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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

King's College London

- Research Associate, Department of Political Economy Dec 2023 –

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

- Affiliated Doctoral Researcher Sep 2020 – Nov 2023

New York University

- Visiting Researcher, Center for Social Media and Politics Feb 2022 – Nov 2022

EDUCATION

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- PhD, Political Science (*summa cum laude*) 2020 – 2024
 - Dissertation: *Platformed Power Plays: Authoritarian Adaptations in Foreign Social Media Spaces*
 - Committee: Anita Gohdes (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis 2018 – 2020
 - Thesis: *Predicting Geographic Variation in Political Preferences with Bayesian Additive Regression Trees*
 - Advisor: Slava Jankin

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

- BSc, Economics and Asian Studies 2012 – 2016

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED

- 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.

IN PROGRESS

- Koh, Allison. “Dealing with Diaspora Dissent in a Distinct Domain: A Conceptual Framework of Repressive Regimes’ Foreign Social Media Strategies”. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Koh, Allison. “Did Twitter’s Removal of Government and State-Affiliated Media Labels Expand the Influence of Authoritarian Regimes?”. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Koh, Allison and Joshua A. Tucker. “Nationalist Shields in Transnational Arenas: PRC Supporters’ Responses to Uyghur Activists-in-Exile on Twitter”. *Analysis*.
- Gohdes, Anita, Allison Koh, and Maurice Schumann. “Digital Authoritarianism”. In *De Gruyter Handbook of Political Control*, edited by Jessica Braithwaite and Jennifer Earl.

COMMENTARY

- 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.

PRESENTATIONS

2024 (*=planned)

Conflict and Change Research Seminar at University College London*; Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP) at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

2023

Digital Democracy Workshop at the University of Zurich; Institute for Social Movement and Protest Studies at Freie Universität Berlin; Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) APSA Pre-Conference; WZB Berlin Social Science Center “Digitalization and Society” Lecture Series; Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London

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 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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2024
- Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTXT) 2023, 2024
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2022, 2023
- International Conference on Social Media & Society 2024
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2023

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- DAAD-PROMOS Scholarships to attend workshops and conferences in the UK 2022, 2023
- 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

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- Research Associate to Anita Gohdes Jun 2020 – Nov 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*
 - Principal Investigator: Alex Scacco

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

- Research Assistant, Center for Public Service Nov 2015 – May 2016
 - Project: *Public Policy and Inequality*
 - Principal Investigator: Daniel Teles

TEACHING

GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim, Germany

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

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

- Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio Feb 2023

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- Co-Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to \LaTeX (with Alexander Haarmann) Nov 2021
- Research Consultant on statistical computing in R and Python Dec 2019 – Jul 2021
- TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe) Spring 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Open Society Foundations, New York

- Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office Mar 2018 – Jul 2018
 - Contributed to the oversight and implementation of a \$10 million emergency assistance fund.
 - 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.

AFFILIATIONS & TRAINING	▪ Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life at UNC Chapel Hill	2022–2024
	▪ Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University	2022
	▪ Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Princeton University	2021
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE	▪ Member, Coalition for Independent Technology Research	2023–
	▪ Selection Committee, Social Data Science Professorship at the Hertie School	2022– 2023
	▪ PhD Representative, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies	2020– 2023
	▪ Reviewer for <i>International Conference on Social Media & Society</i> and <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>	
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: HPC, Quarto, L ^A T _E X, Github, HTML5/CSS, bash, Revealjs, Tableau, Stata	
	LANGUAGES	
	English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)	
REFERENCES	▪ Anita Gohdes • Professor of International and Cyber Security, Hertie School	
	▪ Joshua Tucker • Professor of Politics, New York University	
	▪ Julian Wucherpfennig • Professor of International Affairs and Security, Hertie School	