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EDUCATION

- **Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU)**   Beijing, China
  Master of Arts in American Studies   *Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2024*
  - **GPA**: 3.98/4.00 (Average: 93.05/100.00)
  - **Relevant Coursework**: History of Sino-US Relations, America and the Indo-Pacific, American Politics, Statistics, American Economic History, History of American Diplomacy, American Foreign Policy Decision-Making

- **Beijing Foreign Studies University**   Beijing, China
  Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature   *Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2021*
  - **GPA**: 3.75/4.00 (Average: 89.78/100.00)
  - **Relevant Coursework**: International Relations, Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, Introduction to Economics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, China and World Economy
  - **Exchange**: English Communication and Research Skills Program, The University of Adelaide, Winter 2020

  Bachelor of Laws in Diplomacy (Double Degree)   *Sep. 2018 – Jun. 2021*
  - **Relevant Coursework**: Foreign Relations of PR China, International Relations Since World War II, East Asian Politics and Diplomacy, International Organizations, Introduction to Political Science, International Law

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **The Sanctions Bargaining Game: Does Regime Type Matter to US Economic Sanctions Success**
  MA Thesis | Supervised by Prof. Yan Xunhua   *Apr. 2023 – Present*
  - **Data**: Generated 708 observations (each with 12 variables) of US economic sanctions episodes from 1945 to 2005 by integrating the TIES and Polity 5 datasets. Conducted a robustness check using the GSDB and the Freedom House Index.
  - **Analysis**: Drew on the international crisis bargaining framework to conceptualize the dependent variable (sanction success), and theories of leadership accountability and audience cost to conceptualize the independent variable (regime type). Utilized Matplotlib and Networkx for visualization and SPSS for ANOVA and regression analysis.

- **Ignorance, Disruption, Polarization: Why People Believed in Election Fraud Theory**
  Course Project | Lecturer: Prof. Song Ying   *Dec. 2022 – Feb. 2023*
  - Applied questionnaire surveys (in a group of 3) and multivariate regression analysis to investigate the primary factors driving people's belief in election fraud theory. Developed a 52-question Google Form survey, gathered feedback from 168 respondents, and presented results in a detailed 5205-word term paper (Final grade: 93%).

- **Sino-US People-to-people Exchange Related Projects**
  Research Assistant | PI: Prof. Li Qiken (Project ID: 21VMG034)   *Feb. 2022 – Aug. 2022*
  - Researched and authored the following two chapters. Acknowledged as the best among all 21 student researchers.
  - **Sister Cities Chapter**: Compiled a database of US-China sister cities and analyzed their distribution patterns. Collected anecdotes detailing the achievements and challenges in their formation period.
  - **Women's Exchange Chapter**: Reviewed *Women of China* newspaper extensively for information concerning US-China women's exchange institutions and events. Summarized key cases and highlighted the lessons learned.

  Research Assistant | PI: Prof. Chen Juebin (Project ID:)   *Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2021*
  - Researched and authored the local governmental cultural exchange chapter. Reviewed 31 provincial foreign affair office websites and summarized 52 entities identified.
  - Research findings published in *The 2019-2020 Yearbook of Chinese-Foreign People-to-People Exchange*, pp. 90-101, China Social Sciences Press, ISBN 978-7-5227-1193-5.

PRESENTATIONS

- **"Weathering US-China Competition in the Indo-Pacific: Middle Powers' Institutional Balancing and Lateral Cooperation."** Paper presented to the 5th BFSU Language and Literature Forum for Graduate Students. June 28, 2023.

- **"'America Is Back': The Return of Wilsonianism and Jeffersonianism under Biden Administration."** Paper presented to the 4th BFSU Language and Literature Forum for Graduate Students. November 12, 2022.

- **"Revisiting China's 'Responsible Protection' through Libya and Syria Crisis: A Balance between Traditional Insistence and Current Shift."** Paper presented to the 3th BFSU Language and Literature Forum for Graduate Students. November 14, 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **World Politics (Summer 2023)**
  Teaching Assistant | Prof. Osman Sabri Kiratli | BFSU International Summer School   *Jun. 2023 – Jul. 2023*
    ○ **2 credits, 91 students**: Facilitated administrative preparations, managed course WeChat Group, delivered timely notices and course materials, tracked attendance, and addressed students' questions.

- **Academic Writing (Spring 2023)**
  Teaching Assistant | Prof. Dong Yikun | BFSU School of English and International Studies   *Mar. 2023 – Jul. 2023*
    ○ **2 credits, 16 students**: Graded and responded to students' writing assignments, including review essays, proposals, and final research papers. Kept a common problem list each time to help students improve their language, structure, and ideas.

HONORS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- **First-class Scholarship for graduate students**, Beijing Foreign Studies University (¥10,000)   *2022, 23*
- **Merit Student**, Beijing Foreign Studies University   *2022, 23*
- **Second-class Scholarship for graduate students**, Beijing Foreign Studies University (¥8,000)   *2021*
- **Second-class Scholarship for undergraduate students**, Beijing Foreign Studies University (¥2,000)   *2019*
- **Social Service Award**, Beijing Foreign Studies University (¥300)   *2019*
- **Global Times Scholarship**, Beijing Foreign Studies University (¥1,000)   *2018*

STUDENT SERVICE

- **Co-chair**, Graduate Students Union of School of English and International Studies   *Jul. 2022 – Jun. 2023*
- **Member**, Graduate Students Union of Beijing Foreign Studies University   *Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2022*
- **Chair**, Publicity Department of BFSU Student Aid Center   *Sep. 2018 – Jan. 2020*
- **Chair**, Taekwondo Association of Beijing Foreign Studies University   *Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019*

SKILLS

- **Language**: English (fluent, TOEFL 114, GRE 328+4, TEM-8 Excellency), Chinese (native), Spanish (basic)
- **Programming**: Python (Pandas, Matplotlib), HTML, CSS, JavaScript, LaTeX
- **Software**: Adobe (After Effects, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Illustrator), SPSS, Access, Microsoft Office
- **Interests**: Languages, Motion graphics, Infographics, Video editing, Web development, Computer Science, Pipa