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Education

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies   *expected* 2023

PhD, Political Science

Dissertation: *Consequences of State-Sponsored Cyberharassment on Contentious Politics*
Advisor: Anita Gohdes

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany   2020

MPP, Public Policy Analysis

Thesis: *Predicting Geographic Variation in Political Attitudes with Sparse Survey Data*
Advisor: Slava Jankin

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA   2016

BSc, Economics and Asian Studies

Research Interests

Digital repression, disinformation, social media and politics, text as data, machine learning

Research in Progress

Papers in Preparation

- "Predicting Policy Domains and Preferences with BERT and Convolutional Neural Networks," with Daniel Kai Sheng Boey and Hannah Béchara.

Working Projects

- "Identifying Patterns in Activity from 'Men's Rights' Subreddit Feeds," with Samuel Wardwell.

Honors, Grants, and Awards

Doctoral Research Stipend, Hertie School Centre for International Security	2020 - 2023
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Sabah, Malaysia	2017
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for semester exchange in Shanghai, China	2014

Research Positions

Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

Doctoral Researcher, Centre for International Security   2020 - present

> Pursuing independent research on the consequences of state-sponsored cyberharassment campaigns on the repression-dissent nexus, with a focus on the Philippines.

Research Associate, Data Science Lab   2019 - present

> Developing training materials, supporting the implementation of data science workshops, and consulting on statistical computing for graduate students and researchers.

Research Assistant, Authoritarianism 2.0   2019 - 2020

> Contributed to academic publications, presentations, and statistical analyses on the impact of social media platforms on user behaviour regarding politics in China.

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany

Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality   2018 - 2019

> Conducted statistical analysis and updated case studies for research on poverty, local security dynamics, and participation in large-scale religious conflict in Nigeria for Alex Scacco, PhD.

Tulane University Center for Public Service, New Orleans, LA

Research Assistant, Public Policy and Inequality   2018 - 2019

> Prepared financial and organizational data for regressions and instrumental variables analysis on the economic impact of the AmeriCorps program on nonprofit organizations.

Teaching

Hertie School and SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, Berlin, Germany

> Research Consulting on statistical computing for MSc students   2020 - 2021
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> TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe)   Spring 2020

Invited Talks and Workshops

Workshop on Digital Governance in China at the Hertie School, Berlin   2019

Conference Presentations

GPPN Annual Conference at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore   2019

Professional Experience

Open Society Foundations, New York, NY

Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office   2018

> Coordinated with Regional Director, 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   2017

Managed English-intensive co-curricular activities and professional development workshops in a secondary school of 1000 students. Organized community outreach events with the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet and local nonprofit organizations.

Affiliations and Service

Member, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies Board   2020 - 2023
Mentor, Women to Women Mentoring Program, Newcomb Institute, Tulane University   2018

Software Skills

R   Statistical analysis, machine learning, data management (`tidyverse`), data visualization (`ggplot2`), spatial analysis (`sf`), natural language processing, Shiny

Python   Natural language processing with deep learning (`PyTorch`), data management (`pandas`)

Stata   Data management, analysis, and visualization

Other   Github, LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator/InDesign, Tableau, HTML5/CSS

References

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