

# Allison Koh

---

<b>Address</b>	SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence Freie Universität Berlin Boltzmannstraße 20 14195 Berlin Germany	<b>Phone</b>	+1 516 509 3636
		<b>Email</b>	koh@hertie-school.org
		<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://allisonkoh.github.io/">https://allisonkoh.github.io/</a>
		<b>Twitter</b>	@allisonkoh_

## Education

**Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies** *expected 2023*

PhD, Political Science

Dissertation: *Consequences of State-Sponsored Cyberharassment on Contentious Politics*

Advisor: Anita Gohdes

**Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany 2020

MPP, Public Policy Analysis

Thesis: *Predicting Geographic Variation in Political Attitudes with Sparse Survey Data*

Advisor: Slava Jankin

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA 2016

BSc, Economics and Asian Studies

## Research Interests

Digital repression, disinformation, social media and politics, text as data, machine learning

## Research in Progress

### Papers in Preparation

- “Predicting Policy Domains and Preferences with BERT and Convolutional Neural Networks,” with Daniel Kai Sheng Boey and Hannah Béchara.

### Working Projects

- “Identifying Patterns in Activity from ‘Men’s Rights’ Subreddit Feeds,” with Samuel Wardwell.

## Honors, Grants, and Awards

Doctoral Research Stipend, Hertie School Centre for International Security 2020 - 2023

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Sabah, Malaysia 2017

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for semester exchange in Shanghai, China 2014

## Research Positions

### **Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany

Doctoral Researcher, Centre for International Security 2020 - present

Pursuing independent research on the consequences of state-sponsored cyberharassment campaigns on the repression-dissent nexus, with a focus on the Philippines.

Research Associate, Data Science Lab 2019 - present

Developing training materials, supporting the implementation of data science workshops, and consulting on statistical computing for graduate students and researchers.

Research Assistant, Authoritarianism 2.0 2019 - 2020

Contributed to academic publications, presentations, and statistical analyses on the impact of social media platforms on user behaviour regarding politics in China.

### **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**, Berlin, Germany

Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality 2018 - 2019

Conducted statistical analysis and updated case studies for research on poverty, local security dynamics, and participation in large-scale religious conflict in Nigeria for Alex Scacco, PhD.

### **Tulane University Center for Public Service**, New Orleans, LA

Research Assistant, Public Policy and Inequality 2018 - 2019

Prepared financial and organizational data for fixed-effects regressions and instrumental variables analysis on the AmeriCorps program and contributions to nonprofit organizations.

## Teaching

### **Hertie School and SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence**, Berlin, Germany

Research Consulting on statistical computing in R and Python for MSc students 2020 - 2021  
TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe) Spring 2020

## Invited Talks and Workshops

Workshop on Digital Governance in China at the Hertie School, Berlin 2019

## Conference Presentations

GPPN Annual Conference at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore 2019

## Professional Experience

### **Open Society Foundations**, New York, NY

Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office 2018

Coordinated with Regional Director, 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

2017

Managed English-intensive co-curricular activities and professional development workshops in a secondary school of 1000 students. Organized community outreach events with the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet and local nonprofit organizations.

## **Affiliations and Service**

Board, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

2020 - 2023

Mentor, Women to Women Mentoring Program, Newcomb Institute, Tulane University

2018

## **Software Skills**

**R** Statistical analysis, machine learning, data management (tidyverse), data visualization (ggplot2), spatial analysis (sf), natural language processing, Shiny

**Python** Natural language processing with deep learning (PyTorch), data management (pandas)

**Stata** Data management, analysis, and visualization

**Other** Github,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Adobe Illustrator/InDesign, Tableau, HTML5/CSS

## **References**

### **Anita Gohdes**

Professor of International and Cyber Security  
Hertie School, Berlin  
gohdes@hertie-school.org

### **Slava Jankin**

Professor of Data Science and Public Policy  
Hertie School, Berlin  
jankin@hertie-school.org

### **Alexandra Scacco**

Research Scientist  
WZB Berlin Social Science Center  
scacco@wzb.eu

### **Daniela Stockmann**

Professor of Digital Governance  
Hertie School, Berlin  
stockmann@hertie-school.org