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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 10/19- **Humboldt Universität zu Berlin**, Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften  
W2 (tenured) Professor of Transregional China Studies
- 07/14-09/19 **Georg-August Universität Göttingen**, Institute for Sociology & Department of East Asian Studies  
W2 (tenured) Professor of Modern Chinese Society & Economy  
Director, Center for Modern East Asian Studies (09/2016-09/2019)  
(maternity leave from 07/2015 to 07/2016; 04/2019 to 07/2019)
- 09/13-06/14 **University of Oxford**, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies  
University Lecturer/Associate Professor in the Political Economy of China  
(tenure-track)
- 09/12-09/13 **University of Waterloo**, Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor (tenure-track)
- 10/11-08/12 **University of Oxford China Centre**  
SSHRC (Canada) Post-Doctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

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- 09/04-09/11 **University of Toronto, Department of Political Science**  
*Ph.D.*  
Major: International Relations  
Minor: Comparative Politics of Developing Countries (focus on China)  
  
Dissertation: *China's State Capitalist Turn: Political Economy of the Advancing State*  
Thesis advisors: Joseph Wong, Louis Pauly & Richard Stubbs  
External Examiners: Victor Shih & Todd Hall
- 09/09-07/10 **Renmin University of China, Institute of International Politics** (Beijing)  
*Visiting Scholar*
- 01/08-07/09 **Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Institute of World Economics and Politics** (Beijing)  
*Visiting Scholar*

- 06/07-01/08      **The Inter-University Program (IUP) at Tsinghua University** (Beijing)  
*Student*; Advanced Chinese Language Studies administered by the University  
of California, Berkeley
- 09/02-09/04      **McMaster University**, M.A in Political Science (4.0/4.3 GPA)
- 09/97-09/01      **Mount Allison University**, Bachelor of Arts (*Summa cum Laude*)

## **BOOKS**

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*The Advance of the State in Contemporary China: State-Market Relations in the Reform Era*,  
(Cambridge University Press, 2016)

## **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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- “Women’s Work: The Gendered Nature of Appointment Politics in Subnational China” with  
Xinhui Jiang and Genia Kostka *Government and Opposition* 60(1): 63–85 (2025).
- “Practice diffusion in China’s two-pronged engagement in global technical standardization” with  
Daniel Fuchs *China Information*, 38(2), 157-179 (2024)
- “Provinces in Command: Changes in Prefectural Appointments from Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping  
(2003-2020)” with Xinhui Jiang and Genia Kostka, *Journal of Contemporary China*, published  
online 2023: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2023.2202629>
- “No county is an island: The rise of interjurisdictional cooperation among counties in China” with  
Xinhui Jiang and Genia Kostka, *Regional Studies* 57(10): 2021-2036 (2023).
- “Not at the table but stuck paying the bill: perceptions of injustice in China’s Xin’anjiang eco-  
compensation program” with Xinhui Jiang and Genia Kostka, *Journal of Environmental Policy &  
Planning*, 24(6), 581-597(2022).
- “Diffusion of Practice: The Curious Case of the Sino-German Technical Standardisation  
Partnership” with Daniel Fuchs, *New Political Economy*, Part of special issue on “China and the  
Transnational Circulation of Developmentalism,” 27(6): 958-971 (2022).
- “A Critical Node: The Role of Chia in the Transnational Circulation of Developmentalist Ideas,  
Policies and Practices” with Saori Katada, *New Political Economy*, Part of special issue on  
“China and the Transnational Circulation of Developmentalism,” 27(6), 907-915 (2022).
- “Deepening not Departure: Xi Jinping’s Governance of State-Owned Economy” with Wendy  
Leutert, *The China Quarterly*, Part of special Issue on “The CCP at 100: The Party’s New Long  
March,” Vol. 248, November 2021.
- “Economic Legitimation in a New Era: Public Attitudes to State Ownership and Market  
Regulation in China” with Reza Hasmath *The China Quarterly*, Vol. 246, June 2021.

“What makes for good and bad neighbours? An emerging research agenda in the study of Chinese environmental politics” with Genia Kostka *Environmental Politics* Vol. 27 Iss. 5, April 2018.

“Central Protectionism in China: The ‘Central SOE Problem’ in Environmental Governance” with Genia Kostka *The China Quarterly* Vol. 231, September 2016.

“Authoritarian Environmentalism Undermined? Leaders’ Time Horizons and Consequences for Environmental Policy Implementation” with Genia Kostka *The China Quarterly* Vol. 218, June 2014.

\*\*re-published in 2021 as part of *The China Quarterly*’s 60th anniversary edition to commemorate “most influential articles of the last six decades measured by citations.”

“The Gradual Encroachment of an Idea: Large Enterprise Groups in China” *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 31 No. 2, December 2013.

“Political Economy of the Advancing State: The Case of China’s Airlines Reform” *The China Journal* Issue 69, January 2013.

“A Principal-Agent Analysis of China’s Sovereign Wealth System: Byzantine by Design” with Zhang Ming in *Review of International Political Economy* Vol. 17 No. 3, August 2010.

“Is ASEAN Powerful? Neorealist versus Constructivist Approaches to Power in Southeast Asia” with Richard Stubbs *The Pacific Review* Vol. 19 No. 2, June 2006.

“Crisis and the Consolidation of Accounting Standards: Enron, the IASB and America” *Business and Politics* Vol. 7 No. 3, December 2005.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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“China’s Adaptive State Capitalism and Its International Sources” with Wendy Leutert in *The Communist Party of China: Understanding the Durability of the World’s Most Powerful Political Organization*, eds. Ben Hillman and Fengyuan Ji. Cambridge University Press, 2025.

“Environmental Authoritarianism: A Critical Review” with Genia Kostka in *Handbook of Authoritarian Politics*, Anne-Marget Wolf, ed. Oxford University Press, 2024.

“Varieties of Chinese Populism: Mapping the Mindsets of Pro- and Anti-system Populists” with Armin Müller in *Three Faces of Populism in Asia: Populism as a Multifaceted Political Practice*, Shiru Wang, ed. Routledge, 2024.

“Does Cadre Turnover Help or Hinder China’s Green Rise? Evidence from Shanxi Province” with Genia Kostka in *Chinese Environmental Policy: Dynamics, Challenges, and Prospects in a Changing Society*, Ren Bingqiang and Shou Shuisheng, eds. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

“Globalization, Autonomy and Global Institutions: Accounting for Accounting” with Tony Porter in *Global Ordering: Institutions and Autonomy in a Changing World*, Louis Pauly and William D. Coleman, eds. University of British Columbia Press, 2008.

“Is ASEAN Powerful? Neorealist versus Constructivist Approaches to Power in Southeast Asia” [reprint] with Richard Stubbs in *Theorizing Southeast Asian Relations: Emerging Debates*, Amitav Acharya and Richard Stubbs, eds. London: Routledge, 2008.

“Introduction: Responses to Globalization” with Richard Stubbs *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, Richard Stubbs, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

### **THIRD-PARTY FUNDING**

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- 2023: **ERC Consolidator Grant** (2024-2029) *TECHtonics: Power, Politics and Contestation in Global Technical Standard-Setting* (Total 2 million EUR)
- 2022: **DFG Research Grant** (2023-2026) *Pathways from Rule-Taking to Rule-Making: A Comparison of China and Korea’s Internationalization Strategies for Digital Standards*, Sole Principal Investigator (Total 453,620 EUR)
- 2022: **BMBF Grant** (2023-2026) *Stärkung der China-Kompetenz im Wissens- und Technologietransfer und in der Forschung*, Co-Principal Investigator
- 2019: **Independent Research Fund (Denmark)** (2019-2022) *The Emergence of the Environmental State Under Authoritarianism in China and Vietnam*, Project Participant (Total 384,000 EUR; HU Berlin: 39,431 EUR)
- 2018: **DFG Research Grant** (2018-2021): *Interjurisdictional Competition and Cooperation in China: An Analysis of Sources and Policy Interventions at the County Level*, Co-Principal Investigator (Total 383,400 EUR; HU Berlin: 76,000 EUR)

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

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**Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize Nominee** (2024): In 2024, my university nominated me for the Leibniz Prize, the most important research award in Germany.

“**100 most important minds in Berlin science in 2024**” award recipient: This annual award organized by the Berlin newspaper *Tagespiegel* honours outstanding scholars in the Berlin region.

“**Albie**” **Award 2020**: This annual award (named for Albert O. Hirschman) organized by Professor Daniel Drezner and published in *The Washington Post* commemorates the 10 best pieces of writing on global political economy which “force the reader to think about the past, present or future of the global political economy in a way that can’t be unthought.” The award was for a “Monkey Cage” blog post with Daniel Fuchs and associated article on the Sino-German technical standardization partnership published in *New Political Economy* in 2021.

**China Quarterly article honoured for high impact**: In January 2021, my 2014 co-authored article (with Genia Kostka) “Authoritarian Environmentalism Undermined? Leaders’ Time Horizons and Consequences for Environmental Policy Implementation” was re-issued as part of *The China Quarterly’s* 60th anniversary edition to honour the “most influential articles of the last six decades measured by citations.”

### **OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE**

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*The China Quarterly*, Editorial Board Member, 2022-present

Reviewer, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *China: An International Journal*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *New Political Economy*, *Social Politics*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Global Policy*, *Environmental Politics*