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EDUCATION

- **Freie Universität Berlin** Apr. 2022 - present
Ph.D. candidate in Political Science (near completion) Berlin, Germany
 - Dissertation: "Digital Authoritarianism and Public Responses: Emotions, Perceptions and Actions in China"
Supervisor: Genia Kostka, Alexander Libman
 - Methods: survey experiment, fieldwork with in-depth interviews, quantitative text analysis
- **Universität Potsdam** Oct. 2019 - Sept. 2021
M.A. National and International Administration and Policy Potsdam, Germany
- **Freie Universität Berlin** Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2019
B.A. Political Science Berlin, Germany
- **Beijing Foreign Studies University** Sept 2013 - Nov. 2015
B.A. Law Beijing, China
 - Completed courses in Chinese, US, and international public law and legal translation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- **ERC Project "Digital Governance in Authoritarian China", FU Berlin**  Dec. 2021 - present
Predoctoral fellow Berlin, Germany
 - Designed and fielded an online survey experiment in mainland China (n=4507)
 - Conducted fieldwork with 50 semi-structured interviews with 64 respondents in 10 Chinese localities
 - Collected ~100k Chinese social media posts using webscraping
- **Institute for Chinese Studies, FU Berlin**  May 2019 - Nov. 2021
Research assistant Berlin, Germany
 - Conducted systematic literature review on digital politics and cross-country public opinions
 - Designed two cross-countries online survey on public opinions towards AI and digital technologies
 - Carried out quantitative analysis based on survey data incl. statistic modeling and data visualization
- **Chair of Political Science, Administration, and Organisation, University of Potsdam**  Dec. 2020 - May 2021
Program tutor Potsdam, Germany
 - Organized and hosted multiple workshops for MA thesis, orientation week, and information events
 - Maintained study program's websites and coordinated multiple program-related events

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Digital Authoritarianism, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Political Behavior, China

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)**  Jul. 2018 - Nov. 2018
Young Professional Beijing, China
 - Supported the second "Annual Conference and Symposium on Intelligent Manufacturing and Interconnected Production Processes" (State Secretary/Vice-Minister Level, between German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi) and Chinese Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT))
 - Supported drafting policy briefings and policy updates on government subsidies for foreign enterprises in Made in China 2025, AI policy and cybersecurity law in China, Germany and the EU
 - Conducted desktop research and daily monitoring on political, economic, and regulatory development in digital industrial policies and Industry 4.0 in China, Germany, and the EU

- [J] Danqi Guo, Genia Kostka. (Forthcoming). **Knowing is Disturbing: Emotions and Public Attitudes Toward Digital Control under Autocracy.** *Perspectives on Politics*.
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- [J] Danqi Guo, Sabrina Habich-Sobiegalla, Genia Kostka. (2024). **Emotions, crisis, and institutions: Explaining compliance with COVID-19 regulations.** *Regulation & Governance*, 18(1), 177–202.
- [U] Danqi Guo, Genia Kostka. **Many Faces of Privacy: The Role of Perceived Privacy in a Digital Autocracy.** (Revise & Resubmit).
- [U] Yang Yan, Danqi Guo, Genia Kostka. **Security and Beyond: Unpacking State Narratives and Emotional Undertones for Digital Surveillance in China.** (Revise & Resubmit).
- [W] Danqi Guo, Genia Kostka. **Understanding Digital Control through Emotion.** Working paper.
- [W] Danqi Guo. **Emotional Governance through Digital Control in China.** Working paper.

WORKSHOP & CONFERENCE PRESENTATION (SELECTED)

- **Panel: Digital Authoritarianism and State Control** May. 2025
The 7th COMPTTEXT Conference Vienna, Austria
 ◦ Presented the paper "Security and Beyond"
- **Panel presentation** Nov. 2024
Annual Meeting of the German Association for Asian Studies (ASC) Bonn, Germany
 ◦ Presented the paper "Security and Beyond"
- **Panel: Accepting Big Brother: Privacy & State Surveillance in China's Digital Sphere** Sept. 2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA, USA
 ◦ Presented the paper "Many faces of privacy"
- **Workshop: Theorising Digital Societies** Apr. 2024
Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) Villa Vigoni, Italy
 ◦ Presented the working paper "Understanding digital control through emotion"
- **BCCN lecture: Digital Governance in China** Jan. 2024
Berlin Contemporary China Network online
 ◦ Presented the paper "Knowing is Disturbing"
- **Panel: The Limitations of Modern Democracy** Aug. 2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Los Angeles, CA, USA
 ◦ Presented the paper "Knowing is Disturbing"
- **Workshop: The Digital Reach of the Chinese State: Emerging Research Fields** Aug. 2023
Volkswagen Foundation Scoping Workshop Hannover, Germany
 ◦ Presented the paper "Knowing is Disturbing"

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- **GESIS Fall Seminar 2024 in Computational Social Science** Sept. 2024
GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Mannheim, Germany
 ◦ Completed the course *From Embeddings to LLMs: Advanced Text Analysis with Python* (Instructor: Hauke Licht, Lisa Maria Lechner)
- **Quantitative Text Analysis II** Winter semester 2023
Institute of Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany
 ◦ Completed the methods seminar using R (Instructor: Bruno Castanho Silva)
- **Quantitative Text Analysis I** Mar. 2022
Young Scholars Groups, German Association for Asian Studies Würzburg, Germany
 ◦ Attended the 2-day methods workshop on quantitative text analysis (Instructor: Keli Du)
- **GESIS Spring Seminar 2021 on Causal Inference** Mar. 2021
GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Online
 ◦ Completed three courses on experiments (Instructor: D.J. Flynn), observational studies (Instructor: Krisztián Pósch, Thiago R. Oliveira), and causal machine learning (Instructor: Michael Knaus, Gabriel Okasa)

TEACHING

- **Guest lecturer** Nov. 2025
Institute for Chinese Studies, Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany
 - Giving an introductory session in China in the MA seminar
AI Governance in China
- **Guest lecturer** Nov. 2024
Institute for Chinese Studies, Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany
 - Giving an introductory session on International Relations Theory in the MA seminar
Theories and Discourses in Chinese Social Science Studies
- **Course instructor** Aug. 2023
Deutsche SchülerAkademie Höchst im Odenwald, Germany
 - Developed a 2-week intensive summer course on politics in contemporary China (in German)
 - Taught and carried out courses with daily lectures, in class activities, and guided 12 course projects

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, R
- **Mathematical & Statistical Tools:** Stata, SPSS
- **Markup Languages:** L^AT_EX, Markdown, HTML
- **Other Tools & Technologies:** MAXQDA, Git, Qualtrics, Camtasia, Audacity, Microsoft Office packages
- **Natural Languages:** Mandarin (Native Speaker), English (IELTS: 8/9), German (C1/2), French (B2), Russian (A2)

MEMBERSHIP

- **Association for Social Science Research on China (ASC)** Nov 2025 - Present
- **American Political Science Association** May 2023 - Present
- **ORCID**, [Membership ID: 0000-0002-1504-8029](#) August 2022 - Present
- **Polis180**, Program: connectingAsia August 2022 - Present

REFERENCES

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