Xintong Cai

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago | Chicago, United States

Sep.2023-Jun.2024

M.A., Social Science(Expected), Conentratioin: Quantitative Methods and Social Analysis, GPA: 3.8/4.0

Relevant Courses: Applied Regression Analysis(A-), Statistical Theory and Methods II(A), Statistical Methods and Probability I (A-), Computational Content Analysis(A), Causal Inference (ongoing)

Fudan University (FDU) | Shanghai, China

Sep.2019-Jun.2023

B.A., Journalism and Communication; Concentration: Economics, GPA: 3.56/4.0, WES GPA: 3.57/4.0, Ranking: 6/30) **Awards and Honors:** Excellent Student (May 2021, May 2020), 2020 Second-prize Scholarship, 2019 Third-prize Scholarship **Relevent Courses:** Advanced Mathematics B I&II (A-), Applied Statistics(A), Data Analysis and Visualization(A-), Macroeconomics(B+), Political Economy(A-), Western Economic Thoughts(A), Social Media Analytics(A)

University of Helsinki | Helsinki, Finland

Jan.2022-Jun.2022

Exchange Study (Faculty of Social Science), GPA: 4.8/5.0

Relevant Courses: Working with Text in Python(5), Natural Language Processing for Linguists(5), Global Political Economy(5), Political Communication(5), Globalization and Global Governance(4)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY & COMPUTER SKILLS

Language: Mandarin(Native); English: (Fluent, TOEFL: 110); Wu(Fluent); Japanese (Basic, N4); GRE: 328 (V 159, Q 169)

Programming: Python (Proficient), R (Proficient)

Research Interests: political economy, economics history, computational social science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Fading Digital Empathy: The narrative transformation of Online Support groups across Covid-19

Jan.2024 - Present Researcher, Instructed by James Evans of University of Chicago

- Extracted 76k posts from Reddit using Python and conducted the time series analysis
- Employed large language models to conduct sentiment analysis of the posts and comments communities and found that social support index decreased by 24% after Covid-19 in mental health communities on Reddit
- Built statistical models (Regressions) to examine the factors that impact the intensity of social support in online community

Of Sugar and of Bullet: Tracing the economic consequences of 1740 Batavia(Jarkarta) Massacre

Sep.2023 - Present
Researcher, Instructed by Panos Toulis of University of Chicago

- Employed DID method to test the economic consequences of the ethnicity massacre
- Traced the economic consequences of 1740 Batavia (Jarkarta) massacre by conducting a time series analytsis of the commodity price from VOC archive
- Collected literature and wrote a literature review about the economic consequences of political violence

The Analysis of Chinese Private Equity Funds on Risk-Avoidance

July.2022-Nov.2022

Research Assistant, Instructed by Professor Changrui Yu of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

- Sorted out the data of Chinese private equity funds performance from early 2016 to early 2022 using Python
- Calculated the risk-avoidance index of private equity hedge funds and visualized the trend of the index from 2016 to 2022
- Wrote a report according to the change of the index about how different categories of funds performed over the six years

Political Economy Mar.2022-Aug.2022

Research Assistant, instructed by Professor Shuo Chen of Fudan University

- Entered and organized first-hand data about the chronicle of Chinese counties
- Read the county journals of Hebei Province and Henan Province to record Communism's advent
- Read the county journals of Shanxi Province to record the chief officer's academic background

State Capacity in Nordic Countries

Jan.2022-Jun.2022

Research Assistant, instructed by Professor Jari Eloranta of the University of Helsinki

- Sorted out the materials about the definition of state capacity, the research directions and research methods
- Researched and wrote a literature review of 10 pages on the state capacity of Ancient China during Ming and Qing Dynasty

Seeking for a Barrier-free Life----The Digital Economy Jobs for People with Disabilities in China Sep.2021-Dec.2021 Group Course Project for Data Analysis and Visualization ('2022 Campus News Award' in Dec.2022)

- Collected disability employment-related policies and analyzed the development of the policies
- Interviewed hearing-impaired deliverymen and graphic designers about their working situation and edited a relevant video
- Scraped comments from Zhihu, a social media platform, to inquire about people's attitudes towards disabled workers
- Visualized disability employment data in China and wrote a news report on the digital jobs' accessibility to the disabled

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Siemens Smart Infrastructure Group China | Shanghai, China Strategy Analyst

Sep.2022-Nov.2022

- Monitored Chinese macroeconomic data by reading the data reports released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and specifically analyzed monthly data on the real estate market, industry, and transportation
- Collected energy policies and wrote a report on the future development trend of new energy in the Chinese market to provide strategic plans for Siemens
- Read the World Bank and IMF reports on China's economic performance in the third quarter and wrote a summary of outlook on China's macroeconomic performance for the coming year
- Read the financial reports of competitors, including Schneider and ABB, and drafted a comparison analysis presentation

Caixin Data Technology Co.Ltd. | Worked remotely *Policy Analyst*

Jun.2022-Nov.2022

- Participated in a public health policy project cooperated with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, responsible for analyzing media reports, visualizing the main themes of the over 2,000 media reports and collecting relevant policies
- Participated in a project cooperated with Kuaishou to study the development of small and medium enterprise (SME) owners in the context of Zero-covid policy, responsible for Internet policy analysis and case study writing about 6 hot anchors with major progress on Kuaishou, which was over 25,000 words
- Wrote daily news summary covering politics, economy, technology and energy sectors for five months, including the analysis of the 20th CPC National Congress report and the new Politburo Standing Committee

SPIC Ronghe (Shanghai) Financial Leasing Co.Ltd. | Shanghai, China Investment Analys

Jun.2021-Sep.2021

- Searched and summarized Shanghai's new energy policy and wrote a research report on the new energy industry, mainly focusing on the battery management system and wind power system
- Read business plans of battery companies, compiled financial data of listed companies and wrote a summary report on Distributional Energy Storage (DES) industry
- Translated the implementation plan of carbon-neutrality policies and wrote a summary of future policy landing direction

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Fudan Graduate Students Weekly, Fudan Weekly | Writer

Sep.2019-Dec.2022

- Interviewed and wrote articles about typical characters, including a doctor who went to Wuhan to support the medical system against Covid-19 in 2020 and students with financial difficulties
- Wrote a news article about the inspirational story of the Fudan Women's Football Team

Fudan University Chorus | Alto

Sep.2019-Jun.2020

"Documenting China" Project, Cooperatively Run by FDU School of Journalism and The Paper Ju

July.2019-Sep.2019

- Participated in interviews and articles writing on the theme of "Changes in Our Hometown"
- Interviewed the general manager of some traveling agencies and the film industry workers to learn about the resumption of tourism and film industries after Covid-19 in 2020

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Organized the "Online Classroom" activity during Covid-19 in the spring of 2020 to provide academic counseling and psychological support for middle school students
- Provided academic tutoring for children whose parents were involved in drug-related problems for over 20 hours in the spring semester of 2021
- Volunteer of "Running in the Dark" to participate in weekly running with the visually-impaired people