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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

09/2016—04/2023

**PhD in Sociology**  
**University of Edinburgh (UoE)**

**Thesis:** *Drug Policing in China: Drug Laws, Police Culture, and Police Professionalisation*

**Module:** Research Skills in the Social Sciences (Mark: 70)

10/2013—11/2014

**MSc Criminal Justice Policy (Merit)**  
**London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**

**Dissertation Project (Mark: 64):** *Analysing the Impacts of Prison Architecture on Offenders and Their Rehabilitation.*

**Modules included:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Criminal Justice Policy</i></li><li>• <i>Policing and Police Power</i></li><li>• <i>Illegal Drugs and Their Control</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Globalisation, Gender and Development: Policy and Practices</i></li><li>• <i>Qualitative Research Methods</i></li></ul> |
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09/2009—07/2013

**Bachelor of Laws (90.5/100)**  
**East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL)**

**Modules (69 in total) included:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Criminology</i></li><li>• <i>All kinds of Laws</i></li><li>• <i>Criminal Sociology</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Criminal Psychology</i></li><li>• <i>Theory and Practice of Correction</i></li><li>• <i>Crime Control Technology</i></li></ul> |
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## RESEARCH COMPETENCIES (My GitHub)

- Quantitative Research Methods: **R (RStudio/VS Code)**, **Python (PyCharm)**, **SPSS**, **MAXQDA**
- Qualitative Research Methods: **Nvivo**, **RQDA**, **ATLAS.ti**, **MAXQDA**
- Database: **MySQL**, **Redis**
- Version control: **Git**
- Data visualisation: **Gephi**, **R**, **QGIS**
- Cloud computing: **Microsoft Azure**, **ORACLE**, **AWS**
- Writing, editing and visualisation: **Notion**, **Obsidian+Excalidraw**, **Scrivener**, **LaTeX**, **Quarto**

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## WORKING EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant for Professor Angus Bancroft**

*06/2023-now*

- Using **MAXQDA** and **R** to analyse and visualise the data from darknet websites
- Developing **R Shiny Apps** for *Drug Research Network Scotland*
- Conducting the project investigating the experiences and challenges that Chinese students face in Edinburgh Universities

**Web Crawler Engineer (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz)**

*07/2023-12/2023*

- Using **Python** and **R** to scrape all data, both overt and covert, from websites including *Dopek* and *Cebulka* (darkweb platforms), and *Hyperreal*, and organising it in a tidy format suitable for machine learning applications.

**Mentor of the Postgraduate/Peer Support Leader (UoE)**

*09/2018-09/2019*

- Teaching students how to do data analysis and literature reviews effectively
- Creating WeChat groups for students to share information and help each other

- *Updating the ICPD website and writing brief introductions of IDPC news and publications*
- *Freeing colleagues to perform repetitive and time-consuming tasks by providing technical support*
- *Launching a new social media tool in Chinese*
- *Researching drug policy in the Caribbean*
- *Supporting IDPC in identifying new donors*

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 2023 *Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals and Azure AI Fundamentals (Funded by Microsoft)*
- 2023 *Path Analysis with Interactions and Indirect Effects in R (Funded by Instats)*
- 2022 *R Statistics Essential Training/Statistics Foundations 1 and 2 (LinkedIn Learning Certificate)*
- 2021 *Data Science: Machine Learning Certificate from HarvardX with full marks (Funded by The Macquarie Group Scholarship)*
- 2019 *Understanding and Policing Gangs Conference (Funded by Cumberland Lodge)*
- 2016—2023 *Three times PGR Research Support Fund (Funded by University of Edinburgh)*
- 2013 *Shanghai Outstanding Graduates*
- 2010—2012 *Three times Excellent Student and First Scholarship of ECUPL*
- 2011 *Prize for Excellence of 4th 'UN Asia Crime Prevention Foundation', College of Criminal Justice Students Academic Innovation Contest*
- 2011 *National Scholarship of China*

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## RELEVANT TRAINING RECEIVED

- R for criminologists (European Society of Criminology, Ghent University)
- Mapping crime data in R (UK Data Service)
- Write Thesis with LaTeX and Overleaf (Digital Scholarship Centre, UoE)
- ChatGPT Prompt Engineering for Developers (OpenAI)
- Week-long SPSS training for PhD students and staff (UoE)
- Sentiment Analysis and Text Analysis using R (Text Analysis Research Group, UoE)
- R for Social Scientists (Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre, UoE)

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## PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- H, Shi. (2024). The generational conflicts of police culture under the professionalisation of drug policing in China, *Policing and Society* (Submitted)
- H, Shi. (2023). The Impacts of Guanxi: Drug Policing Under Police Professionalisation in China. *Sociological Research Online*, 0(0).
- H, Shi. (2022). Policing & Policing Culture in China (Scottish Institute for Policing Research Postgraduate Symposium)
- H, Shi. (2021). The Generational Cultural Conflicts and Integration of Police Culture Under the Professionalisation of Anti-Drug Policing in China (European Society of Criminology Annual Conference)
- H, Shi. (2019). The Numbers Game: Quota-Driven Drug Policing in China (European Society of Criminology Annual Conference)
- H, Shi. (2019). Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Under the 'People's War on Drugs' in China (Fifth International Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference)
- H, Shi. (2018). Book review: Measuring Police Subcultural Perceptions: A Study of Frontline Police Officers in China. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, 18(1), 132-134.
- H, Shi. (2017). Challenges in Researching Anti-Drug Police in China (New Directions Conference)