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## PERSONAL DATA

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## EDUCATION

- 2020/09 - Present **Berlin Graduate School of Global and Transregional Studies**, PhD Candidate, Berlin, Germany  
Dissertation topic: Economic implications of the rise of financial technology platforms in Europe and Asia
- 2016/09 - 2019/05 **Hertie School**, Master of International Affairs, Berlin, Germany  
Concentration: *European foreign and security policy*, quantitative methods  
Thesis: Battle for Harmony: China's rising public diplomacy efforts in Africa
- 2012/10 - 2016/08 **Freie Universität Berlin**, Bachelor of China Studies, Berlin, Germany  
Concentration: Chinas foreign and security policy, political order in Asia-Pacific, international relations theories  
Thesis: China's "public diplomacy" in news reporting on terrorism
- 2011/09 - 2012/07 **Hanze University Groningen**, International Communication, Groningen, The Netherlands  
Concentration: professional communication
- 2009/08 - 2011/08 **International School of Tianjin**, International Baccalaureate, Tianjin, China

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021/02 - Present **Hertie School**, Doctoral Researcher, Berlin, Germany  
Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" Project: "The Challenge to the Challenge: The Belt and Road Initiative's Implications for (Digital) Finance and the Response in Other Countries"
- 2019/03 - Present **Hertie School**, Research Associate, Berlin, Germany
- Collected preliminary evidence on Alipay and WeChat pay in Berlin
  - Conducted research on Chinese e-payment systems in Europe
  - Conducted different data analyses on the China Internet Survey 2018 and the China Survey 2008
  - Presented data analysis results at the workshop on "Digital Governance in China – Towards a Chinese Model of Digital Governance?" at the Hertie School
  - Conducted research on China's Belt and Road Initiative
- 2018/05 - 07/2018 **Policy Planning Staff, Foreign Affairs Office**, Internship, Berlin, Germany
- Drafted a strategy paper on European foreign- and security policy looking at implications of China's Belt and Road Initiative
  - Analysed Chinese - Russian relations in Central Asia
  - Wrote a speech for the foreign minister
- 2018/04 - 05/2018 **Foreign Affairs Committee, German Parliament**, Internship, Berlin, Germany
- Conducted research on "China: a common challenge for US-EU relations" looking at the implications of the Belt and Road Initiative
  - Attended at the Foreign Affairs Committee

- Participated in conferences on East Asian security issues at the German parliament

2018/01 - 03/2018

**adelphi consult, International Carbon Action Plan (ICAP)**, Project Assistant, Berlin, Germany

- Supported the release of the "ICAP Statusreport"
- Conducted research on current issues in emission trading
- Planned and organised webinars

2017/11 - 2017/12

**German Council of Foreign Affairs (DGAP), IP Journal**, Internship, Berlin, Germany

- Conducted research on relevant topics in international politics, analysed conflicts in Asia-Pacific
- Edited and proof-read different texts
- Attended journal meetings
- Participated in foreign policy conferences at DGAP

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Who is a PRC User? Comparing Chinese Social Media User Agreements" (with Daniela Stockmann and Ting Luo). *First Monday*, July 2020.

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## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

2018/01 - 2022/12

**Young DGAP**, German Council on Foreign Affairs Member

- Participate in foreign policy discussions, events and conferences.

2016/11 - 2019/05

**Asia Pacific Policy Discussion Club**, Hertie Club Vice President

- Lead discussions and events on foreign and security policy, media and society

2015/01 - 2017/06

**Wordheroes**, Founder of Translations Forum

- Organised translation workshops
- Translated Chinese literature

2014/10 - 2019/06

**Sinonerds**, Author and PR Assistant

- Write articles on Chinese culture and political sensitivity
- Managed PR and social media

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## **LANGUAGES**

German	Native
English	Fluent
Chinese	Advanced
French	Basic
Italian	Basic

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## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

Stata/ R	iWork
EvaSys	EndNote
Microsoft Office	Sota (data base management)
Adobe Photoshop	Typo3 (website editor)
Adobe In-Design	HTML/ Javascript