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
  - 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 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.*

[2] Koh, Allison. "Is the World Watching? Transnational Policing, Pro-Government Media Attacks, and Global Coverage of Exiled Dissidents from Autocracies". *Data collection.*

[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
- 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

- 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

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

- Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio — 2023
- Instructor, Introduction to Text Analysis — 2023

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- 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

- 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
- Berlin Graduate School of Global and Transregional Studies, Freie Universität Berlin — 2020-2023

SERVICE

- 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

Open Society Foundations, New York

- Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office — Mar 2018 – Jul 2018
  - Coordinated with Regional Director and subregional units on administrative and programmatic tasks.
  - Drafted briefings on country-specific issues for scoping visits to the region.

The Fulbright Program, Sabah, Malaysia

- English Teaching Assistant — Jan 2017 – Nov 2017
  - 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

SOFTWARE

- 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

LANGUAGES

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)

REFERENCES

- **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
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