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APPOINTMENTS

- Visiting Researcher (Incoming), Freie Universität Berlin** Berlin, Germany
Hosted by the SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, I will work with PIs Anita Gohdes and Genia Kostka on the SCRIPTS Forum 2026 theme of 'Emergent Digital (Dis-)Orders: AI Governance between Liberal and Authoritarian Scripts'. Summer 2026
- Occasional Lecturer, University College Dublin** Dublin, Ireland
I was a small handful of PhD candidates approved to design and teach my own module to advanced undergraduates. The module, Media Politics under Authoritarianism, was positively evaluated (4.7/ 5.0), with students noting clarity and engagement. 2025 – 2026
- Dissertation Fellow, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy** Taipei, Taiwan
Received funding for a three-month research stay for fieldwork, and presented research on misinformation and digital resilience in Taiwan. Winter 2024

EDUCATION

- University College Dublin** Dublin, Ireland
PhD in Politics and International Relations 2022 – 2026
- Successfully defended in May 2026
 - Dissertation: *Invoking the Foreign Enemy: How China's Media Governance Entrenches Authoritarian Resilience*. Research Studies Panel: Alexander Dukalskis (Supervisor), Samuel Brazys (Chair), and Stefan Müller. Exam Committee: Kate Wright (Extern), Jos Dornschneider-Elkink (Intern), Dawn Walsh (Chair)
- King's College London** London, U.K.
Master of Science in International Development 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; 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 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. 2025. *Contemporary Politics*. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2025.2586182>]
 - 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 in China. 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	Citizens as Boundary Enforcers: Propaganda Framing and Decentralized Authoritarian Control. “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).
Book Chapters	Party and Personalism in China’s Autocratic Legitimation. (with Alexander Dukalskis). Under Review.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Political Studies Association of Ireland Conference Inclusion Scheme – Domestic Award, EUR 153	2025
University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations Research Committee Grant, EUR 750	2025
Political Studies Association Autocracy & Regime Change Specialist Group Best PhD Paper Award	2025
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Dissertation Fellowship, NTD 150,000	2024
Irish Research Council 2022 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, EUR 110,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Selected in a highly competitive category with a 4.5% success rate (non-European Economic Area applicants; Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences stream)	2022 – 2026
Channel NewsAsia (Mediacorp) Learning and Development grant, SGD 17,400	2014

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level, University College Dublin

- Guest Lecturer, POL30690 Introduction to Asian Politics, Spring 2026
- Lecturer, POL36250 Media Politics under Authoritarianism, Autumn 2025
- Guest Lecturer, POL36220 Political Communication and Propaganda, Spring 2025

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Invited Talks**
- Attacks on Media Freedom during Democratic Decline, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section and APSG (Authoritarian Political Systems Group), 2026
 - International Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, Kobe University, 2025

- Selected Conferences and Workshops**
- 'Information from Abroad' Workshop at Aarhus University, 2026
 - Political Studies Association Conference, 2026
 - 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

SERVICE

- PhD Representative, University College Dublin, 2025 – 2026
- Reviewer for Communist and Post-Communist Studies
- Executive Assistant, UCD Centre for Asia-Pacific Research, 2022 – 2024

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Instats, 2026

Using AI for Text Analysis: An Introduction (Seraphine Maerz and Kenneth Benoit)

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 Society
European Consortium for Political Research
Political Studies Association

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