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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	<i>Expected 2028</i>
	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>R & R</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.	

Honours, Grants, and Fellowships	[1] Arts & Sciences Conference Grant (US\$900) WUSTL	2023
	[2] Weidenbaum Center Research Grant (with Deniz Aksoy) (US\$15,000)	2023
	[3] 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) Hong Kong SAR 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	
Service	Assistant Authoritarian Political Systems Group	11/2023-Present
	Editorial Assistant <i>American Political Science Review</i>	10/2023-Present
Teaching Experience	Assistant Instructor Department of Political Science, WUSTL Political Violence (Undergraduate)	Fall 2023
	Teaching Assistant Division of Social Science, HKUST Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research (Undergraduate)	Spring 2022
	Politics Through Films (Undergraduate)	Fall 2020
Skills	Language Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Advanced), Cantonese (Intermediate)	
	Software R, Python, Java, Stata, \LaTeX , Gephi, Visone	
Other	Citizenship: Hong Kong	