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Education

London School of Economics and Political Science **09/2021 to 09/2025**

Ph.D. International Relations

- ‘Go Out 2.0’: Defence-Industrial Modernisation and State Transformation in post-Cold War China
- Funded by LSE Studentship, Training in Methodology, GTA for IPE
- Visiting Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute **08/2022**

Yenching Academy at Peking University **09/2020 to 12/2021**

Fellowship for M.A. in China Studies

- Selective and fully funded fellowship in China Studies, Mandarin Chinese classes
- 3.90 GPA, focus on Chinese defence diplomacy

London School of Economics and Political Science **09/2019 to 09/2020**

M.Sc. International Relations

Distinction

- Winner of the Philip Windsor Prize for the best MSc IR Dissertation (marked 83) 2019/20
- Focus on China’s crisis diplomacy, changing norms of non-interference, PLA expeditionary capabilities

New College of the Humanities (NCHUM), London **09/2016 to 09/2019**

An innovative university set up by A. C. Grayling, Richard Dawkins, Steven Pinker among others, teaching an interdisciplinary curriculum through weekly one-to-one tutorials.

B.Sc. (Hon) Politics and IR with History

First Class Honours

- BSc Dissertation: China’s Security Engagement in Africa in the Case of South Sudan (marked 83)
- *NCHUM Diploma*: LAUNCH (teamwork, leadership skills), Critical Reasoning *Distinction*

Relevant Experience

Project Coordinator **03/2021 to present**

China Foresight, LSE IDEAS

- Coordinating the China programme of LSE IDEAS, including event series, China Dialogues blog, individual and multi-author research reports, fundraising strategy, institutional partnerships, programme strategy
- Writing weekly commentaries & newsletters for several outlets, involved in research projects on Chinese arms transfers, China’s security engagement in Africa, participated in panel discussions, led policy briefings and crisis simulations (Taiwan Strait)

Director (London) **08/2019 to 12/2021**

Oxford-China-International-Consultancy (OCIC), London, student-led consultancy offering bespoke research from leading universities on China in the world

- Recruited and coordinated an international team of 18 post-graduate researchers at LSE (2019-20) and 10 at Yenching Academy (2020-21); co-organising research projects for NGOs (Development Reimagined, Privacy International)
- Facilitated take-over by current management for expansion; OCIC active in UK, Germany, France, Pakistan, US

Public Affairs & Research Consultant **06/2019 to 07/2019**

Pantarhei Corporate Advisors, Brussels & Vienna

- Conducted research projects (20-page reports) on bilateral investment protection in- and outside the EU and Green Finance with reference to China’s BRI, Chinese International Commercial Courts, advised clients accordingly
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Selected Publications & Commentary

Book & Report Chapters

- FOCAC at 21: Future Trajectories of China-Africa Relations [LSE IDEAS](#) 10/2021
- Chapter: “China’s Drone Diplomacy” in *The DeGruyter Handbook on Drone Warfare* forthcoming 2023

Commentary

- Why Ethiopia’s Fate Matters to China [ISPI](#) 11/2021
- Beijing’s Wait and See Approach in Kazakhstan [China-Global South Project](#) 01/2022
- China’s Emerging Global Security Agenda [China-Global South Project](#) 06/2022
- China’s Uphill Battle Fostering Stability in the Horn of Africa [China Dialogues](#) 06/2022
- China’s Economic and Military Lessons from Russia’s War in Ukraine [China Dialogues](#) 07/2022
- Party Congress [China-Global South Project](#) 10/2022

Recent Media & Events

- What next for scientific collaboration as stand-off between China and the west heats up? [Chemistry World](#) 10/2022
- China, no longer a ‘passive onlooker’, plays new role in African conflicts [SCMP](#) 10/2022
- With Chatham House: China’s 20th Party Congress – What Happened? [Twitter Space](#) 10/2022
- With LSE IDEAS: The Future of China-Russia Relations. [Webinar](#) 10/2022

Awards

- LSE Studentship for PhD (2021-2025) 04/2021
- Yenching Academy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance 09/2021
- Philip Windsor Prize (Best Dissertation LSE MSc IR 2019/20) 11/2020
- Yenching Academy Fellowship at PKU (2020-2022) 04/2020
- NCHUM Honours Prize (Distinctions in all exams) 06/2019
- NCHUM Faculty Prize (outstanding achievement in Politics and IR Faculty) 06/2018
- NCHUM Master’s Prize (best performance across College curriculum) 06/2017
- NCHUM LAUNCH Subject Prize (best end-of-year project) 06/2017
- NCHUM Academic Scholarship (part-scholarship for academic merit) 2016 to 2019

Languages & IT Skills

German & English	native
Mandarin Chinese	intermediate (appx. HSK 4)
Microsoft Office	advanced
R	basic
Tableau	basic
