

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 (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
 - Doctoral Fellow at the Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies
- 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 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 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

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.

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.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Koh, Allison, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua A. Tucker. “Gender and Purported Audiences in Pro-CCP Tweets Targeting the Uyghur Diaspora”. *Data analysis*.
- 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
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	▪ 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
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, 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	
SKILLS	▪ 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.	
	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, data management	
	▪ Other: Quarto, \LaTeX , Github, Tableau, Stata, HTML5/CSS	
	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
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- **Joshua Tucker** • Professor of Politics, New York University
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