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Academic Appointment	**New York University Abu Dhabi** Research Assistant	01/2021-01/2022
	University of California Los Angeles Visiting Graduate Researcher (Cancelled)	03/2020-06/2020
Education	**Washington University in St. Louis** Ph.D. in Political Science	2022-
	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology M.Phil. in Social Science	2019-2022 cGPA 4.20/4.30
	M.Sc. in Global China Studies	2018-2019 cGPA 4.11/4.30
	Hong Kong Baptist University B.Soc.Sc. in Government and International Studies (First Hons)	2014-2018 cGPA 3.69/4.00
	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

Substantive: Comparative politics, political communication
Methodological: Text-as-data, Social network analysis

Working Paper

[1] "Project Finance Loans, Political Institutions, and Regime Survival" with Jean Hong (HKUST) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State) *Under review*

[2] "Who Funds Whose Infrastructure: Evidence from Global Project Finance Data" with Jean Hong (HKUST) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State)

[3] "There is No News: Government Distortion in U.S. Media Coverage of Foreign Leaders"

[4] "Can Autocratic Power Influence Media in Democracies? Evidence from China's Expulsion of American Journalists"

[5] "Whom Do leaders Visit? Evidence from a Global Data Set" with Franziska Barbara Keller (HKUST)

Other Writing

[1] "China's Vaccine Scandal 2018: Pharmaceutical Companies Pacing Heightened Regulatory Risks" with Gang Chen
2018, *East Asian Institute Background Brief* (1386).

Data

[1] Re-Archigos: An Updated Database on Leaders 1960-2020

Honours, Grants, and Fellowships	[1] WUSTL, PhD Stipend	2022-2028

Pre-doctoral:

[1]	HKUST, Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship (approx. $1,000)	2022
[2]	HKUST, Dr Charles Chan Postgraduate Scholarship (approx. $6,900)	2020
[3]	HKUST, Postgraduate Studentship (approx. $53,000)	2019-2021
[4]	EITM Certification Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program ($3,700)	2019
[5]	HKUST, MGCS Program Scholarship (approx. $2550)	2019
[6]	HKUST, MGCS Program Conference Grant (approx. $1,400)	2019
[7]	HKBU, Scholarship for Global Attachment Opportunities (approx. $760)	2018
[8]	HKSAR Government, Reaching Out Award (approx. $1,280)	2018
[9]	HKBU, Social Sciences Scholarship for Global Exchange (approx. $510)	2018
[10]	HKBU, Exchange Sponsorship (approx. $4,300)	2017
[11]	HKBU, Full Admission Scholarship (approx. $86,500)	2014-2018

[1]	HKBU, President's Honour Roll (5 times)	2015-2018
[2]	Sciences Po Paris, Cum Laude (2 times)	2016-2017
[3]	HKBU, Dean's List	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 — Full-time: 01/2021-01/2022
Part-time: 01/2022-

- Assist in data collection, visualization and analysis using both R and STATA for research projects in Congo, Germany, Romania, Ukraine, and Spain, conduct literature review, assist in text editing using LaTeX, digitize survey questionnaires into XLSForm

***Research Assistant* at Division of Social Science, HKUST**
PI: Franziska Barbara Keller — 10/2018-06/2019

- Assisted in fact-checking and coding of relational information in the Trump-Russia dossier and newspaper articles for the research project "Changing Alliances in Trump's White House: Networks and Elite Politics"

PI: Jean Hong — 10/2018-01/2019

- Assisted in the collection of Chinese county-level coal production data from provincial yearbooks

***Research Assistant* at French Center for Res. on Contemporary China**
07/2018-08/2018

- Assisted in translating the abstracts of research papers published in *China Perspectives* from English to Chinese

***Research Assistant* at NUS East Asian Institute**
PI: Gang Chen and Wei Shan — 06/2018-08/2018

– Assisted in research and publication of Dr. Chen and Dr. Shan, helped manage EAI Library, organized and participated in research seminars

***Fieldwork* in townships of Guangdong Province, China**
PI: Guojun He   05/2018-06/2018
– Conducted in-person and telephone surveys with local officials and digitized survey data collected from the field for the research project "Subjective Performance Evaluation, Influence Activities, and Bureaucratic Work Behavior: Evidence from China"

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
	SPSS, STATA, R, Python, LaTeX, Gephi, Visone
Other	*Citizenship*: Hong Kong