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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics and Political Science **2021–present**

MRes/PhD in Political Science, Department of Government

Fully funded by the Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership

Supervisors: Prof. Daniel Berliner, Prof. John Sidel (2025-present), Dr Blake Miller (2021-2025)

Project title: 'Online Politics and Offline Polarisation'

Modules: Data Science, Causal Inference for Observational Studies, Qualitative Research Methods

The London School of Economics and Political Science **2017–2019**

MSc Political Science and Political Economy (Part-time) awarded Distinction

Dissertation: 'Trolling in the Deep: The US 2016 Elections, the Russian Internet Research Agency, and Affective Polarisation on Reddit' – awarded Distinction

Used text-as-data methods and a fixed-effects regression design on an original dataset of 2 million Reddit posts to study Russian IRA troll activity and their impact on human user behaviour

Modules: Quantitative Text Analysis, Regression Analysis, Causal Inference for Observational Studies

King's College London **2014–2017**

BSc (Hons) Political Economy: Upper Second Class Honours

Modules: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Econometrics, Behavioural Political Economy

GRANTS

- **Graduate Research Fellowship Scheme** (\$10,000 $\approx$ £5,900) **Feb 2025**
Social Science Research Council Singapore & Singapore Management University
- **PhD Conference Support Fund** (£412) **Sep 2025**
LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre
- **PhD Fieldwork Scholarships** (£5,000) **Jun 2024**
Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund
- **PhD Conference Support Fund** (£500) **Jun 2024**
LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre
- **Research Grants for PhD Students** (£5,000) **Mar 2023**
LSE Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines
- **PhD Summer Research Grant** (£2,500) **Feb 2023**
LSE Phelan US Centre

WORKING PAPERS

1. 'The Effects of Exposure to Polarised Political Views Online on Generalised Trust in the US', under review at *Political Science Research and Methods*
2. 'China's Foreign-Facing State Media Messaging and its Effects on Political Attitudes in Malaysia', work in progress. Target journal: *American Journal of Political Science*
3. 'The Dynamics of Diaspora Politics: Singaporean and Malaysian Chinese Identities in the Age of Rising China', work in progress. Target journal: *Comparative Political Studies*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The London School of Economics and Political Science **Sep 2026–Dec 2026**

- Graduate Teaching Assistant - MY451 Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (masters)

CIVICA - The European University of Social Sciences **Jun 2024**

- Tutor - CIVICA European Week

The London School of Economics and Political Science **Sep 2023**

- Graduate Teaching Assistant - GV4L9 Introductory R for Political Science (masters)

The London School of Economics and Political Science **2022–2023**

- Graduate Teaching Assistant - GV101 Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Government Economic Service, Department for Work and Pensions **2019–2021**
HM Civil Service, London

Fast Stream Assistant Economist & Student Economists Grade Manager

- Designed a Universal Credit Health claimant flows dataset and presented it to HM Treasury for use in budgetary forecasting
- Organised the DWP Economists Conference including an external academics panel

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

School of Law, Queen Mary University of London **Nov 2018–Apr 2019**

Research Assistant to Dr Prakash Shah

The British Academy International Programmes Grant Project

- Researched the foundations of the laws on caste in India, the UK, the EU, and the UN
- Analysed United Nations publications on caste with text-as-data methods using web scraping, xpdf, and quanteda in R

Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy **Jun–Jul 2015**
National University of Singapore

Research Assistant to Dr Mathew Mathews

- Hand-coded transcripts from interviews with teachers on race relations in schools

ACADEMIC SERVICE

• Graduate Student Convenor **Jan–Aug 2024**
LSE Political Behaviour Research Seminar

• Student Chair **Sep 2022–Dec 2023**
LSE Political Science and Political Economy Work in Progress Seminar

• Inaugural Co-Convenor (awarded budget of £1,880) **Mar 2023**
London Seminar in Graduate Political Science at LSE

• Panelist, 'Thinking of doing a PhD?' information session **Nov 2022**
Spoke about the PhD experience to MSc and final year BSc students to help the LSE's Government Department recruitment efforts

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- LSE Political Behaviour Work in Progress Seminar **Dec 2025**
- Association of Southeast Asian Studies UK Conference, Cambridge **Sep 2025**
Panel: China-Southeast Asia Relations and Contemporary Politics
- European Association for Southeast Asian Studies Conference, Amsterdam **Jul 2024**
Panel: Political Influence Operations through Social Media in SEA
- LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre PhD Student Workshop **Jun 2024**
Workshop: The Dynamics of Change in Southeast Asia
Panel: Dynamics of Political Power and Influence
- LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre PhD Student Workshop **Jun 2024**
Panel: Religion, Politics, and Resistance in Southeast Asia
- LSE Political Behaviour Work in Progress Seminar **Jan 2024**
- European Political Science Association Conference, Glasgow **Jun 2023**
Panel: Online Communication and Hate Speech in Polarized Societies
- LSE Department of Government PhD Work in Progress Seminar **Nov 2023**
- LSE London Seminar in Graduate Political Science **Mar 2023**
- LSE Department of Government PhD Work in Progress Seminar **Nov 2022**
- European Political Science Society Conference, Belfast **Jun 2026**
Panel: Public Diplomacy and State Propaganda

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- LSE IDEAS, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, and **Jan 2026**
ASEAN Business Club Conference: ASEAN at the Geopolitical Crossroads
Invited participant at closed-door conference with Southeast Asian and UK policymakers, diplomats, and business leaders
- LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia blog **Forthcoming**
'Analysing China's Foreign-Facing State Media Messaging in China Global Television Network'
- Chatham House Workshop: South China Sea in 2035 **Sep 2025**
Invited participant alongside diplomats, parliamentary researchers, and Chatham House researchers
- LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia blog **Feb 2025**
'What do Singaporeans and Malaysians think of China and its effects on the region?'

SKILLS

Languages: Native English; intermediate Mandarin and Japanese; basic Malay

Technical: Intermediate-advanced R; intermediate Excel; basic STATA, SQL, HTML, CSS

REFERENCES

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