

# Allison Koh

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### King's College London

- Research Associate, Department of Political Economy Dec 2023 – Jun 2024

### 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 Wucherpennig
- 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*.

### 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)

“Decrypting Digital Authoritarianism” conference at European University Institute\*; Workshop on Comparative Studies of Digital Repression at the Hertie School, Berlin; 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

<b>SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION</b>	▪ 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 Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2023
<b>GRANTS &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	▪ 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
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>Hertie School, Berlin, Germany</b>	
	▪ Research Associate to Anita Gohdes	2020 – 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	2019 – 2020
	• Project: <i>Authoritarianism 2.0: The Internet, Political Discussion, and Authoritarian Rule in China</i>	
	• Principal Investigator: Daniela Stockmann	
	<b>WZB Berlin Social Science Center</b>	
	▪ Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality	2018 – 2019
	• Project: <i>Anatomy of a Riot: Participation in Ethnic Violence in Nigeria</i>	
	• Principal Investigator: Alex Scacco	
	<b>Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	
	▪ Research Assistant, Center for Public Service	2015 – 2016
	• Project: <i>Public Policy and Inequality</i>	
	• Principal Investigator: Daniel Teles	
<b>TEACHING</b>	<b>GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim, Germany</b>	
	▪ Co-Instructor, Automated Web Data Collection with R (with Hauke Licht)	2023
	<b>Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies</b>	
	▪ Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio	2023
	<b>Hertie School, Berlin, Germany</b>	
	▪ Co-Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X (with Alexander Haarmann)	2021
	▪ Research Consultant on statistical computing in R and Python	2019 – 2021
	▪ TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe)	2020
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Open Society Foundations, New York</b>	
	▪ Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office	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.	
	<b>The Fulbright Program, Sabah, Malaysia</b>	
	▪ 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.	

<b>AFFILIATIONS &amp; TRAINING</b>	▪ 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
<b>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS &amp; SERVICE</b>	▪ 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 &amp; Society</i> and <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>	
<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>SOFTWARE</b>	
	▪ 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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Github, HTML5/CSS, bash, Revealjs, Tableau, Stata	
	<b>LANGUAGES</b>	
	English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	▪ <b>Anita Gohdes</b> • Professor of International and Cyber Security, Hertie School	
	▪ <b>Slava Jankin</b> • Professor of Data Science and Government, University of Birmingham	
	▪ <b>Joshua Tucker</b> • Professor of Politics, New York University	
	▪ <b>Julian Wucherpfennig</b> • Professor of International Affairs and Security, Hertie School	