

# Ziyu Shu

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**Summary:** Data-driven policy researcher with experience at the intersection of US-China relations, AI governance, government affairs, and consulting, with academic interests in Computational Political Science.

## Education

### Georgetown University

Aug 2025-May 2027

Master of Science in Data Science for Public Policy

Relevant Coursework: Data Science, NLP, Econometrics, Policy Making

### Peking University; University of California, Berkeley

Sep 2020-Jul 2025

Bachelors in International Politics; Concentration in Computational Political Science and Conflict Prediction

## Technical Skills and Certifications

- Programming Languages & Visualization:** Python, R, SQL, Stata, SPSS, Excel (Pivot Table and Vlookup)
- Languages:** English (Proficiency), Mandarin (Native), French (Basic), Spanish (Basic)

## Academic Research

### Conference Paper

- “Alliances and War: Using Temporal Heterogeneous Graph Neural Networks to Predict Interstate Conflict”*, accepted for Lightning Talk, MPSA 2026, Alliance Behaviors and Militarization Session.

### Co-author

- Contributed core empirical analysis and causal inference to an ongoing research paper *“Honey Tastes Bitter: When China’s Development Projects Overseas Backfire on Its Political Influence”*, submission planned for APSA 2026.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Washington, DC, USA

Better Government Lab

in process

- Developed a novel, state-capacity–focused analytical framework operationalizing the *“administrative desert”* concept to evaluate U.S. DMV performance as a democratic governance indicator.
- Produced granular, equity-focused performance benchmarks that inform government affairs stakeholders on institutional capacity gaps and service delivery disparities using census tract centroids data.
- Designed high-resolution, interactive HTML policy dashboards translating complex administrative performance metrics into decision-ready visualizations for policymakers in public administration.

## Work Experience

### U.S.-China Business Council

Beijing, China

Government Affairs and Business Advisory Analyst

Feb 2025-Aug 2025

- Led the production of 80+ daily media monitoring and analysis reports tracking U.S.–China relations, legislative developments, and government policy updates to support strategic decision-making.
- Conducted in-depth policy research and comparative analysis of 5 regional development reports focused on the Greater Bay Area and China’s national AI adoption initiatives, assessing implications for government strategy and regulatory frameworks.
- Coordinated high-level events and stakeholder meetings, increasing in structured engagement between business leaders and government stakeholders during US-China tariffs tensions.

### Deloitte

Beijing, China

Digital Consultant and Product Management

May 2024-Aug 2024

- Independently authored 200+ pages of technical and policy-facing documentation (UI requirements, data governance, system data-transfer protocols) translating evolving client and stakeholder needs into implementable specifications for AI-enabled business platforms.
- Partnered with front-end and back-end engineering teams to design, test, and deploy an AI crowdsourcing algorithm, increasing user participation by ~50% and supporting scalable adoption across organizational use cases.