DIYI LIU

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ACADEMIC POSITION

2026.6- **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Department of Communication, University of Copenhagen**
Affiliate, Center for Tracking and Society

2025.5-2026.5 **Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Communication, University of Copenhagen**
Power over Platforms? project. Center for Tracking and Society. PI: Rasmus Kleis Nielsen

EDUCATION

2021.10-2025.7 **DPhil in Information, Communication, and the Social Sciences, University of Oxford**
Thesis: *Content Moderation, Platform Governance, and Legitimacy: TikTok in South and Southeast Asia*
Assessors: Victoria Nash (Oxford Internet Institute); Jing Zeng (University of Zurich)
Supervisors: Ralph Schroeder (Oxford Internet Institute); Reuben Binns (Department of Computer Science)

2019.9-2021.6 **M.A. in International Journalism and Communication, Renmin University of China**
GPA: 3.91/4.0; Supervisor: Wenjing Pan

2015.9-2019.6 **B.A. in International Journalism, Shanghai International Studies University**
GPA: 3.95/4.0, Rank 1/44; Thesis advisor: Peiqin Chen

RESEARCH POSITIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025.1-2025.6 **Tech Policy Fellow**. Awarded by the Tech Global Institute for a 6-month paid structured policy research project focused on platform governance in the Majority World countries. $5,000 (∼£3,700).

2024.09 **Research Fellow**. Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) *Jakarta, Indonesia*

2024.4-2024.6 **Open Research Fellow**. Awarded Open Fellowship for a two-month residency at the Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin, Germany. €6,500(∼£5,700).

2023.8-2023.11 **Visiting Researcher**. Social Well-being, Empathy, and Emerging Technologies (SWEET) Lab, Department of Communications & New Media, National University of Singapore. *Singapore*

AWARDS & GRANTS

2025 **Outstanding Paper Award** Association for Computational Linguistics Annual Conference 2025 (ACL2025).
Top Paper Award Communication Law and Policy Division, International Communication Association Annual Conference 2025 (ICA2025).

2021-2024 **Clarendon Scholarship** University of Oxford. Full doctoral funding covering course fees and living expenses for three years. One of the most competitive university-wide postgraduate awards. £43,000 per annum.

2024 **Writing-Up Bursary** St Antony's College, University of Oxford. £1,000.

2023 **Innovation for Policy Foundation Microgrant** Microgrant for convening independent community consultation for Version 3.0 of UNESCO's "Guidelines for Regulating Digital Platforms". $550(∼£400).
Student Travel and Research (STAR) Grant Academic travel and research grant supported by St Antony's College, University of Oxford. £600.

2018-2023 **National Social Science Fund of China, Key Program (18ZDA321)** Student research associate for project "Cultural Identity and International Communication of Traditional Chinese Medicine" PI: Prof. Xiguang Li, Tsinghua University, China. ¥600,000 (∼£65,000).

2022 **China's Digital Expansion in the Global South Project Microgrant** Microgrant for conducting research project "Transnational Governance behind Chinese Platforms' Overseas Content Moderation: A Case Study of TikTok's Global Reach to Southern and South-eastern Asia", funded by the University of Manchester's Centre for Digital Development & Manchester China Institute. £500.

2019 **Rongchang Senior Scholarship for Global Governance** Awarded by the Shanghai Rongchang Foundation for excellence in participating in global governance. ¥41,200 (∼£4,400).

2018 **China National Scholarship** Awarded by the Ministry of Education, top 0.2% nationwide. ¥8,000 (∼£850).

Rongchang Scholarship for Global Governance Awarded by the Shanghai Rongchang Foundation for excellence in participating in global governance. ¥10,000 (∼£1,100).

PUBLICATIONS

*Equal contribution

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

[J1] Letian Cheng*, **Diyi Liu***, and Le Yang*. "Navigating the Battlefield: How Social Media Platforms Respond to Governance Demands from Legitimacy Communities in Geopolitical Conflicts". In: *Policy & Internet* (2026). DOI: 10.1002/poi3.70057.

[J2] **Diyi Liu**. "The Balancing Acts: Communicating Legitimacy in Global Speech Governance". In: *Social Media + Society* 11.2 (2025), pp. 1–18. DOI: 10.1177/20563051251340855.

[J3] Katrin Etzrodt, Jihyun Kim, Margot Van Der Goot, Andrew Prahl, Mina Choi, Matthew Craig, Marco Marco Dehnert, Sven Engesser, Katharina Frehmann, Luis Grande, Jindong Leo-Liu, **Diyi Liu**, Sandra Mooshammer, Nathan Rambukkana, Ayanda Rogge, Pieta Sikström, Rachel Son, Nan Wilkenfeld, Kun Xu, Renwen Zhang, Ying Zhu, and Chad Edwards. "What HMC Teaches Us About Authenticity". In: *Human-Machine Communication* 8 (2024), pp. 227–251. DOI: 10.30658/hmc.8.11.

[J4] **Diyi Liu**. "Borderline content and platformised speech governance: Mapping TikTok's moderation controversies in South and Southeast Asia". In: *Policy & Internet* 16(2) (2024), pp. 543–566. DOI: 10.1002/poi3.388.

[J5] **Diyi Liu**, Shuhang Yang, Calvin Yixiang Cheng, Lin Cai, and Jing Su. "Online Health Information Seeking, eHealth Literacy, and Health Behaviors Among Chinese Internet Users: Cross-Sectional Survey Study". In: *Journal of Medical Internet Research* 26 (2024), e54135. ISSN: 1438-8871. DOI: 10.2196/54135.

[J6] Wenjing Pan, **Diyi Liu**, Jingbo Meng, and Hailong Liu. "Human AI communication in initial encounters: How AI agency affects trust, liking, and chat quality evaluation". In: *New Media & Society* 27.10 (2024), pp. 5822–5847. DOI: 10.1177/14614448241259149.

[J7] Siyue Li, **Diyi Liu**, Chengyu She, and Wenjing Pan. "Attracting Effective Support on Social Networking Sites: Examining Three Characteristics of Online Support-Seeking Messages". In: *International Journal of Communication* 17 (2023), pp. 5460–5480. URL: https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/20800/4305.

[J8] Jing Su and **Diyi Liu**. "From Monologue to Dialogue: Reimagining Intercultural Communication Studies in the Context of the Belt and Road Initiative". In: *Chinese Journal of Journalism & Communication* 44.11 (2022), pp. 142–159. URL: http://cjjc.ruc.edu.cn/EN/Y2022/V44/I11/142.

[J9] Wenjing Pan and **Diyi Liu**. "How to Obtain Social Support in Online Support Forums? The Effects of Structural Social Capital and Politeness Principle". In: *Chinese Journal of Journalism & Communication* 43.4 (2021), pp. 51–73. URL: http://cjjc.ruc.edu.cn/EN/Y2021/V43/I4/51.

[J10] Wenjing Pan, **Diyi Liu**, and Jie Fang. "An examination of factors contributing to the acceptance of online health misinformation". In: *Frontiers in Psychology* 12 (2021), p. 524. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.630268.

[J11] Wen Shi, **Diyi Liu**, Jing Yang, Jing Zhang, Sanmei Wen, and Jing Su. "Social bots' sentiment engagement in health emergencies: A topic-based analysis of the COVID-19 pandemic discussions on Twitter". In: *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 17.22 (2020), p. 8701. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph17228701.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

[C1] Manuel Tonneau, **Diyi Liu**, Ryan McGrady, Kevin Zheng, Ralph Schroeder, Ethan Zuckerman, and Scott Hale. "Language Disparities in Moderation Workforce Allocation by Social Media Platforms". In: *Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency*. FAccT '26. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2026, pp. 4756–4772. DOI: 10.1145/3805689.3806484.

[C2] Zhilin Zhang, Jun Zhao, Ge Wang, Sruthi Viswanathan, Tala Jo Ross, Samantha-Kaye Johnston, **Diyi Liu**, Hayoun Noh, Max Van Kleek, and Nigel Shadbolt. "Attitudes, Imagined Roles, and Governance Boundaries for AI in Decentralized Social Media". In: *Proceedings of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. CHI '26. Association for Computing Machinery, 2026. DOI: 10.1145/3772318.3790295.

[C3] Manuel Tonneau, **Diyi Liu**, Niyati Malhotra, Scott A. Hale, Samuel Fraiberger, Victor Orozco-Olvera, and Paul Röttger. "HateDay: Insights from a Global Hate Speech Dataset Representative of a Day on Twitter". In: *Proceedings of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 1: Long Papers)*. Vienna, Austria: Association for Computational Linguistics, 2025, pp. 2297–2321. DOI: https://doi.org/10.18653/v1/2025.acl-long.115.

[C4] Zhilin Zhang, Jun Zhao, Ge Wang, Samantha-Kaye Johnston, George Chalhoub, Tala Ross, **Diyi Liu**, Claudine Tinsman, Rui Zhao, Max Van Kleek, and Nigel Shadbolt. "Trouble in Paradise? Understanding Mastodon Admin's Motivations, Experiences, and Challenges Running Decentralised Social Media". In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction. 8, CSCW2*. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, Nov. 2024. DOI: 10.1145/3687059.

[C5] Manuel Tonneau, **Diyi Liu**, Samuel Fraiberger, Ralph Schroeder, Scott Hale, and Paul Röttger. "From Languages to Geographies: Towards Evaluating Cultural Bias in Hate Speech Datasets". In: *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms (WOAH 2024)*. Mexico City, Mexico: Association for Computational Linguistics, June 2024, pp. 283–311. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2024.woah-1.23.

[C6] **Diyi Liu**. "Content Moderation, Platformised Speech Governance, and Legitimacy: TikTok in South and Southeast Asia". In: *Companion Publication of the 16th ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci'24)*. Websci Companion '24. Stuttgart, Germany, May 2024, pp. 27–31. DOI: 10.1145/3630744.3658613.

Book Review

[BR1] **Diyi Liu**. "Book Review: Changing Geopolitics of Global Communication by Daya Kishan Thussu. London: Routledge, 2024". In: *Chinese Journal of Communication* (2026). DOI: 10.1080/17544750.2026.2629159.

Reports & Policy Briefings

[P1] **Diyi Liu** and Shahzeb Mahmood. "Drawing the Lines: Navigating the Content, Conduct, and Context of Borderline Content Moderation". In: *Tech Global Institute* (July 2026). URL: https://techglobalinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Techglobal-Institute_Drawing-the-Lines_-Navigating-the-Content-1.pdf.

[P2] **Diyi Liu** and Shashank Mohan. "Regional Power, Policy Shaping and Digital Futures: Norm Externalization through the Delhi and Beijing Effects". In: *Tech Global Institute* (July 2025). URL: https://techglobalinstitute.com/research/regional-power-policy-shaping-and-digital-futures-norm-externalization-through-the-delhi-and-beijing-effects/.

[P3] **Diyi Liu**, Manuel Tonneau, and Juliette Zaccour. "Feedback on the Draft Delegated Regulation on Data Access Provided for in the Digital Services Act". In: *European Commission - Public Consultation and Feedback* (Dec. 2024). URL: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13817-Delegated-Regulation-on-data-access-provided-for-in-the-Digital-Services-Act/F3498917_en.

Commentaries/Op-Eds

[O1] Rizal Shidiq, **Diyi Liu**, and Justin Yeung. "Zooming in on the Digital Aspects of the Indonesian Elections 2024". In: *Oxford Internet Institute* (Feb. 2024). URL: https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/news-events/zooming-in-on-the-digital-aspects-of-the-indonesian-elections-2024/.

[O2] **Diyi Liu**. "Internet For Trust: Towards a Multistakeholder Approach in Regulating Digital Platforms". In: *Oxford Internet Institute* (July 2023). URL: https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/news-events/internet-for-trust-towards-a-multistakeholder-approach-in-regulating-digital-platforms/.

[O3] **Diyi Liu**. "Bridging the Gaps in the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway". In: *The Diplomat* (Sept. 2019). URL: https://thediplomat.com/2019/09/bridging-the-gaps-in-the-asia-pacific-information-superhighway/.

TEACHING

Teaching Qualifications

Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), UK. Reference No. PR303626

Fall 2026	**Introduction to Communication Theory** *Lecturer, MA in Cognition and Communication, University of Copenhagen*
Fall 2026	**Empirical Research Methods 2 (Philosophy of Science and Statistics)** *Lecturer, BA in Communication and IT, University of Copenhagen*
Spring 2025	**Politics and Ethics in the Digital Age** *Undergraduate Tutor, University of Oxford*
Fall 2022-2024	**Foundations of Social Data Science** *Teaching Assistant, MSc in Social Data Science, University of Oxford*
October 2023	**Political Influencers, Cybertroopers and Emotions** *Guest Lecturer, National University of Singapore*
Fall 2022	**International Mass Communication** *Undergraduate Tutor, University of Oxford*
Spring 2021	**Applied Research Method in Communication** *Teaching Assistant, Renmin University of China*
Fall 2020	**Quantitative Research Method in Communication** *Teaching Assistant, Renmin University of China*

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Selected Conference Presentations

[C1] **Diyi Liu**. *Perceived Legitimacy in Algorithmic Content Moderation: The Role of Moderation Source, Procedural Contestability, and Outcome Alignment.* Presented at the 76th Annual Conference of International Communication Associations (ICA2026). Cape Town, South Africa. June 2026.

[C2] **Diyi Liu**, Emillie de Keulenaar, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. *Mapping civil society actors in transnational platform governance.* Presented at the 76th Annual Conference of International Communication Associations (ICA2026). Cape Town, South Africa. June 2026.

[C3] **Diyi Liu**. *Negotiating Norms: Media and Platformized Speech Governance in Indonesia and Pakistan*. Paper presented at the Panel "Histories and Ruptures in Global Platform Governance" at the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) 2025 Conference. Niteroi, Brazil. Oct. 2025.

[C4] Manuel Tonneau, **Diyi Liu**, Niyati Malhotra, Scott A. Hale, Samuel Fraiberger, Victor Orozco-Olvera, and Paul Röttger. *HateDay: Insights from a Global Hate Speech Dataset Representative of a Day on Twitter*. The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL2025). ***Outstanding Paper Award**. Vienna, Austria. July 2025.

[C5] Simran Agarwal and **Diyi Liu**. *Theorising Governance through Platforms: Recentring the Role of the States.* AoIR Flashpoint Symposium. Bremen, Germany. June 2025.

[C6] **Diyi Liu**. *The Balancing Acts: Communicating Legitimacy in Transnational Speech Governance.* The 75th Annual Conference of International Communication Associations (ICA2025). ***Top Paper Award**. Denver, CO. June 2025.

[C7] **Diyi Liu**. *Borderline Content and Platformised Speech Governance: Mapping TikTok's Moderation Controversies in South and Southeast Asia.* The 2024 Annual Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR2024). Sheffield, United Kingdom. Oct. 2024.

[C8] **Diyi Liu**. *Content Moderation, Platformised Speech Governance, and Legitimacy: TikTok in South and Southeast Asia.* The PhD Symposium of 17th ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci'24). Stuttgart, Germany. ***Runner-Up Paper Award**. May 2024.

[C9] **Diyi Liu**. *Taming Tech Giants in China and beyond: Academic Frameworks, Company Strategies, and User Behaviours in Digital Platform (Counter-)regulations.* Panel discussion at the Chinese Internet Research Conference 2023 (CIRC2023). Chiang Mai, Thailand. July 2023.

[C10] **Diyi Liu**. *Platform Legitimation As A Social Process: How TikTok Adapts Its Content Moderation System to Local Contexts in South and Southeast Asia.* The 73rd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA2023). Toronto, Canada. May 2023.

[C11] **Diyi Liu**. *Decoding the Shadowban Mystery: TikTok's Content Governance and How Creators Interpret the Platform's Visibility System.* The First Trust and Safety Research Conference. Stanford, CA. Sept. 2022.

[C12] **Diyi Liu**. *Revisiting International News Flow: A Network Analysis of Online News Websites' Mentions and Hyperlinks.* Poster virtually presented at the 8th International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2). Chicago, IL. July 2022.

[C13] **Diyi Liu**. *Hyperlinking in the Digital Mediasphere: Transnational Online News Flow and Intermedia Agenda Setting.* Paper virtually presented at the 2020 Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). July 2020.

Invited Talks

2026.04 Global Majority Research Committee (GMRC) research showcase. Trust and Safety Foundation.
2025.10 Navigating Ethical AI: From Content Moderation to National Readiness. Singapore Future AI Summit.
2025.05 Research Seminar. Milan Natural Language Processing Group, Bocconi University.
2025.03 Research Seminar. School of Journalism, Media, and Communication, University of Sheffield.
2024.12 "Behind the Scenes – Conversations on Empirical Platform Governance Research" Online Talk Series, Centre for Media, Communication and Information Research (ZeMKI), University of Bremen & Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen.
2024.10 Oxford Technology & Security Nexus. Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
2024.9 Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta.

Invited Workshops and Summer Programmes

2025.09 "Power: Algorithms, Infrastructures, and Platforms". University of Amsterdam. *Amsterdam, Netherlands*.
2025.05 "Moderation, Free Speech and Platform Governance". Royal Holloway University of London. *London, UK*.
2023.10 "Content Moderation and Free Speech on Social Media". Technical University of Munich. *Munich, Germany*.
2023.10 "Alternative Platforms/Platform Alternatives: Comparisons and Transnational Flows". Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society. *Berlin, Germany*.
2023.10 Digital Good Network (DGN) Summer School. University of Sheffield. *Sheffield, UK*.
2022.7 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS). *Oxford, UK*.
2022.7 "China's Digital Expansion in the Global South" Workshop. University of Manchester. *Manchester, UK*.

Media Coverage

2026.02 Lam Le. How Vietnam and the US Differ in Using State Power to Regulate TikTok. *Tech Policy Press*. https://www.techpolicy.press/how-vietnam-and-the-us-differ-in-using-state-power-to-regulate-tiktok/
2025.10 Lucia Bertoldini. Lost in Translation: The Global South and the Flaws of Content Moderation. *Al Jazeera Journalism Review*. https://institute.aljazeera.net/en/ajr/article/3419
2023.02 Will McCurdy. Inside the Horrid Subreddit Giving Tech Support for Cyberstalkers. *The Daily Beast*. https://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-the-subreddit-giving-tech-support-for-cyberstalkers/

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP & SERVICES

Professional Membership

International Communication Association (ICA); European Communication Research and Education Association(ECREA); Association of Internet Researchers(AoIR); Platform Governance Research Network(PlatGovNet); Women in Network Science(WiNS); Nordic Society for Computational Social Science (NoSoCSS)

Conference and Workshop Organiser

Dec 2025 Platform Governance Research Network (PlatGovNet) 2025 Conference. Online.
July 2024 Workshop on election integrity with Meta's content policy team. Online.
June 2023 Public consultation workshop on UNESCO's *Guidelines for a Multistakeholder Approach in the Context of Regulating Digital Platforms*. Oxford, UK.
June 2022 Connected Life 2022 Conference: Designing Digital Futures. Oxford, UK.

Journal and Conference Reviewer

2020-2026 Telecommunications Policy (2025-2026); Policy & Internet (2025-2026); Internet Policy Review (2026); Big Data & Society (2025-2026); Social Media & Society (2025-2026); New Media & Society (2024-2026); Platforms & Society (2026); International Journal of Press/Politics (2026); Media International Australia (2026); Behaviour & Information Technology (2025); Journal of Information Technology & Politics (2024-2025); Social Science Computer Review (2024); Social Science & Medicine (2024)

CSCW2026 (2026);International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference (2020-2026); European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) Annual Conference (2026); International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Annual Conference (2022); Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Annual Conference (2024-2025)
UKRI EPSRC overseas travel grant (2026)

Panel Chair

Dec 2025 *Governmentality*, Platform Governance Research Network 2025 Conference
June 2025 *Beyond Content Moderation*, AoIR Flashpoint Symposium, Bremen, Germany
Nov 2022 *Challenges and Opportunities in Computational Research on Media and Politics*, 8th Annual Conference of The International Journal of Press/Politics, Loughborough, UK

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

2024.3-Present **Meta**. Actor and Behavioral Policy Expert Circle.
2021.5-2021.8 **Kuaishou Technology**. *Intern, Global Government Affairs & Public Policy.* Beijing, China
2019.6–2019.9 **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Office**. *Intern, Communication and Information (CI) Sector*. Bangkok, Thailand
2018.11–2019.5 **Reuters Shanghai News Bureau**. *Intern, Company, Commodities and Technology News Team*. Shanghai, China

SKILLS

Technical R, Python, Gephi, LaTeX, SPSS, Tableau, SQL
Language Mandarin (native); English (proficient); Danish (beginner)

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