Allison Koh

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	**University of Birmingham**	
	▪ Research Fellow in Natural Language Processing	Jul 2024 –
	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 Wucherpfennig	
	▪ MPP, Policy Analysis	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. "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*; Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) Annual Conference*; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Oxford LLMs Workshop*; 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 (ipb) Annual Conference at Freie Universität Berlin; Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) APSA Pre-Conference; European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference; Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTEXT); WZB Berlin Social Science Center "Digitalization and Society" Lecture Series; International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference; Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London

2022

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, University of Oxford; European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference; Center for Social Media and Politics (CSMaP) at New York University; 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

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   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: *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   2018 – 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   2015 – 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)   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 LaTeX (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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Open Society Foundations, New York

▪ 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.

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 *International Conference on Social Media & Society* and *Journal of Peace Research*	

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, LaTeX, Github, HTML5/CSS, bash, 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