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 Social Media Platforms*
  - Advisor: Anita Gohdes
- 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

- Visiting Researcher, Center for Social Media and Politics   Feb 2022 – Aug 2022
  - Project: Gender and Pro-CCP Smear Campaigns Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora on Twitter
  - 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
  - Supervisor: 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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

[1] Koh, Allison, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker. "Gender and Pro-CCP Smear Campaigns Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora on Twitter". *Data collection.*

PRESENTATIONS

- Conflict Research Society Conference at Queen's University Belfast (scheduled)   2022
- Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, University of Oxford (scheduled)   2022
- Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Prague   2022
- Conflict and Change PhD Workshop, 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
- GPPN Annual Conference at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore   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

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 & ADDITIONAL 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
■ Referee, 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**
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- ■ **Slava Jankin**
  Professor of Data Science and Public Policy • Hertie School
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