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Academic Appointment	New York University Abu Dhabi Research Assistant	2021
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 (<i>on study leave in 2021</i>)	2022
	M.Sc. in Global China Studies	2019
	Hong Kong Baptist University B.Soc.Sc. (First Class Honors) in Government and International Studies	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	2019
Interests	Substantive: Comparative politics, political communication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media bias and media capture in democracies and autocracies• Judicial capture and judicial repression in autocracies• American politics; Chinese politics; Hong Kong politics Methodological: Text-as-data, social network analysis	
Publication	[1] "Political Institutions and Global Project Finance Loans" with Jean Hong (Michigan) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State) Link 2023, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 67(2)	
Working Paper	[1] "Who Funds Whose Infrastructure: Dyadic Analysis of Global Project Finance Loans" with Jean Hong (Michigan) and Ilker Karaca (Iowa State) <i>Under review</i> [2] "Capturing the Fourth Estate: Government Influence on U.S. Media Coverage of Foreign Leaders" (<i>Available upon request</i>) [3] "Can Autocratic Power Influence Media in Democracies? Evidence from China's Expulsion of American Journalists" (<i>Available upon request</i>)	
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 (<i>Available upon request</i>)	

Honours, Grants, and Fellowships	[1] Weidenbaum Center Research Grant (with Deniz Aksoy) (US\$15,000)	2023
	[2] Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellowship WUSTL	2022-2028
	Pre-doctoral	
	[1] Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship (HK\$8,000) HKUST	2022
	[2] Dr Charles Chan Postgraduate Scholarship (HK\$54,090) HKUST	2020
	[3] Postgraduate Studentship (HK\$415,920) HKUST	2019-2022
	[4] EITM Certification Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program (US\$3,700)	2019
	[5] MGCS Program Scholarship (HK\$20,000) HKUST	2019
	[6] MGCS Program Conference Grant (HK\$11,000) HKUST	2019
	[7] Scholarship for Global Attachment Opportunities (HK\$6,000) HKUST	2018
	[8] Reaching Out Award (HK\$10,000) HKSAR Government	2018
	[9] Social Sciences Scholarship for Global Exchange (HK\$4,000) HKBU	2018
	[10] Exchange Sponsorship (HK\$34,000) HKBU	2017
	[11] Full Admission Scholarship (HK\$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	2019-2023
	Western Political Science Association	2020
	Small Conferences and Workshops	
	Pacific International Politics Conference (Coauthor presented)	2021
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 East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore	
	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	Assistant Instructor at Department of Political Science, WUSTL	
	Political Violence (Undergraduate)	Fall 2023
	Teaching Assistant at Division of Social Science, HKUST	
	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research (Undergraduate)	Spring 2022
	Politics Through Films (Undergraduate)	Fall 2020

**Other
Experience**

Editorial Assistant at *American Political Science Review*

09/2023-Present

Skills

Language

Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Advanced), Cantonese (Intermediate)

Software

R, Python, Java, Stata, *L*^AT_EX, Gephi, Visone

Other

Citizenship: Hong Kong