

# Allison Koh

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### New York University

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

### 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 Global Media Platforms*
  - Committee: Anita Gohdes (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis 2018 – 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 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. “Chilling Effects and Curtailments of the Public Sphere: The Importance of Global Media Platforms for Studying Digital Transnational Repression”.
- Koh, Allison. “Sowing Chaos or Violence? Evidence from Pro-CCP Media Attacks Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora on Twitter”.

### 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.

## 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

## 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

<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>Hertie School, Berlin, Germany</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Associate to Anita Gohdes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scraped social media data and queried information on internet shutdowns from APIs</li> <li>Organized and documented data processes for a variety of projects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jun 2020 – Aug 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Assistant, Centre for Digital Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project: Authoritarianism 2.0: The Internet, Political Discussion, and Authoritarian Rule in China</li> <li>Principal Investigator: Daniela Stockmann</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mar 2019 – Feb 2020
	<b>WZB Berlin Social Science Center</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project: Anatomy of a Riot: Participation in Ethnic Violence in Nigeria</li> <li>Supervisor: Alex Scacco</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
	<b>Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Assistant, Center for Public Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project: Public Policy and Inequality</li> <li>Supervisor: Daniel Teles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Nov 2015 – May 2016
<b>TEACHING</b>	<b>Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio</li> </ul>	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor, Introduction to Text Analysis</li> </ul>	2023
	<b>Hertie School, Berlin, Germany</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to <math>\LaTeX</math> (with Alexander Haarmann)</li> </ul>	2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Consultant on statistical computing in R and Python for graduate students</li> </ul>	2020 – 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe)</li> </ul>	2020
<b>AFFILIATIONS &amp; TRAINING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, UNC Chapel Hill</li> </ul>	2022-2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University</li> </ul>	2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Princeton University</li> </ul>	2021
<b>SERVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection Committee, Social Data Science Professorship at the Hertie School</li> </ul>	2022– 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Member, SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, Freie Universität Berlin</li> </ul>	2021– 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD Representative, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies</li> </ul>	2020– 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentor, Women to Women Mentoring Program, Newcomb Institute, Tulane University</li> </ul>	2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewer for <i>Journal of Peace Research</i></li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussant at <i>EPSA 2022</i></li> </ul>	
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Open Society Foundations, New York</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated with Regional Director and subregional units on administrative and programmatic tasks.</li> <li>Drafted briefings on country-specific issues for scoping visits to the region.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mar 2018 – Jul 2018
	<b>The Fulbright Program, Sabah, Malaysia</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managed English-intensive co-curricular activities and workshops at a rural secondary school of 1000 students.</li> <li>Organized community outreach events with the US Embassy Kuala Lumpur, US Navy and local nonprofits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jan 2017 – Nov 2017
<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>SOFTWARE</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R: Statistical analysis, machine learning, natural language processing, data management (tidyverse), data visualization (ggplot2), spatial analysis (sf), Shiny</li> <li>Python: Natural language processing, deep learning, data management</li> <li>Other: Quarto, <math>\LaTeX</math>, Github, HTML5/CSS, Revealjs, Tableau, Stata</li> </ul>	
	<b>LANGUAGES</b>	
	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  
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- **Joshua Tucker** • Professor of Politics, New York University  
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