

Xu Yekai

Curriculum Vitae

Master's Student
Data Science and Information Technology
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EDUCATION

- Sept. 2018 – **Tsinghua University**, *Tsinghua-Berkeley Shenzhen Institute (TBSI)*, Data Science and Information Technology, Master of Engineering.
Jul. 2021
○ GPA for degree courses: 3.76/4.00, GPA for all courses: 3.81/4.00
○ Topics: *Big Data Analysis, Computational Social Sciences*
○ 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*
○ 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.
○ Average Score: 17.95/20, A in all nine courses
- Sept. 2014 – **Tianjin University (TJU)**, *School of Electrical and Information Engineering*, Automation,
Jul. 2018 Bachelor of Engineering.
○ Average Score: 91.89/100, GPA: 3.87/4.00; Ranking: 3/157

Honours and Scholarships

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| 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 ESCAP, Bangkok->Remote Internship), Economic Affairs Intern.**
Nov. 2020
– 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
○ 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
○ 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 [Certificate](#))
Political Economy of Institutions and Development (Dec. 2019 [Certificate](#))
Understanding International Relations Theory (Jun. 2019 [Certificate](#))
- 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.*