

Allison Koh

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital transnational repression, disinformation, text as data, computational social science, social media

EDUCATION

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- PhD, Centre for International Security Sep 2020 – Present
 - Doctoral Fellow at the Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies
 - Dissertation: *Grey Areas of Digital Transnational Repression on Western Media Platforms*
 - Committee: Anita Gohdes, Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis Sep 2018 – Jun 2020
 - Thesis: *Predicting Geographic Variation in Political Attitudes with Sparse Survey Data*
 - Advisor: Slava Jankin

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

- BSc, Economics and Asian Studies Aug 2012 – May 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

New York University

- Affiliate Researcher, Center for Social Media and Politics Feb 2022 – Nov 2022
 - Project: Gender and Purported Audiences in Pro-CCP Tweets Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora
 - Principal Investigators: Joshua Tucker, Jonathan Nagler

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- Research Associate to Anita Gohdes Jun 2020 – Aug 2023
 - Scraped social media data and queried information on internet shutdowns from APIs
 - Organized and documented data processes for a variety of projects
- Research Consultant, Data Science Lab Dec 2019 – Jul 2021
 - Developed training materials for data science workshops
 - Consulted on statistical computing for graduate students and researchers
- Research Assistant, Centre for Digital Governance Mar 2019 – Feb 2020
 - Project: Authoritarianism 2.0: The Internet, Political Discussion, and Authoritarian Rule in China
 - Principal Investigator: Daniela Stockmann

WZB Berlin Social Science Center

- Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
 - Project: Anatomy of a Riot: Participation in Ethnic Violence in Nigeria
 - Supervisor: Alex Scacco

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

- Research Assistant, Center for Public Service Nov 2015 – May 2016
 - Project: Public Policy and Inequality
 - Supervisor: Daniel Teles

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Koh, Allison, Daniel Boey, and Hannah Béchara. 2021. “Predicting Policy Domains from Party Manifestos with BERT and Convolutional Neural Networks.” In Proceedings of the 1st Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis, Düsseldorf, Germany.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- [1] Koh, Allison, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua A. Tucker. “Gender and Purported Audiences in Pro-CCP Tweets Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora”. *Data analysis*.
- [3] Koh, Allison. “The Importance of Western Media Platforms for Studying Transnational Repression”.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA) Annual Conference, New York 2022
- Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, University of Oxford 2022
- Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Prague 2022
- CIVICA PhD Panel Series, Hertie School, Berlin 2022
- Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London 2022
- CorrelCon - A Weekend of Data4Good 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis (CPSS), Düsseldorf 2021 ▪ Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop 2021 ▪ Workshop on Digital Governance in China at the Hertie School, Berlin 2019
FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PhD Research Stipend, Centre for International Security, Hertie School 2020 – 2023 ▪ English Teaching Assistantship, The Fulbright Program 2017 ▪ Judith and Morris Henkin Memorial Travel Scholarship, Tulane University 2015 ▪ Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, U.S. Department of State 2014
TEACHING	<p>Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio 2023 ▪ Instructor, Introduction to Text Analysis 2023 <p>Hertie School, Berlin, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to \LaTeX (with Alexander Haarmann) 2021 ▪ Research Consulting on statistical computing in R and Python for graduate students 2020 – 2021 ▪ TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe) 2020
AFFILIATIONS & TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, UNC Chapel Hill 2022-2023 ▪ Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University 2022 ▪ Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Princeton University 2021
SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selection Committee, Social Data Science Professorship at the Hertie School 2022– 2023 ▪ Board, SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, Freie Universität Berlin 2021– 2022 ▪ PhD Representative, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies 2020– 2023 ▪ Mentor, Women to Women Mentoring Program, Newcomb Institute, Tulane University 2018 ▪ Reviewer, Journal of Peace Research ▪ Discussant, EPSA 2022
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Open Society Foundations, New York</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office Mar 2018 – Jul 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated with Regional Director and subregional units on administrative and programmatic tasks. • Drafted briefings on country-specific issues for scoping visits to the region. <p>The Fulbright Program, Sabah, Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English Teaching Assistant Jan 2017 – Nov 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed English-intensive co-curricular activities and workshops at a rural secondary school of 1000 students. • Organized community outreach events with the US Embassy Kuala Lumpur, US Navy and local nonprofits.
SKILLS	<p>SOFTWARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ R: Statistical analysis, machine learning, natural language processing, data management (tidyverse), data visualization (ggplot2), spatial analysis (sf), Shiny ▪ Python: Natural language processing with deep learning (PyTorch), data management (pandas) ▪ Other: Stata, \LaTeX, Github, Tableau, HTML5/CSS <p>LANGUAGES</p> <p>English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)</p>
REFERENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anita Gohdes • Professor of International and Cyber Security, Hertie School gohdes@hertie-school.org ▪ Slava Jankin • Professor of Data Science and Public Policy, Hertie School jankin@hertie-school.org ▪ Joshua Tucker • Professor of Politics, New York University joshua.tucker@nyu.edu