

# Allison Koh

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### King's College London

- Research Associate, Department of Political Economy Dec 2023 –

### Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

- Affiliated Doctoral Researcher Sep 2020 – Nov 2023

### New York University

- Visiting Researcher, Center for Social Media and Politics Feb 2022 – Nov 2022

## EDUCATION

### Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

- PhD, Political Science (*summa cum laude*) 2020 – 2024
  - Dissertation: *Platformed Power Plays: Authoritarian Adaptations in Foreign Social Media Spaces*
  - Committee: Anita Gohdes (chair), Molly Roberts (UCSD), Julian Wucherpfennig
- MPP, Policy Analysis 2018 – 2020
  - Thesis: *Predicting Geographic Variation in Political Preferences with Bayesian Additive Regression Trees*
  - Advisor: Slava Jankin

### Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

- BSc, Economics and Asian Studies 2012 – 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLISHED

- Koh, Allison, Daniel Boey, and Hannah Béchara. 2021. “Predicting Policy Domains from Party Manifestos with BERT and Convolutional Neural Networks.” In Proceedings of the 1st Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis, Düsseldorf, Germany.

### IN PROGRESS

- Koh, Allison. “Dealing with Diaspora Dissent in a Distinct Domain: A Conceptual Framework of Repressive Regimes’ Foreign Social Media Strategies”. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Koh, Allison. “Did Twitter’s Removal of Government and State-Affiliated Media Labels Expand the Influence of Authoritarian Regimes?”. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Koh, Allison and Joshua A. Tucker. “Nationalist Shields in Transnational Arenas: PRC Supporters’ Responses to Uyghur Activists-in-Exile on Twitter”. *Analysis*.

### COMMENTARY

- Ritholtz, Samuel, Allison Koh, and Anita R. Gohdes. “Fanning the Flames of Hate: The Transnational Diffusion of Online Anti-LGBT+ Rhetoric and Offline Mobilisation”. *The Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET) - Gender and Online Extremism Series*, 29 Nov 2022.

## PRESENTATIONS

2024 (\*=planned)

Conflict and Change Research Seminar at University College London\*; Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP) at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

2023

Digital Democracy Workshop at the University of Zurich; Institute for Social Movement and Protest Studies at Freie Universität Berlin; Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) APSA Pre-Conference; WZB Berlin Social Science Center “Digitalization and Society” Lecture Series; Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London

2022

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, University of Oxford; CIVICA PhD Panel Series at the Hertie School, Berlin; Conflict and Change PhD Workshop at University College London

2021

“Pathways to Data Science” Panel at CorrelCon - A Weekend of Data4Good; Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis, Düsseldorf; Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop

2019

Workshop on Digital Governance in China at the Hertie School, Berlin

**SELECTED  
CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION**

- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2024
- Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTEXT) 2023, 2024
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2022, 2023
- International Conference on Social Media & Society 2024
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2023

**GRANTS &  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

- DAAD-PROMOS Scholarships to attend workshops and conferences in the UK 2022, 2023
- PhD Research Stipend, Centre for International Security, Hertie School 2020 – 2023
- English Teaching Assistantship, The Fulbright Program 2017
- Judith and Morris Henkin Memorial Travel Scholarship, Tulane University 2015
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, U.S. Department of State 2014

**RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE**

**Hertie School, Berlin, Germany**

- Research Associate to Anita Gohdes Jun 2020 – Nov 2023
  - Scraped social media data and queried information on internet shutdowns from APIs
  - Organized and documented data processes for a variety of projects
- Research Assistant, Centre for Digital Governance Mar 2019 – Feb 2020
  - Project: *Authoritarianism 2.0: The Internet, Political Discussion, and Authoritarian Rule in China*
  - Principal Investigator: Daniela Stockmann

**WZB Berlin Social Science Center**

- Research Assistant, Institutions and Political Inequality Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
  - Project: *Anatomy of a Riot: Participation in Ethnic Violence in Nigeria*
  - Principal Investigator: Alex Scacco

**Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana**

- Research Assistant, Center for Public Service Nov 2015 – May 2016
  - Project: *Public Policy and Inequality*
  - Principal Investigator: Daniel Teles

**TEACHING**

**GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim, Germany**

- Co-Instructor, Automated Web Data Collection with R (with Hauke Licht) Sep 2023

**Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies**

- Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to R and RStudio Feb 2023

**Hertie School, Berlin, Germany**

- Co-Instructor, A Gentle Introduction to  $\LaTeX$  (with Alexander Haarmann) Nov 2021
- Research Consultant on statistical computing in R and Python Dec 2019 – Jul 2021
- TA, Data Science Workshop Series (Therese Anders and Will Lowe) Spring 2020

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**Open Society Foundations, New York**

- Assistant to the Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Office Mar 2018 – Jul 2018
  - Contributed to the oversight and implementation of a \$10 million emergency assistance fund.
  - Drafted briefings on country-specific issues for scoping visits to the region.

**The Fulbright Program, Sabah, Malaysia**

- English Teaching Assistant Jan 2017 – Nov 2017
  - Managed English-intensive co-curricular activities and workshops at a rural secondary school of 1000 students.
  - Organized community outreach events with the US Embassy Kuala Lumpur, US Navy and local nonprofits.

- AFFILIATIONS & TRAINING**
- Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life at UNC Chapel Hill 2022–2024
  - Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University 2022
  - Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Princeton University 2021
- PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE**
- Member, Coalition for Independent Technology Research 2023–
  - Selection Committee, Social Data Science Professorship at the Hertie School 2022– 2023
  - PhD Representative, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies 2020– 2023
  - Reviewer for *International Conference on Social Media & Society* and *Journal of Peace Research*
- SKILLS**
- SOFTWARE**
- R: Statistical analysis, machine learning, natural language processing, data management (tidyverse), data visualization (ggplot2), spatial analysis (sf), Shiny
  - Python: Natural language processing, deep learning, data management
  - Other: HPC, Quarto, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Github, HTML5/CSS, bash, Revealjs, Tableau, Stata
- LANGUAGES**
- English (native), Mandarin Chinese (conversational)
- REFERENCES**
- **Anita Gohdes** • Professor of International and Cyber Security, Hertie School
  - **Joshua Tucker** • Professor of Politics, New York University
  - **Julian Wucherpfennig** • Professor of International Affairs and Security, Hertie School