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Academic Appointment	New York University Abu Dhabi Research Assistant	01/2021-01/2022
Education	Washington University in St Louis Ph.D. in Political Science	2022-Present
	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology M.Phil. in Social Science	2022
	M.Sc. in Global China Studies	2019
	Hong Kong Baptist University B.Soc.Sc. in Government and International Studies (First Hons)	2018
	L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) One-year exchange study	2016-2017
Additional Training	University of Michigan Ann Arbor ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	06/2019-08/2019
Interests	<i>Substantive:</i> Comparative politics, political communication <i>Methodological:</i> Text-as-data, social network analysis	
Publication	[1] “Political Institutions and Global Project Finance Loans” with Jean Hong (Michigan) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State) Forthcoming, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	
Working Paper	[1] “Who Funds Whose Infrastructure: Dyadic Analysis of Global Project Finance Loans” with Jean Hong (Michigan) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State) [2] “Uncle Sam Is (Not) Watching: Government Influence on U.S. Media Coverage of Foreign Leaders” [3] “Can Autocratic Power Influence Media in Democracies? Evidence from China’s Expulsion of American Journalists”	
Other Writing	[1] “China’s Vaccine Scandal 2018: Pharmaceutical Companies Pacing Heightened Regulatory Risks” with Gang Chen 2018, <i>East Asian Institute Background Brief</i> (1386).	
Data	[1] Re-Archigos: An Updated Database on Leaders 1960-2020	
Honours, Grants, and Fellowships	[1] PhD Fellowship WUSTL	2022-2028
	<i>Pre-doctoral</i>	
	[1] Dr Charles Chan Postgraduate Scholarship (HKD 54,090) HKUST	2020
	[2] Postgraduate Studentship (HKD 415,920) HKUST	2019-2021
	[3] EITM Certification Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program (USD 3,700)	2019
	[4] MGCS Program Scholarship (HKD 20,000) HKUST	2019

- [5] MGCS Program Conference Grant (HKD 11,000) HKUST 2019
- [6] Scholarship for Global Attachment Opportunities (HKD 6,000) HKUST 2018
- [7] Reaching Out Award (HKD 10,000) HKSAR Government 2018
- [8] Social Sciences Scholarship for Global Exchange (HKD 4,000) HKBU 2018
- [9] Exchange Sponsorship (HKD 34,000) HKBU 2017
- [10] Full Admission Scholarship (HKD 680,000) HKBU 2014-2018

- [1] President's Honour Roll (5 times) HKBU 2015-2018
- [2] Cum Laude (2 times) Sciences Po Paris 2016-2017
- [3] Dean's List HKBU 2014

Conference Participation

- Annual Meetings*
- American Political Science Association 2021
 - International Studies Association 2021-2022
 - Midwest Political Science Association 2019-2022
 - Western Political Science Association 2020

 - Small Conferences and Workshops*
 - Pacific International Politics Conference 2021 (Coauthor presented)

Research Experience

- Research Assistant at Division of Social Science, NYU Abu Dhabi*
 PI: Leonid Peisakhin and Peter van der Windt Part-time: 01/2022-08/2022
 Full-time: 01/2021-01/2022
- Research Assistant at Division of Social Science, HKUST*
 PI: Franziska Barbara Keller 10/2018-06/2019
 PI: Jean Hong 10/2018-01/2019
- Research Assistant at NUS East Asian Institute*
 PI: Gang Chen and Wei Shan 06/2018-08/2018
- Fieldwork in townships of Guangdong Province, China*
 PI: Guojun He 05/2018-06/2018

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant at Division of Social Science, HKUST*
 Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research (Undergraduate) 02/2022-05/2022
 Politics Through Films (Undergraduate) 09/2020-12/2020

Skills

- Language*
 Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Advanced), Cantonese (Intermediate)
- Software*
 STATA, R, Python, L^AT_EX, Gephi, Visone