Xu Yekai

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Sept. 2018 – **Tsinghua University**, *Tsinghua-Berkeley Shenzhen Institute* (*TBSI*), Data Science and Jul. 2021 Information Technology, Master of Engineering (Academic Degree).

- o GPA for degree courses: 3.76/4.00, GPA for all courses: 3.81/4.00
- o Topics: Big Data Analysis, Computational Social Sciences
- o Supervisors: Prof. Ni Shiguang, Prof. Somayeh Sojoudi
- Visiting Researcher (Sept. 2019 Jan. 2020): Tsinghua International Relations Data & Computing Lab (DCL)
 - Topic:Social Media (Twitter) Data Analysis for International Relations Study
 - Supervisors: Dr. He Qingqian, Prof. Pang Xun
- o Teaching Assistant Experience: Big Data: Thinking and Behaviour (2020 Fall, Website)
- Sept. 2017 **École Centrale de Nantes (***ECN***)**, *Exchange Student*, Signal, Control and Robotics, May 2018 Foundation Master.
 - o Average Score: 17.95/20, A in all nine courses
- Sept. 2014 **Tianjin University (**<u>TJU</u>), School of Electrical and Information Engineering, Automation, Jul. 2018 Bachelor of Engineering.
 - o Average Score: 91.89/100, GPA: 3.87/4.00; Ranking: 3/157

Honours and Scholarships

2020 TBSI First-Class Scholarship

CNY 4,000

- 2018 Tianjin University Outstanding Graduate
- 2017 Zhuangbinchang Scholarship

CNY 10,000

- 2017 Meritorious Winner of 2017 Mathematical & Interdisciplinary Contest for Modeling (MCM/ICM)
- 2017 Challenge Cup (Social Sciences): Third Prize of Tianjin University

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Xu, Y.**, Xie M., & Ni, S., Hu, Y. Depicting U.S.-China Disputes on Tech Giants through Social Media: An Attempt of Computational Political Communication. *Under Review.*
- [2] Xu, Y., He Q., & Ni, S. Understanding Online Public Sentiments: A Machine Learning-Based Analysis of English and Chinese Twitter Discourse during the 2019 Chinese National Day. Accepted by IEEE IMITEC 2020. (Project Home Page) (Slides) (Paper) (Code Release)
- [3] Xiong, Q., Ni, S., **Xu, Y.**, Zhang, Q., & Peng, K.(2019, June). Privacy-Friendly Personality Recognition in Social Media: A Case Study of Chinese WeChat Users. In *International Conference on Applications and Techniques in Cyber Security and Intelligence* (pp. 2013-2025). Springer, Cham. (*Paper*)

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- May 2020 The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN Nov. 2020 ESCAP, Bangkok->Remote Internship), Economic Affairs Intern.
 - Supervised by Ms. Marta Pérez Cusó, Economic Affairs Officer of Technology and Innovation Section
 - Studying how inclusive business (IB) in the health sector is affected by and is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. A policy brief is being drafted.
 - Working with Myanmar government to create a training programme for science, technology and innovation (STI) policy formulation.
 - Organizing the Webinar on Promoting Grassroots Innovation (*Website*).
 - Funded by the Graduate Student Global Competence Fund of Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School (CNY 4,000)
- May 2019 Guangdong OPPO Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd. (Shenzhen), Mobile Jun. 2019 Phone Software Development Intern.
 - Supervised by Mr. Mo Siting, Engineer of Mobile Phone Software Department
 - o Testing the new CuttleFish emulator for Android 10, and making preparatory work for the company's adopting of the new Android system in the future.
- Jun. 2018 Cloopen Group Holding Limited (Beijing), Algorithm Intern.
 - Aug. 2018 Supervised by Mr. Zeng Guoqing, Head of Technical Pre-Research Department
 - o Developing face detection and gesture recognition algorithms for new products of the company.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2020 & 2021 European Forum Alpbach | *Participant with scholarship (22 people in total for Mainland China)*Funded by Elsevier, I mainly participated in the politics and technology parts.
 - Feb. 2019 Academic Visit to the US| *UC Berkeley, NYU, Columbia Univ.*Exchanging ideas about psychology, social work, and computational methods.
 - Aug. 2016 ZhiMeng Project A Volunteer Organization Helping High School Students in Poor Counties
 Participant of the first teaching programme, offering 34 Chinese and English classes,
 plus 3 seminars.
- 2016 2017 New Media Center of the School of Electrical Engineering and Automation | *Chairman* The founding chairman, operating the school's social media account and making the number of followers of the official WeChat account increase by 70%.
- 2014 2017 Peiyang English Association of Tianjin University | From Member to Chairman Conducting flattening reform to make the association more dynamic.
- 2014 2015 Peiyang Symphony Orchestra | Member of the Bass Part
- 2014 2015 Entrepreneurship Association of Tianjin University | *Member*

OTHER ASPECTS

- Languages Mandarin Chinese (native speaker); English (TOEFL 112, Jun. 2020); French (beginner)
- Programming Python, R, HTML, etc.
 - CAD Computer-aided Design: Grade I
 - Coursera Public Policy Challenges of the 21st Century (May 2020, <u>Certificate</u>)
 Political Economy of Institutions and Development (Dec. 2019, <u>Certificate</u>)
 Understanding International Relations Theory (Jun. 2019, <u>Certificate</u>)
 - Personal Foreign Culture and Languages: Learning French, plan to learn Japanese.
 - Interests Travelling: Have traveled to 12 European countries during my exchange in France.

 Musical Instrument: Keyboard Nonprofessional Grade 9 (top grade of Central Conservatory of Music Examination System) with Excellence.