

Allison Koh

koh@hertie-school.org • <https://allisonkoh.github.io/>

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

King's College London

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Economy

Dec 2023 –

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

- Doctoral Research Fellow

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, Centre for International Security
• Dissertation: *Platformed Power Plays: Authoritarian Adaptations in Foreign Social Media Spaces*
• Committee: Anita Gohdes (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis

2020 – 2024

2018 – 2020

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 and Joshua A. Tucker. “Nationalist Shields in Transnational Arenas: PRC Supporters’ Responses to Uyghur Activists-in-Exile on Twitter”.
- Koh, Allison. “Dealing with Diaspora Dissent in a Distinct Domain: A Conceptual Framework of Repressive Regimes’ Foreign Social Media Strategies”.
- Koh, Allison. “Did Twitter’s Removal of Government and State-Affiliated Media Labels Expand the Influence of State Actors?”.

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

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	▪ Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTTEXT)	2023
	▪ European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2022, 2023
	▪ International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2023
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	▪ DAAD-PROMOS Scholarships to attend workshops & 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 – Present
	• 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: <i>Authoritarianism 2.0: The Internet, Political Discussion, and Authoritarian Rule in China</i>	
	• Principal Investigator: Daniela Stockmann	
	WZB Berlin Social Science Center	
	▪ Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality	Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
	• Project: <i>Anatomy of a Riot: Participation in Ethnic Violence in Nigeria</i>	
	• Supervisor: Alex Scacco	
	Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana	
	▪ Research Assistant, Center for Public Service	Nov 2015 – May 2016
	• Project: <i>Public Policy and Inequality</i>	
	• 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
	Hertie School, Berlin, Germany	
	▪ Co-Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to L ^A T _E X (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
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>Journal of Peace Research</i>	
	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
- **Slava Jankin** • Professor of Data Science and Government, University of Birmingham
- **Joshua Tucker** • Professor of Politics, New York University
- **Julian Wucherpfennig** • Professor of International Affairs and Security, Hertie School