extremism", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, July 2019.
Ebner, Julia and Jacob Davey, "How Women Advance the Internationalization of the Far-Right", *George Washington University, Program on Extremism*, February 2019.
Fielitz, Maik, Julia Ebner, et al., "Loving Hate: Anti-Muslim Extremism, Radical Islamism and the Spiral of Polarization", *Institute for Democracy and Civil Society* and *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, June 2018.
Baldauf, Johannes, Julia Ebner and Jakob Guhl (eds), "Hate Speech and Radicalisation Online: The OCCI Research Report", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, September 2018.
Kreißel, Philip, Julia Ebner, et al., "Hate at the Push of a Button: Right-Wing troll factories and the ecosystem of coordinated hate campaigns online", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, July 2018.
Ebner, Julia and Jacob Davey. "Mainstreaming Mussolini: How the Extreme Right Attempted to 'Make Italy Great Again' in the 2018 Italian Election", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, March 2018.
Davey, Jacob and Julia Ebner, "The Fringe Insurgency. Connectivity, Convergence and Mainstreaming of the Extreme Right", *Institute for Strategic Dialogue,* October 2017.
Ebner, Julia und Leah Selig Chauhan, "Families Succeed Where Weapons and Security Fail", *Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), MENA Office of The World Bank*, May 2017.
Young, Holly, Julia Ebner, et al., "Evidence-Based Policy Advice", Terrorism and Radicalisation (TERRA), *European Commission*, July 2016.
Nawaz, Maajid and Julia Ebner. "The EU and Terrorism: Is the UK Safer in or Out?", The EU in A Changing Europe, *King's College London*, May 2016.