XUDONG ZHU PH.D.CANDIDATE

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EDUCATION

University of Aberdeen

Aberdeen, UK

PhD Candidate in History

Mar. 2025 - Present

- Dissertation title: "The Impacts of Germany on China's Rebuilding and Modernization: Beyond a Geo-military Perspective (1928-1938)"
- Supervisors: Prof.Dr.Thomas Weber, Dr.Andrew Dilley
- Research area: History and international relations, Global security and governance

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Heidelberg, Germany

M.A. in American Studies

Oct. 2021 - Aug. 2023

- Core Modules: Political Science and History
- Thesis title: "On the Theory of Empire in International Relations and an Analysis of
- Main Courses: US Economic Policy, The Transatlantic Alliance, Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Trump-era Politics, Political Psychology, Varieties of Conservatism in the US

Jilin University

Changchun, China

Bachelor's degree of Law

Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2021

- Major in Diplomacy
- Main Courses: International History, IR theoretical frameworks, International Law, Negotiation Skills, Political Philosophy, Power Politics, Diplomatic Etiquette

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Li Wang, Xudong Zhu. How to Maintain a Balance in The Intricate Pas Detrois Among China, US and EU. forthcoming publication by Routledge. 2025.
- 2. Xudong Zhu. What to Do About the Strategic Challenge? An Analysis of the Background of NATO's New China Strategy. Seventh Annual Young Scholars Forum on U.S. - China Relations. The Carter Center. 2022.

Teaching **EXPERIENCE**

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

summer semester 2023

- From Washington to Peking: History of Early Interactions Between the US and China
 - This course examines the historical foundations of Sino-U.S. relations, focusing on the interactions between the two countries from 1784 to 1882.
 - It examines four key dimensions: trade, diplomacy, education, and labor.
 - The goal is to deepen the understanding of China's integration into the international system and the role of the U.S. in this process.

Research

Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen

Jilin University

Jul. 2019 – Aug. 2019

EXPERIENCE

The "International and European Studies" summer school

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Jun. 2018 - Jul. 2018

Student summer program at Rutgers University

Field study along the China-North Korea border

Oct. 2017

INTERNSHIPS

The Carter Center | Remotely due to the pandemic

Jun. 2020 – Sep. 2020

- Translated articles for the center's website "US-China Perception Monitor"
- Attended academic conferences and wrote summaries
- Interviewed scholars and wrote reports
- Published articles averaging over 5,000 views

SERVICES

Completed 120 hours of volunteer service with the Red Cross Society

Member of the Kung Fu Association, Jilin University

Member of the student union of SIPA, Jilin University

Worked as Professor Swaran Singh's assistant during his visit to Jilin University

Volunteer of the 6th China-Korea Public Diplomacy Forum

AWARDS

2018

Received the "Excellence Award" at the 16th National Diplomatic Etiquette Competition for outstanding performance

Awarded "Best Negotiator" at the 3rd Simulated Diplomatic Negotiation Competition, Jilin University, for exceptional negotiation skills

2017

Earned the "Diplomatic Award" at the 1st Simulated Diplomatic Spokesperson Competition, Jilin University, for excellence in diplomatic communication

SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient, IELTS 7.0), German (good)

IT Skills: LATEX, Web development (HTML/CSS, JavaScript), SPSS

Academic Writing: Proficient in crafting clear, evidence-based, and analytically rigorous prose for scholarly articles, dissertation chapters, and conference papers, adhering to historical and political methodologies and citation standards.

Geopolitical and IR Analysis: Skilled in evaluating historical and contemporary geopolitical dynamics, analyzing state interactions, power structures, and global conflicts through primary source research and interdisciplinary frameworks. Specialized in the analysis of great power politics, especially the trilateral relationship between China, the United States and Europe.

Leadership: Skilled in preparing and presenting written and verbal communications tailored to a range of audiences, including academics, students of mixed abilities/levels and the general public.

Communication: Skilled in preparing and presenting written and verbal communications tailored to a range of audiences, including academics, students of mixed abilities/levels and the general public.

Time Management: Excellent time management skills: during my PhD research experience and research roles, I ensured that participants were tested in a timely and efficient manner. Skilled at meeting project deadlines and submitting revisions to peer-review manuscripts within a predefined timescale.