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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Substantive:** Computer-Mediated Communication, Misinformation, Social Media.

**Methodological:** Human Computer Interaction, Large Language Model, Multi-modal Data.

## EDUCATION

- **Renmin University of China** 2022.09 – 2026.06 (expected)  
LL.B. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Beijing, China  
◦ GPA: 3.80/4.00, Rank: 3/29.
- **Luiss Guido Carli** 2024.09 – 2025.02  
Erasmus Exchange Student in Data Science Rome, Italy

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Li, Yanheng.**, Wang, Da., & Wang, Yuping. (2025). *Understanding Voter Fraud Misinformation Videos during the 2024 Taiwan Election on YouTube*. Accepted and forthcoming in CSCW 2025. (With Impact Recognition Award) [\[Link\]](#)
- [2] Li, Jiatao., **Li, Yanheng.**, Hu, Xinyu., Gao, Mingqi., & Wan, Xiaojun. (2025). *Aspect-Guided Multi-Level Perturbation Analysis of Large Language Models in Automated Peer Review*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2502.12510. Accepted and forthcoming in CIKM 2025.

## UNDER REVIEW WORKING PAPERS

- [1] **Li, Yanheng.**, Wang, Da., & Wang, Yuping. (2025). *Understanding Participatory Amplification on YouTube in the Late December 2024 U.S. Government (Almost) Shutdown Crisis*. Under Review.
- [2] Li, Jiatao., **Li Yanheng.**, & Wan, Xiaojun. (2025). *Analyzing Cognitive Differences Among Large Language Models through the Lens of Social Worldview*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2505.01967. Under Review.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] *Algorithmic Soft Power and the Reconstruction of National Image: Evidence from Live Streaming “China Tour” Comments on YouTube*.

## SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant in Computational Communication** 2025.01 – Present  
Northwestern University (Evanston), Supervisor: Yingdan Lu.
  - **Project 1: LLM assists Visual Analysis in Social Science Research.**
    - \* Designed and ran experiments using LLaVA over 10 large image datasets (10k+ media images).
    - \* Evaluated model performance and error patterns.
    - \* Conducted a literature review on visual concept recognition by LLMs to inform benchmarking.
  - **Project 2: Analyzing Rednote TikTok-Refugees Posts During TikTok Ban.** (co-supervised by Lizhi Liu)
    - \* Processed and analyzed 80k+ large text posts from RedNote.
    - \* Built multi-run LLM-based text analysis pipelines with instruction tuning to optimize performance.
    - \* Executed topic, sentiment, and toxicity analysis.
    - \* (ongoing) Validate the consistency and robustness of related findings.
- **Research Assistant in Social Media + HCI** 2024.06 – Present  
Renmin University of China, Supervisor: Yuping Wang.

- **Project 1: Understanding Voter Fraud Misinformation on YouTube.**
  - \* Collected and processed video, audio, and metadata from 5k+ YouTube uploads.
  - \* Built and processed the human-in-the-loop pipeline for data processing and multi-modal analysis.
  - \* Framed, wrote and revised the research paper accepted at CSCW 2025.
- **Project 2: Understanding Participatory Amplification on YouTube.**
  - \* Built a multi-phase YouTube data collection pipeline and collected completed data of 70k+ YouTube uploads.
  - \* Built and processed workflows on the sequential and multi-run human-in-the-loop YouTube video analysis.
  - \* Analyzed 460k+ comments data and discussion structure on YouTube.
  - \* Framed and wrote the research paper.
- **Collaborative Research in LLM Understanding and Applications**  
*Renmin University of China × Peking University* 2024.11 – Present
  - **Project 1: Automated Peer Review with LLMs**
    - \* Co-developed aspect-guided multi-level perturbation analysis.
    - \* Co-analyzed robustness of large language models in reviewer tasks
    - \* Framed and co-wrote the paper accepted at CIKM 2025.
  - **Project 2: Cognitive Differences Among LLMs**
    - \* Co-designed the comparative study of social worldviews encoded by models
    - \* Co-authored manuscript under review.

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

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| ◦ <b>ICBC Innovation Scholarship with “Innovation Star” Designation</b><br>8,000 CNY, Top 10/11,000+ in Renmin University of China.                    | 2025.04 |
| ◦ <b>Principal’s Scholarship for Excellent Exchange Student</b><br>30,000 CNY, Renmin University of China.   | 2024.10 |
| ◦ <b>Student Academic Award</b><br>5,000 CNY, Top 2% in Renmin University of China.  | 2024.09 |
| ◦ <b>Outstanding Cultural and Sports Leaders Scholarship</b><br>600 CNY, Renmin University of China.   | 2024.06 |
| ◦ <b>COMAP Scholarship Award</b> <a href="#">[Link]</a><br>10,000 USD, Outstanding Winner (Rank 1st/28,900+) of Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling. | 2024.05 |
| ◦ <b>First Prize in RUC Innovation Cup</b><br>Top 10% in 26th Academic Work Competition, Renmin University of China.                                   | 2024.05 |
| ◦ <b>Student Academic Award</b><br>3,000 CNY, Top 15% in Renmin University of China.   | 2023.09 |
| ◦ <b>Social Volunteering and Service Scholarship</b><br>600 CNY, Renmin University of China.   | 2023.09 |

## SELECTED GRANTS

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| ◦ <b>Student Research Grant</b><br>3,000 CNY, School of Communication, Renmin University of China.                               | 2025.03 |
| ◦ <b>Student Research Grant</b><br>1,000 CNY, School of Economics, Renmin University of China.                                   | 2024.09 |
| ◦ <b>International Organization Talent Program Grant</b><br>10,000 CNY, School of Global Governance, Renmin University of China. | 2024.01 |

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- (Scheduled) The 28th ACM SIGCHI Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing (CSCW), Bergen, Norway, 2025.10
- (Scheduled) The 34th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), Seoul, Korea, 2025.11
- Annual Conference of the Academic Community of Political Science and International Relations (presenting on Future Scholars Academic Poster Showcase), Beijing, China, 2024.07

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

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- Program Committee (Reviewer) for: *The 40th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2026)*.
- Student Fellow for *Center of Data Science* in Renmin University of China.

## SKILLS

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- **Languages:** Mandarin. Taiwanese Hokkien. English (TOEFL:112; Listening:29, Reading:27, Writing:27, Speaking:29). French, basic. Italian, basic.
- **Programming:** R, Python(NLP, Multi-modal Analysis, Web Spider, Fine Tuning), Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Gephi, SQL.

## REFERENCES

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### Lizhi Liu

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Georgetown University, Washington, D.C, United States

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*Relationship: Research co-Supervisor*

### Yang Zhang

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*Relationship: Thesis Supervisor*