

Yangdong Liu

163 Xianlin Avenue, Qixia District
Nanjing University, 210033
Email: liuyangdong28@gmail.com
Website: yangdong-liu.github.io/

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Yangdong Liu is currently a second-year Ph.D. student in the School of Journalism and Communication, Nanjing University, under the supervision of Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang. He is also a member of Computational Communication Collaboratory and the Socrates Lab. His research interests include computational social science, political communication and causal inference.

EDUCATION

Nanjing University Ph.D. student in Computational Communication; Advisor: Dr. Cheng-Jun Wang Member of the Computational Communication Collaboratory	Nanjing, China Sept 2023 –
China Foreign Affairs University M.A. in Political Science; Advisor: Prof. Zhan Shi	Beijing, China 2021–2023
South China University of Technology B.A. in Software Engineering; GPA: 3.7/4.0 (top 10%)	Guangzhou, China 2016–2020

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] **Liu, Y.**, Zhou, Z., Zhang, Y., Wang, C. J.* Unpacking the Black Box of Hostility: Threat Perception, Moral Judgement, and Aggressive Rhetoric in China's Diplomatic Press Conferences
- [2] **Liu, Y.**, Huang, J., Wang, C. J.* Mapping Causal Narratives in Political Discourse Using LLM
- [3] **Liu, Y.**, Wang, C. J.* Building a Dock Rather Than Borrowing a Boat: China's Open-Source News Platform for International Propaganda
- [4] **Liu, Y.**, Wang, Z., Wang, C. J.* Does Soft Propaganda Work? Theatre Reform and Women Empowerment in China

CONFERENCES

- [1] **Liu, Y.**, Zhou, Z., Zhang, Y., Wang, C. J.* Speak of Evil: The Moral Foundations of Hostile Narrative in Chinese Public Diplomacy. Paper to be presented at the 2024 International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), Christchurch, New Zealand
- [2] Zhang, Y., Wang, Y., Yan, L., & **Liu, Y.** (2024). Unraveling the NFT Narrative Labyrinth: Persuasive Effects of Interactive Engagement and Structure on Transaction Attention. Paper to be presented at the 74th Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA), Gold Coast, Australia.

GRANTS

Internal

- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2024GYB13), ¥6,000, *PI* 2024–2026
Project title: *The Formation and Impact of Moral Narrative in China's Public Diplomacy*
- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2024GYB01), ¥8,000, Participation 2024–2026
Project title: *The Embeddedness of Digital Media into Daily Temporal Structure in an Accelerated Society*
(PI: Xue-Fei Yan)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- Academic Writing**, Nanjing University Fall 2024
Instructor: Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang
– Mentored student class projects, managed class assignment.
- Quantitative Research Workshop**, Nanjing University Spring 2024
Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma
– Mentored student class projects, managed online Q&A and class assignment.
- Comparative Political Theory**, China Foreign Affairs University Spring 2023
Instructor: Dr. Yu Zhang
– Mentored student class projects, managed Q&A

AWARDS & HONORS

- Nanjing University Doctoral Talent Scholarship (Second Prize) 2023
- Outstanding Graduate Student 2023
- The 2022 Annual Conference of Computational Communication Excellent Paper (Third Prize in Student Group) 2022
- Chongqing University of Education Excellent Thesis Advisor Award 2021

SKILL

- **Statistical Programming:** Python, R, Stata, C/C++, SQL
- **Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English (IELTS 7.0)
- **Music:** Guitar, Blues Harmonica
- **Sports:** Football, Tennis