Allison Koh

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

New York University
- Affiliate Researcher, Center for Social Media and Politics — Feb 2022 – Nov 2022

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies
- Doctoral Research Fellow — Sep 2020 – Present

EDUCATION

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany
- PhD, Centre for International Security — 2020 – 2023
  - Dissertation: *Grey Areas of Digital Transnational Repression on Western Media Platforms*
  - Committee: Anita Gohdes (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis — 2018 – 2020

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- BSc, Economics and Asian Studies — 2012 – 2016

PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
- 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
- Koh, Allison, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua A. Tucker. "Toxicity in Pro-CCP Tweets Targeting Prominent Regime Critics in the Uyghur Diaspora".
- Koh, Allison. "Dynamics of Pro-Government Media Attacks on Global Platforms".
- Koh, Allison. "Visible State Affiliations on Twitter and Global Communication on State Repression".

OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS
- Ritholtz, Samuel, Allison Koh, and Anita R. Gohdes. "Fanning the Flames of Hate: The Transnational Diffusion of Online Anti-LGBT+ Rhetoric and Offline Mobilisation". *The Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET) - Gender and Online Extremism Series*, 29 Nov 2022.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS
- DAAD-PROMOS Scholarship to attend the Conflict Dynamics Workshop in Oxford (€750) — 2022
- PhD Research Stipend, Centre for International Security, Hertie School (€46,250) — 2020 – 2023
- Stipend to attend the GPPN Annual Conference in Singapore (€450) — 2019
- U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur Special Projects Grant (RM 1,980) — 2017
- English Teaching Assistantship, The Fulbright Program (RM 22,000) — 2017
- Judith and Morris Henkin Memorial Travel Scholarship, Tulane University ($3600) — 2015
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, U.S. Department of State ($3500) — 2014

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2023

Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London; Sudikoff Interdisciplinary Seminar on Genocide Prevention at the Simon-Skjodt Center, US Holocaust Memorial Museum

2022

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, University of Oxford; CIVICA PhD Panel Series at the Hertie School, Berlin; Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London

2021

Pathways to Data Science Panel at the CorrelCon - A Weekend of Data4Good; Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis, Düsseldorf; Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop

2019

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

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	
■ European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2022
■ International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2023
■ New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA) Conference	2023

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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 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

TEACHING

GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim, Germany

■ Co-Instructor, Automated Web Data Collection with R (with Hauke Licht)	2023

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

■ Co-Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to LaTeX (with Alexander Haarmann)	2021
■ Research Consultant 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

SERVICE	
■ Selection Committee, Social Data Science Professorship at the Hertie School	2022– 2023
■ Board Member, 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 for *Journal of Peace Research*	
■ Discussant at *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, deep learning, data management
- Other: Quarto, LaTeX, Github, HTML5/CSS, Revealjs, Tableau, Stata

LANGUAGES
English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)

REFERENCES

- **Anita Gohdes** • Professor of International and Cyber Security, Hertie School
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- **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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