

# HEATHER LI

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>The London School of Economics</b><br><i>MSc International Relations (Research)</i>   | September 2025 - August 2026                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focusing on critical international relations scholarship, with courses in Critical International Law; Race, Resistance, and Decolonisation; Empire and Conflict in World Politics.</li><li>• Taking PhD-level methodology classes, including Qualitative Text and Discourse Analysis.</li><li>• Will pursue a 10,000-word thesis under Dr Shikha Dilawri on post-colonial perspectives on environmental violence in international law.</li></ul>   |  |
| <b>University of Oxford</b><br><i>BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics</i>   | October 2021 - June 2025<br><i>First-Class Honours</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awarded the Gibbs Prize for Best Overall Performance in Politics. Ranked 9th out of 228 candidates, top 4% of cohort.</li><li>• Highlighted Courses: International Relations (78), International Security &amp; Conflict (77), Environmental Economics (71, 74 in coursework)</li><li>• Completed a 15,000-word thesis (79) under Prof Louise Fawcett and Weishen Zeng on the existence of a global environmental 'hierarchy' and its reflection in international environmental agreements, using critical discourse analysis of archival materials.</li></ul> |  |

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| <b>Gibbs Prize in Politics (Written Paper)</b>   | August 2025           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £500, awarded by the University of Oxford for the best written paper by an undergraduate in the final examinations.</li></ul>                      |                       |
| <b>Master's Book Prize</b>   | June 2023 & July 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £25 x2, awarded by St Catherine's College, Oxford, for exceptional first-class performance in Quantitative Economics and Microeconomics.</li></ul> |                       |
| <b>Jonathan Bailey Debating Prize</b>  | June 2023             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £100, awarded by St Catherine's College, Oxford, for contribution to debating at the college and university level.</li></ul>                       |                       |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Climate Change &amp; (In)Security Project, University of Oxford</b><br><i>Research Intern</i>   | July 2025 - Present       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft briefs on topical issues in climate security, focusing on climate security in Indigenous communities globally, focusing on critical mineral operationalisation in Indonesia.</li><li>• Conduct literature reviews of academic and grey literature to support qualitative analyses for policy audiences.</li></ul>                                      |                           |
| <b>G20 Research Group, University of Toronto</b><br><i>Research Compliance Analyst</i>   | July 2024 - December 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitored the compliance of nations to commitments made in G20 Communiqués, focusing on commitments made on climate change and global environmental governance.</li><li>• Researched and synthesised evidence of compliance from a diverse range of sources, including World Bank/IMF meeting minutes, bilateral meetings, and report sponsorship.</li></ul> |                           |

- Qualitatively coded G20 compliance using depth and breadth analysis according to standardised criteria.
- Supported background research efforts that aided in-person teams in reporting and negotiations at G20 summits, particularly the G20 Rio Summit.

**Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford** September 2024 - October 2024  
*Research Assistant*

- Assisted Dr Farsan Ghassim with his book on public opinion on international organisations, global governance, and long-term visions of global democracy.
- Employed qualitative content analysis to code American survey responses to capture participant sentiments on a hypothetical global government.
- Collaborated with other research assistants to create consistency across languages (Portuguese, Japanese, and German) to ensure coding remained consistent across languages, including contextual linguistic information.

**Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI)** June 2024 - September 2024  
*Research Assistant*

- Compiled literature reviews that summarised defence procurement policy and NATO operations in Canada, drawing on academic and grey literature.
- Authored policy briefs on critical mineral supply chains and international cooperation, focusing on small-n comparative case studies contrasting Canada and Australia.
- Interviewed and developed questions for experts like Canada's Parliamentary Budgetary Officer [Yves Giroux](#) and Former Assistant Deputy Minister of Materiel Alan Williams.
- Supported mentorship and outreach efforts by the CDAI to encourage participation of women and gender minorities in security.
- Invited to return to rapporteur the Montreal Climate Security Summit, writing policy briefs on conversations featuring military, political, and industry leadership.

**Department of Economics, University of Oxford** April 2023 - August 2023  
*Research Assistant*

- Worked under the supervision of Professor Alex Teytelboym on the Oxford Policy Engagement Network (OPEN) to catalogue the policy impact and engagement of the Department of Economics.
- Coded and tagged the work of over 30 academics to identify strengths and weaknesses in the policy engagement of the Department.
- Supported the creation of a dedicated [Impact & Engagement](#) page to display academics and their accomplishments, including tagging and re-designing individual webpages.

## **SKILLS**

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### **Research Skills**

- *Qualitative:* In-depth interviews with public figures, analysing interview transcripts, critical discourse analysis of legal documents and historical archives, qualitative content analysis.
- *Quantitative:* Intermediate econometrics, data visualisation, analysis of large datasets.
- *Coding Languages:* R (Advanced) and MATLAB (Intermediate)

### **Other Skills**

- *Languages:* English (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Proficient), French (Intermediate, B2).
- *Web Development:* Squarespace, WordPress, NationBuilder, and HTML/CSS.
- *Other Technical Skills:* MS Office, including Excel and PowerPoint.