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EDUCATION

University College Dublin

Dublin,

- PhD Candidate in Politics and International Relations

Ireland

- Completed coursework with a GPA of 4.0

2022 – 2026

- Dissertation Title: *Invoking the Foreign Enemy: How China's Media Governance Entrenches Authoritarian Resilience*

(Expected)

- Research Studies Panel: Alexander Dukalskis (PhD Supervisor), Samuel Brazys (Chair), and Stefan Müller

King's College London

London,

- Master of Science in International Development

U.K.

- Graduated top of the class, with distinction

2014 – 2015

Singapore Management University

Singapore

Bachelor of Business Management

2006 – 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topical Authoritarian politics; information manipulation; Chinese politics and foreign policy; nationalist public opinion; state-journalist relations; global media

Methodological Computational text analysis; interviews; statistical inference; experiments

WORK EXPERIENCE

My research is focused on information manipulation (including censorship, propaganda, and disinformation) *in* and *by* authoritarian states. My interest in these issues is informed by a decade-long career in journalism and public affairs. Eight of those years were spent with Singaporean public broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, which is one of the largest English-language news networks in Asia. In my last journalistic role, I ran the broadcaster's Shanghai bureau, where I covered the annual political meetings in Beijing, anti-government protests in Hong Kong in 2019, and Taiwan elections in 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Friends and Enemies: External Threats and the Delegitimization of Foreign Media in China. *Forthcoming, Contemporary Politics*.
 - Best PhD Paper 2025, Political Studies Association (PSA) Autocracy & Regime Change Specialist Group
 - The PSA panel evaluated the paper as “an excellent and timely study of how and when authoritarian regimes seek to undermine the appeal of international media outlets that can threaten their narrative control.”
- Foreign Correspondence in China: Authoritarian Media Control and Journalistic Responses. 2025. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/19401612251379585>]
- The Use of “So-Called” as a Propaganda Device. 2025. *The Journal of East Asian Studies*. (with Alexander Dukalskis). [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/jea.2025.7>]
 - This paper, which touches on delegitimising rhetoric against rights defenders in China, gained traction among human rights practitioners: it was cited by the UK non-profit

Index on Censorship and promoted on X (18,000+ views) by leading international human rights lawyer Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC, counsel to jailed publisher Jimmy Lai.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Working Papers** How do Propaganda Frames Shift Behavioural Intentions towards International Journalists? Evidence from China.
- “Who Believes and Who Shares Fake News: A Multi-Agent System Application for Experimental Misinformation Research with LLMs.” (with Yen-Chieh Liao and Slava Jankin).
- Chapters in Edited Volumes** Party and Personalism in China’s Autocratic Legitimation. (with Alexander Dukalskis). Under Review.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Political Studies Association of Ireland** 2025
Conference Inclusion Scheme – Domestic Award, EUR 153
- University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations** 2025
Research Committee Grant, EUR 750
- Political Studies Association** 2025
Autocracy & Regime Change Specialist Group Best PhD Paper Award
- Taiwan Foundation for Democracy** 2024
Dissertation Fellowship, NTD 150,000
- Irish Research Council** 2022 – 2026
2022 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, EUR 110,000
- Selected in a highly competitive category with a 4.5% success rate (non-European Economic Area applicants; Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences stream)
- Channel NewsAsia (Mediacorp)** 2014
Learning and Development grant, SGD 17,400

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level, University College Dublin

- Lecturer, POL36250 Media Politics under Authoritarianism, Autumn 2025
- Guest Lecturer, POL36220 Political Communication and Propaganda, Spring 2025

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Invited Talks**
- International Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, Kobe University, 2025
 - Journalism and Media in Exile, University of Copenhagen, 2024 (virtual)
- Selected Conferences**
- The American Political Science Association Conference, 2025
 - The European Political Science Association Conference, 2025
 - PolMeth Europe, 2025
 - The Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science 2025 Winter Meeting
 - 10th International Journal of Press/Politics Conference, 2024
 - 2nd Pre-EPISA Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mini-Conference, 2024
 - General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, 2024
 - 6th COMPTXT (Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Text-, Image- and Video-as-Data), 2024
 - 7th edition of the Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop, 2024

SERVICE

- PhD Representative, University College Dublin, 2025 – 2026
- Discussant for paper session at the European Political Science Association 2025 conference
- Reviewer for Communist and Post-Communist Studies
- Chair for paper session at the 6th COMPTXT, 2024
- Executive Assistant, UCD Centre for Asia-Pacific Research, 2022 – 2024

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

University College Dublin Teaching & Learning, 2025

Lecturer Induction Workshop (David Jennings)

MethodsNET Summer School, Radboud University, 2023

Randomized Experimental Methods: Survey, Lab, Field and Conjoint Experiments (Daniel Kovarek)

The Connected_Politics Lab, University College Dublin, 2023

Webscraping Using R (Sarah King)

The Geary Institute for Public Policy and the Connected_Politics Lab, University College Dublin, 2022

Computational Text Analysis (Stefan Müller)

SKILLS

- Fieldwork** China, Taiwan, Singapore (January to April 2024)
- Languages** Native fluency in English and Mandarin (reading, speaking, and writing); Basic German (A2); Conversational Teochew and Minnan (Hokkien/Fujianese)
- Software** R, Python, GitHub, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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