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*“Playfully doing something difficult”*

## Summary

An enthusiastic researcher about critical studies of data, digital geography, AI ethics, and political economy, I am currently undertaking the doctoral training at the department of geography, University of Calgary. I am welcoming all kinds of opportunities to deepen my expertise in such fields.

## Education

### University of Calgary

PHD IN GEOGRAPHY

*Calgary, Canada*

*August. 2024 - Present*

- I am conducting normative research on the exploitation of human labor within the urban agenda of smart cities

### University of Southern California

MA IN GLOBAL COMMUNICATION

*Los Angeles, United States*

*August. 2022 - May. 2023*

- **GPA:** 3.95/4

### London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

MSC IN GLOBAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

*London, United Kingdom*

*Sept. 2021 - Aug. 2022*

- **Class:** Distinction

### Zhejiang University (ZJU)

BA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

*Hangzhou, China*

*Sept. 2017 - June. 2021*

- **GPA:** 3.92/4 (88.46/100) **Graduated With Honors**

## Academic Experience

### Ideathon on AI and Social Justice, University of Tokyo

*Tokyo, Japan*

PARTICIPANT

*July. 2023 - Aug. 2023*

- participated in a series of lectures and seminars hosted by the University of Tokyo, focusing on the intersection of AI and Social Justice.
- Investigated the ethics of Spanish domestic violence prevention AI, VioGén, and its related regulations and policies. Presented findings regarding AI ethics during the final presentation.

### Classification of Mental Disorders by Social Media with AI: Ethical Challenges

GRADUATE THESIS FOR UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Examined the ethical challenges brought up by AI development in Mental Disorder Classification
- Attempted to answer two researches:
  1. Is the production of such classification knowledge ethically accepted?
  2. Does such knowledge do justice to consequential actions and decisions?

### LSE Global Narrative of The Ukraine-Russia War Programme

*London, United Kingdom*

RESEARCHER

*April. 2022 - July. 2022*

- utilized content analysis and corpus-assisted discourse analysis techniques to scrutinize CNN's double standards in framing Ukrainian and Syrian refugees in the United States.
- Independently gathered data, established a corpus, created presentations, and participated in the "Mediated Wars, Mediated Refugee" post-graduate and early career seminar.
- This seminar was funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) Project and focused on examining the role of global media in shaping the worldwide discourse surrounding war, global security, resistance, and refugees.

### Media@LSE Knowledge Exchange Internship Programme

*London, United Kingdom*

RESEARCHER

*Nov. 2021 - May. 2022*

- Participated in LSE Media and Communications departmental research project COVID-19: A Communication Crisis - Media representations of COVID-19 inequalities.
- analysed press and broadcast coverage of the pandemic, with a particular focus on inequalities.
- Led the team to code press and broadcast media contents released by Taiwanese news-house and analyze inequalities from audio-visual representations under COVID-19.

## Work Experience

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### University of Calgary

Calgary, Canada

GRADUATE ASSISTANT OF TEACHING

Aug. 2024 - Present

- I am now helping teach GEOG 204 Global Environmental Change at the University of Calgary.
- I am responsible for grading the assignments of 200+ students, and host office hours to help them understand societal impacts and influences of global climate changes.

### China Media Project

Remote

RESEARCHER

Nov. 2022 - Present

- Contributed to the independent research project (a former research and fellowship program at the University of Hong Kong's Journalism and Media Studies Centre), specializing in the study of the Chinese media landscape and political discourse.
- Publications can be seen in:
  - The Battle of Brick Lane - China Media Project
  - Framing China's Health Experts - China Media Project
  - Socialite - China Media Project
  - Chinese-style Modernization - China Media Project

### The Sociological Reviews

Remote

SENIOR EDITOR

April. 2023 - Present

- Contributed to one of China's foremost academic media outlets, The Sociological Reviews, in a senior editorial role.
- Skillfully combined insights from top sociology journal articles with social trends in China to craft commentaries on WeChat
- Authored a total of 8 articles.

### Xinhua News Agency

Nanchang, China

JOURNALIST

2020

- Published 7 press releases on Xinhua News, achieving a peak viewership of one million.
- Participated in series of press conferences.

## Honors and Scholarships

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- 2024 **President's Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship in Transdisciplinary Research**, University of Calgary
- 2021 **Graduating with Honors**, Zhejiang University
- 2020 **Third-Class Scholarship**, Zhejiang University
- 2019 **Third-Class Scholarship**, Zhejiang University
- 2018 **Third-Class Scholarship**, Zhejiang University
- 2017 **First Prize of Creative English Writing**, Zhejiang University

## Extracurricular Activity

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### Graduate College, University of Calgary

Calgary, Canada

MEMBER

Sept. 2024 - Present

- Participated in The Graduate College, a community comprised of Graduate Scholars and Senior Scholars selected from all Faculties on campus, to engage in trans-disciplinary research
- Helped organize speaker events, improve opportunities for community engagement, and networked with other scholars interested in learning, organizing and making a difference.

### Zhejiang Art Archaeology Museum

Hangzhou, Zhejiang

VOLUNTEER

June. 2018 - May. 2021

- Operated the media outlet of the museum, made the exhibit introductions, and wrote articles to promote the education activities held by the museum
- Helped Guide the visitors.