

## **Xudong Zhu**, Ph.D. Candidate

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### **EDUCATION**

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#### **University of Aberdeen**

Aberdeen, UK

*PhD Candidate in International History*

Mar. 2025 – Present

- Dissertation title: "The Impacts of Germany on China's Rebuilding and Modernization: Beyond a Geo-military Perspective (1928-1938)"
- Supervisors: Prof.Dr. Thomas Weber, Dr. Andrew Dilley
- Research area: History and international relations, Global security and governance

#### **Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg**

Heidelberg, Germany

*M.A. in American Studies*

Oct. 2021 – Aug. 2023

- Core Modules: Political Science and History
- Thesis title: "On the Theory of Empire in International Relations and an Analysis of Pax Americana"
- Main Courses: US Economic Policy, The Transatlantic Alliance, Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Trump-era Politics, Political Psychology, Varieties of Conservatism in the US

#### **Jilin University**

Changchun, China

*Bachelor's Degree of Law*

Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2021

- Major in Diplomacy
- Main Courses: International History, IR theoretical frameworks, International Law, Negotiation Skills, Political Philosophy, Power Politics, Diplomatic Etiquette

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg**

summer semester 2023

*From Washington to Peking: History of Early Interactions Between the US and China*

- This course examines the historical foundations of Sino-U.S. relations, focusing on the interactions between the two countries from 1784 to 1882.
- It examines four key dimensions: trade, diplomacy, education, and labor.
- The goal is to deepen the understanding of China's integration into the international system and the role of the U.S. in this process.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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1. Li Wang, **Xudong Zhu**. *How to Maintain a Balance in The Intricate Pas Detrois Among China, US and EU*. forthcoming publication by Routledge. 2025.
2. **Xudong Zhu**. *What to Do About the Strategic Challenge? An Analysis of the Background of NATO's New China Strategy*. Seventh Annual Young Scholars Forum on U.S. - China Relations. The Carter Center. 2022.

### **INTERNSHIP**

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#### **The University of Aberdeen**, Directorate of People, *Analyst*

Jun.2025 – Aug. 2025

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of existing data sources to evaluate and enhance the experiences of international students at the University.

**The Carter Center, Academic Assistant**

Jun.2020 – Sep. 2020

- Translated articles for the center’s website “US-China Perception Monitor”
- Organized eight academic conferences and wrote summaries
- Interviewed scholars and wrote reports
- Published articles averaging over 5,000 views

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen**

Jul. 2019 – Aug. 2019

*The “International and European Studies” research project*

- History and Politics of the EU
- Human Rights in Europe
- Regional Economic Integration

**Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**

Jun. 2018 – Jul. 2018

*Student summer program at Rutgers University*

**Jilin University**

Oct. 2017

*Field study along the China-North Korea border*

- National Security, Field Research

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**SERVICE**

- Completed 120 hours of volunteer service with the Red Cross Society
- Volunteer of the 6th China-Korea Public Diplomacy Forum
- Moderator of the Academic Forum at SIPA, Jilin University
- Worked as Prof. Swaran Singh’s assistant during his visit to Jilin University
- Member of the student union of SIPA, Jilin University
- Member of the Kung Fu Association, Jilin University

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**AWARDS**

2018

- Received the “Excellence Award” at the 16th National Diplomatic Etiquette Competition for outstanding performance
- Awarded “Best Negotiator” at the 3rd Simulated Diplomatic Negotiation Competition, Jilin University, for exceptional negotiation skills

2017

- Earned the “Diplomatic Award” at the 1st Simulated Diplomatic Spokesperson Competition, Jilin University, for excellence in diplomatic communication

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**SKILLS**

**Languages:** Chinese (native), English (proficient, IELTS 7.0), German (good)

**IT Skills:** LATEX, Web development (HTML/CSS, JavaScript), SPSS

**Academic Writing:** Proficient in crafting clear, evidence-based, and analytically rigorous prose for scholarly articles, dissertation chapters, and conference papers, adhering to historical and political methodologies and citation standards.

**Geopolitical and IR Analysis:** Skilled in evaluating historical and contemporary geopolitical dynamics, analyzing state interactions, power structures, and global conflicts through primary source research and interdisciplinary frameworks. Specialized in the analysis of great power politics, especially the trilateral relationship between China, the United States and Europe.

**Leadership:** Skilled in preparing and presenting written and verbal communications tailored to a range of audiences, including academics, students of mixed abilities/levels and the general public.

**Communication:** Skilled in preparing and presenting written and verbal communications tailored to a range of audiences, including academics, students of mixed abilities/levels and the general public.

**Time Management:** Excellent time management skills: during my PhD research experience and research roles, I ensured that participants were tested in a timely and efficient manner. Skilled at meeting project deadlines and submitting revisions to peer-review manuscripts within a predefined timescale.