# XIZHU ZENG

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## **EDUCATION**

### East China University of Science and Technology

Shanghai, China

Master of Laws in Sociology

2022 - 2025

- GPA: 3.89/4.00 (1/34)
- Research Interests: Polarization, Political Communication, Social Media

## Xiangtan University

Hunan, China

Bachelor of Laws in Sociology

2018 - 2022

• GPA: 3.66/4.00 (2/35)

# **PAPERS**

- 1. **Xizhu Zeng**. The Self in Action: Reconfiguring the Unit of Online Social Action *Presented* at The 9th Lilin Forum, Beijing, 2023.
- 2. **Xizhu Zeng**, Fangyikuang Ding. Text Accumulation: Conceptualizing and Measuring Collective Attributes on Social Media *In Progress*, 2024.
- 3. **Xizhu Zeng**. Rethinking the Relationship Between the Individual and the Collective on Social Media *Under Review*, 2025.

# Research Experience

#### Gig Labor Research | RA for National Philosophy and Social Science Project

- Independently responsible for data analysis of 1500 questionnaires
- Completed data cleaning, factor analysis, descriptive statistics, ANOVA, and cluster regression, produced publication-ready visualizations and tables by R and Excel

## Unveiling the Dynamics of Digital Action | Personal

2024

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- Collected and preprocessed 949 tweets from 4 hashtags by Python and EasySpider
- Implemented agent-based model (ABM) visualizations using Python (Matplotlib) to illustrate emergent behavior patterns
- Maintained analysis scripts using Git and Jupyter Notebooks
- Integrated local LLM agents(Llama and deepseek) in research process

# Digital Labor Project | RA for Guangzhou Anthropological Society

2024

- Independently responsible for data analysis of 1360 questionnaires
- Cleaned outliers, recoded variables, conducted reliability and validity testing, conducted descriptive analysis and visualizations using R and Excel

#### Insulting China in Indiscrimination? The Change of Online Belief | Personal 2023

- Wrote literature reviews on digital activism and digital vigilantism
- Managed RA team and data collection process to built a structured case database
- Performed tagging, classification, and exploratory social network analysis (NetworkX)

#### Impact of Digital Information on Residents' Income | Coursework

2023

- Utilized cross-sectional data from the 2020 CFPS(N=7140)
- Applied a moderating effect model based on three-way interactions by Stata
- Visualized the results using ArcGIS Pro

#### The Digital Transformation in Rural Areas | Provincial Innovation Competition 2022

- Developed a mixed-methods research design, including questionnaire construction, semi-structured interview, and thematic focus group
- Led the research in Sichuan, collected data, wrote a report and presented findings at university research forums

Advanced Training	Summer School in Advanced Social Research Methods (Advanced Course)  CASER NYU-Shanghai	2024.07
	Using LLM in Social Science Advanced Workshop University of Michigan and East China University of Science and Technology	2024.06
	Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python) University of Michigan, Coursera	2024.03
	Local Governance Cooperative Summer Research  Municipal Party School and East China University of Science and Technology	2023.07
	Social statistical analysis based on R Tsinghua University, Xuetang X	2023.06
Awards	• First Student Scholarship, East China University of Science and Technology	2023
AND	• Outstanding Student, East China University of Science and Technology	2023
Honors	• Freshman Scholarships, East China University of Science and Technology	2022
	<ul> <li>Outstanding Graduates, Xiangtan University,</li> </ul>	2022
	• Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis, Xiangtan University	2022
	• First Student Scholarship, Xiangtan University	2021
	• Provincial Funding for Student Innovation Competition, Hunan Province	2020
	Outstanding Report, Xiangtan University	2019
	• Top Ten Club Officers (ten from the school), Xiangtan University	2019
Skills	Languages: English (fluent), Mandarain Chinese (native)  Programming: Python, R, LATEX  Tools: SPSS, Stata, MS Office, ArcGIS Pro, Easyspider( data scrapping), Llamaine	lex
Work Experience	Luohan Academy (Alibaba Initiative) Communications Intern, Remote	2025.05
	CIIC Consulting (State-owned Enterprise) Assistant Consulting Analyst, Shanghai	2025.03
	Undergraduate Course: Introduction to Social Research Methods Teaching Assistant, Shanghai	2023.07
	Hongguang Community (Local Government Office)  Administrative Intern, Sichuan	2022.04