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International Workshop on “Digitalization of Memory in China”, 21/22 September 2022, University of Bonn / The Academy of International Affairs NRW.

Katekisama Workshop, 17 August, 2022, University of Ghana, Accra.

“Multidisciplinary Encounter with Global China in Interconnected Worlds”, Roundtable, 28 March, ISA 2022.

2021

Fourth AECAIR International Conference on “Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence International Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence with a Focus on Europe and China”, December 17, 2021.

International Security Forum Bonn 2021’s Special Focus Day “The Rise of Eastern Modernity? European Responses to China’s Global Role”, University of Bonn, September 30, 2021.

International Online conference on „Digital Fragmentations and Digital Sovereignty”, September, University of Bonn, September 17-18, 2021.

Webinar on “Chinas wachsende Datenmacht - Implikationen für Europa” in cooperation with Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit and Institut français Bonn, July 7, 2021.

Workshop on “Infrastructures of Memory – Heritages and Diversity in Modern China”, Workshop funded by NRW-Rückkehrprogramm des Ministeriums für Kultur und Wissenschaft des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen, May 27, 2021.

2020

Webinar on “Framing the Future of AI Policy Dilemmas and Solutions,” organized as part of the AECAIR network with funding from KAS, 27 November, 2020. Virtual and in Guangzhou.

Webinar series on “Innovation in Health Governance and AI AECAIR-Online-Seminarreihe zu Erfahrungen mit AI-bezogenen Technologien während der COVID-19-Pandemie“. Organized as part of the AECAIR network with funding from KAS. 22 June -6 July 2020, Documentation.

2019

Conference on “Digital Fracturing: Disruptive Technopolitics and Political Order”, organized with funding from FES and UNNC, 13-15 November, 2019, Ningbo.

Workshop on „Social Science Research on Artificial Intelligence Workshop: Methodologies, Data, Visualizations“, co-organized with Intellisias Institute, 11-12 June, 2019, Guangzhou.

2017

Workshop on “历史与现实视野下的一带一路战略” (The Belt and Road Strategy: its history and present), September 9, 2017, Tongji University Shanghai.

Workshop on „The Belt and Road Initiative and trilateral economic development strategies: China-Africa-EU cooperation opportunities,“ November 24, 2017, Tongji University Shanghai.

2016

Expert-Workshop on „EU-China perspectives on cyber security and cyber governance“, November 14, 2016, Tongji University Shanghai.

Conference on “Emerging Issues in Global Climate Governance after Paris: Perspectives from Asia and Europe”, October 27-28, 2016, Hong Kong (cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Foundation), <http://www.kas.de/recap/en/publications/46898/>.

2015

Conference on “One Belt One Road Initiative under the Perspective of Asian-European Cooperation”, Tongji University Shanghai, December 3-4, 2015, <http://news.tongji.edu.cn/classid-6-newsid-49647-t-show.html>.

Conference on „Art and Sovereignty“, DePaul University, Chicago, April 17-18, 2015.

2014

“On the Scale of Worlds’: Technoscience and Global Governance”, STS Program workshop on deliberation, heterogeneous zones, and forms of global governance, Harvard Kennedy School, October 10th, 2014.

Workshop on “Documentality and Power: Interdisciplinary Considerations on Recording, Social Media, and Modes of Power”, Bonn University, Bonn, 12 February, 2014.

Presentations at International Workshops and Conferences

- “Sino-EU Relations at a Crossroads: Risks of Deterioration and Preventive Options”, Conference on “Global European Studies in Asia: Bridging Perspectives in a New Era”, (CIEP) October 21-22, 2025, Shanghai, China.
- “Chinese area studies: expertise and identity in/for a world order in transition”, Conference “Country and Area Studies--Interdisciplinarity and Innovation, (CIEP) October 19-25, 2025, Shanghai, China.
- “Competing connectivity initiatives and the role of digital technologies in the BRI, Global Gateway and IMEC”, The 13th Sino-German Forum “Sino-European Relations in the Era of Trump 2.0 International Conference”, 25-28 September 2025, Shanghai, China.
- Maximilian Mayer & Xin Zhang, “To Discipline a Discipline: The Construction of Area Studies and the Contestation over China’s Global Positionality”, The China Quarterly Symposium on “The Politics of Knowledge Production about China” 12 – 13 June 2025, SOAS University of London, London.
- “The Digital Dependencies Index: an approach to strengthening Europe’s tech autonomy”, at Metrics of sovereignty: mixed methods approach to sovereign networks Affiche du workshop co-organized by DIGISOV, CIS CNRS, Citizen Lab and GEODE, 21 May 2025, Paris.
- “Comments” Conference 2024: The year of elections and their impact on world (dis)order, European University Institute, 13 - 14 March 2025, Florence.
- “The Three Contexts of the PRC’s ‘Grand Strategy’”, Conference on China’s Foreign Policy in the Complex World: Beijing’s Next Step in the Shadow of World War, National Chung-Hsing University, 31 October 2024, Taizhong.
- "AI, platformised communication infrastructures and the fragile autonomy of societies", Summer School on “Artificial Intelligence, Social Machines, and the Future of Democratic Societies”, 16-20 September, 2024, Bonn.
- “Increasing Securitization of Science and Innovation Processes? Implications for Europe and China”, The 12th Sino-German Forum China-EU Relations after the European Parliament Elections, Tongji University, 20 September, 2024, Shanghai.

- „The entangled geopolitics of fossil and renewable energies”, Young Leaders Summer Academy on Climate Change and Security, ICI and the CASSIS of the Bonn University, 22 June, 2024 Bonn.
- “Exportkontrollen und Technologiekonkurrenz zwischen China und den USA – und die Folgen für Europa”, WIFIS Jahrestagung, 30 Mai, 2024, Berlin.
- „Technological integration of middle-tech powers as perspective for long-term peace, Quo Vadis Middle-East? 3-5 May, 2024, University of Bonn & Institute for International Cooperation, Technological Diplomacy and Communication, Bonn.
- “Towards a healthy interdependence between China and Europe?”, High-level thank tanks Symposium on China-European Relations – “China-Europa Relations in a changing world”, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 25-27 April, 2024, Beijing.
- “Digital infrastructure, digital dependence structures and the question of the ‘Global South’”, The Third Global Young Scholars Forum: Global South and World Transformation, Tongji University, 20 April, 2024, Shanghai.
- Participant on Roundtable: “The Geopolitics of Critical Infrastructures and its Relations to Outer Space”, ISA Annual convention, 6 April, 2024, San Francisco.
- Participant on Roundtable: “Relationality and the challenges of Climate Security” ISA Annual convention, 6 April, 2024, San Francisco.
- Chair on Roundtable: “Reframing Global China through Relationality” ISA Annual convention, 6 April, 2024, San Francisco.
- “The new Moon race: Infrastructures, constitutional multipolarity, and the US and China’s role in Cislunar competition dynamics”, (together with Li Kunhan), ISA Annual convention, 2 April, 2024, San Francisco.
- “China’s three body problem: geobodies and ideas of relational ordering” (together with Zhang Xin), special issue workshop, Durham University, 18 March, 2024, Durham.
- Panel moderation “Chinese war fighting strategy”, Autocratic Warfare in the 21st Century, BICC, International Conference, 13 December, 2023, Bonn.
- “Technological integration of middle-tech powers as perspective for long-term peace”, Quo vadis Middle-East? Conference at University Bonn, 27-28 November, 2023, Bonn.
- “Drohntechnologie und Infrastruktur im Kontext sicherheitspolitischer Forschung Überlegungen zum Umgang mit »autonomen Systemen«”, Potenziale der Drohnen-Technologien für Sichere Infrastrukturen. Interdisziplinärer Thementag Fraunhofer FKIE, 5 October 2023, Bonn
- “Politicising the Past? China’s Infrastructures of Memory”, (together with Karolina Pawlik), EISA, 8 September, 2023, Potsdam.
- “Strategic practices of world making by Russia and China after US primacy”, (together with Zhang Xin), EISA, 8 September, 2023, Potsdam
- “Growing Digital Dependence? Europe’s Strategic Position between the Two Technopoles, September 21, 2023, Tongji University, Shanghai.
- „Digital Polarity and Macro-Fragmentation“, DVPW IB-Sektionstagung, 14-16 Juni 2023, Zeppelin Universität Friedrichshafen.
- “Comment on the evolving geopolitical & geoeconomics contexts of Europe’s energy transition with a focus on Germany”, EU-China Roundtable on EU Low-carbon Energy Transition 中欧圆桌对话-欧洲能源低碳转型的回顾与启示 Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Greenpeace, 10 May 2023, Shanghai/online.

- Maximilian Mayer & Kunhan Li, "China's Bifurcated Space Diplomacy and Institutional Density", International Studies Association Annual Conference March 15, 2023, Montreal, Canada.
- "Financial and geoeconomic implications of China's digital currency," ASC Conference 2022, 3-4 November 2022, University of Vienna, Vienna.
- "Theorizing the power of platforms – a puzzle of dominance and fragmentation", Workshop of the DVPW Working Group on "Digitalization and Politics Platform Governance and Politics", University of Duisburg Essen 28 September, 2022, Duisburg.
- Contribution to the "Roundtable on the Ukrainian crisis", 13. April, 2022, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan (online)
- „Digital Autonomy? Measuring the Global Digital Dependence Structure and the position of the East Region," Conference on Digital Transformation in East Asia Impacts on Economy and Society II "From Discourse to Praxis", 18. März 2022, University of Bonn (online)
- Maximilian Mayer & Yen-Chi Lu, "Infrastructures and autonomy: digital technologies and global structures of dependence", Presentation at ISA annual convention 2022, 29 March, 2022, online.
- "New Index Data on Digital Dependence & Autonomy", Fourth AECAIR International Conference on Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence International Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence With a Focus on Europe and China, December 17, 2021 (online).
- "Diverging Approaches to Cooperation in China's Science Diplomacy in Space" (together with Kunhan Li), Space Diplomacy Workshop. A special issue of The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, November 18, 2021, Northeastern University (online).
- „Internet Fragmentations and Cyber Vulnerabilities: A Pessimistic Outlook“, World Internet conference "Building a Community with a Shared Future in Cyberspace". Wuzhen, September 26-28, 2021 (online).
- "China's BRI and emerging models of global urbanization", China's Rise and Reach: The Belt and Road City Virtual Roundtable, The Chicago Council, September 22, 2021 (online)
- "University Mobilizing spatial imaginations in China, Russia, and Turkey after American primacy: From a defensive approach to strategic practices of order making?" (together with Zaur Gasimov and Xin Zhang), Davies Forum Workshop on "After American Primacy – From a Transatlantic to an Afro-Eurasian World?", organized by University of San Francisco May 3, 2021 (online).
- "Restoring, recreating and representing China's past: infrastructures of memory and architectural heritage protection", CHINA FROM THE MARGINS: NEW NARRATIVES OF THE PAST AND PRESENT, Organized by the Department of China Studies Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Suzhou, April 16-17, 2021 (online).
- "Points of convergence between South Korea and the European Union in a post-corona environment", EU-Korea convergence and partnerships 10 years after the EU-Korea FTA, in the post Covid era and within the US-China trade war, Asia Centre Paris, 10 November 2020, <https://centreasia.eu/event/eu-korea-convergence-and-partnerships-10-years-after-the-eu-korea-fta-in-the-post-covid-era-and-within-the-us-china-trade-war/>
- „On the current limits of China's data power“, East Asia and the Digital Transformation – Impacts on Economy and Society. International Workshop on the Digital

- Transformation in East Asia, 6-7 November 2020, University of Bonn.
- „Digitale Infrastrukturen zwischen Fragmentieren und Skalierung: politische Optionen denken“, Dialog für Strategische Vorausschau und die Zukunft der transatlantischen Beziehungen, CASSIS, University of Bonn, 24-25 September 2020. Bonn.
 - “Architecture heritage protection and modernity: diversity in restoring, recreating and representing the past across China”, AAS-in-Asia 2020. Asia at the Crossroads: Solidarity through Scholarship August 31 – September 04 | Association for Asian Studies and The International Academic Forum (IAFOR).
 - “Digital Polarity Theory: Explaining the Great Internet Splintering”, Technology and Global Governance: Virtual Forum Univ. of Warwick, July 31, 2020 (together with Laura Mahrenbach)
 - "Global politics of science and technology", Workshop on Information Society Theory and Frontier, 2020 June 24 Zhejiang University, China.
 - “Smartening Large Technical Systems and the Specter of Infinite Vulnerability” War and Peace after the Human—Annual State-of Peacebuilding Conference 2019, Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, 9-10 December 2019, Schlaining Castle, Austria.
 - “Data sharing practices of Chinese AI companies: preliminary results”, presentation at Global Forum on Artificial Intelligence, Innovation Systems and Global Governance” Intellisias Institute and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 16-17 November 2019, Guangzhou.
 - “Authoritarian Digitalization and the end of post-autonomous individual”, paper presented at conference on “Digital Fracturing: Disruptive Technopolitics and Political Order”, organized with funding from FES and UNNC, 13-15 November 2019, Ningbo.
 - "Role of Large Technical Systems in World Politics", presentation at the Prague Laser SpaceApps Workshop 2019, Ilase Center, 25-27 September, 2019, Prague.
 - “Understanding tianxia discourses through the prism of historical statecraft”, presentation at the NBR-RSIS Workshop on „China’s Vision for a Regional and International Order“, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, 18 September 2019, Singapore.
 - “Authoritarian Digitalization and the Post-Autonomous Individual”, presentation at the Science and Democracy Network 18th Annual Meeting, Harvard University, August 28-31, 2019, Harvard.
 - “The problem of history with a big H. Why Chinese historical statecraft is bound to produce undesirable effects”, Jiangnan Conference, University of Nottingham Ningbo China, 26-27 April 2019, Ningbo.
 - “Historical Statecraft and the Making of Post-Western Formations”, Workshop on “How to Study Rising Powers on the Silk Roads” 19-20 April, University of Nottingham Ningbo China, 20 April 2019, Ningbo.
 - “Authoritarian digitalization and the post-autonomous individual”, Technoscientific Constitutionalism: Exploring the Intersections of Science, Technology and Constitutional Order, Joint DFG-NSF Workshop, ASU Barrett and O’Conner Washington Center, 7-9 February, 2019, Washington.
 - “Authoritarian digitalization and the post-autonomous individual”, Workshop on Norming Knowledges by gloknos Ideas Lab, University of Cambridge, 29 January 2019, Cambridge.
 - “Authoritarian Digitalization? Preliminary thoughts about nudging and manipulation in authoritarian contexts”, Munich center of technology in Society, Technical

- University Munich, 8 January, 2019, Munich.
- “The Modern Silk Road: Constructing a Global China”, 9th BOSPHORUS SUMMIT, 26-28 November, 2018, Istanbul.
 - “The soft underbelly of the Belt and Road: knowledge, ideology, and institutionalization”, Shanghai Forum, Fudan University, 27 May, 2018, Shanghai.
 - “China’s Great Firewall and the Politics of Disconnection”, ISA 2018 Annual Convention, 4-7 April, 2018, San Francisco.
 - “Three types of security and China’s Belt and Road Initiative”, presentation at “The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road: Considering Security Implications Workshop III/III: EU-China Maritime Cooperation in the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean Region Shanghai, 29-30 March 2018, SIIS, Shanghai.
 - “The ‘return of history’: theorizing historical narratives in China’s foreign policy”, paper presented at the International Conference on “China and the world: A cross-discipline perspective”, 18-19 December 2017, Tongji University, Shanghai.
 - “A struggle over life and death: refugees and transformation of sovereignty in Europe” Future Perspective and Strategic Impact on European Integration: New Ideas and New Visions on China-EU Cooperation, Renmin University, December 10th, 2017, Beijing.
 - “Trends of European Common Security and Defense Policy” Future Perspective and Strategic Impact on European Integration: New Ideas and New Visions on China-EU Cooperation Sichuan University, 7 December, 2017, Chengdu.
 - “Climate security through the lens of civil-military and science-military cooperation”. Presentation at the conference on "Climate Change and Resources Security: Challenges for Security and the Security Sector in South Asia", 30 November - 1 December, 2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
 - „Kernfragen der chinesisch-deutschen Beziehungen nach der Bundestagswahl – ein pessimistisches Szenario“, Chinese-German Forum, Tongji University, 28 September, 2017, Shanghai.
 - „Trends of European Common Security and Defense Policy“, Conference on The Future of European Integration after the Elections in France and Germany, Tongji University, 27 September, 2017, Shanghai.
 - "Reading the „Three Body Problem“ through IR – post-human trajectories in a multi-civilizational universe“. Paper for conference „The Posthuman Condition and the Future of Studies of Literature Theory“, East China normal University, 24 September 2017, Shanghai.
 - „Development trajectories of Industry 4.0 in China“, Conference organized by University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH) and FES, 10 May, 2017, Ho Chi Minh City.
 - “The Revival of Silk Road and the Reconstruction of Eurasian Space,” Regional Cooperation Initiatives in the Asia-Pacific and the Emergence of New Eurasian Geopolitics, National University of Singapore, 8-9 April, 2017, Singapore.
 - “Sociotechnical imaginaries of the Maritime Silk Road, ISA 2017 Annual Convention, 22-26 February, 2017, Baltimore.
 - “South China Sea and China’s periphery strategy: towards a NATO in South East Asia?” 海洋传播方法论：争端语境如何报道海洋事务， 南京大学， 20 November, 2016 Nanjing.
 - „Technological wild cards and the future trajectory of ghg emissions“, Emerging Issues in Global Climate Governance after Paris: Perspectives from Asia and Europe, Conference organized by Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Tongji

- University, 27-28 October, 2016. Hong Kong.
- „Eurasia after Brexit: the emerging role of Germany and European security politics”. The 7th East Asian Conference on Slavic-Eurasian Studies. New Opportunities and New Challenges in the Greater Eurasia East China Normal University, 24-25 September, Shanghai.
 - „Infrastructures and invisibility: the techno-politics of heterogeneous zones” 4S EASST Annual Conference, 31 August -3 September, 2016 Barcelona.
 - “Modelling the Anthropocene? The Governance of Non-Linearity”, Draft Paper for 3rd European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), Tübingen, April 6-8, 2016 (together with Krystin Unverzagt)
 - „The stuff of dreams: transnational sociotechnical imaginaries of the Silk Road”, One Belt One Road Initiative under the Perspective of Asian-European Cooperation 2015, 3-4 December, Shanghai.
 - „Materielle Infrastruktur und (sozio-technologische) Innovationen in Mega-Metropolen“, 3rd Deutsch-Chinesisches Forum, Tongji Universität, 14 November, 2015 Shanghai.
 - "Global Politics of Science and Technology – recent international developments of an Interdisciplinary research field“, presentation for “Global Politics of Science and Technology” Interdisciplinary Research Lab, Tongji University, 15 October, 2015, Shanghai.
 - “Reducing the complexity of climate change? A comparison of diverging co-productions of planetary order”, EISA 9th Pan-European Conference”, 23-26 September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy.
 - “Six Variations on Art and Sovereignty”, Paper for the Conference on Art and Sovereignty, 17-18 April, Chicago.
 - “The Global Governance of Large Technical Systems”, Paper presented at the 2015 ISA Annual convention, 18-21 February, New Orleans (together with Michele Acuto).
 - “Water, Roads and Railways: China's rise and emerging technical networks in the Sub-Mekong Region”, Paper presented at the 2015 ISA Annual convention, 18-21 February, New Orleans (together with Truong-Minh Vu).
 - ”Chinese Infrastructural Foreign Policy”, Paper presented at the 2014 Joint International Conference of the Research Network “Governance in China” and the Association for Social Sciences Research on China (ASC), 21-22 November, Berlin. (together with Mikko Huotari).
 - “Heterogeneous Zones and Global Ordering: Towards a Research Framework”, Paper presented at “On the Scale of Worlds”: Technoscience and Global Governance” STS Program workshop on deliberation, heterogeneous zones, and forms of global governance, Harvard Kennedy School, 10 October, 2014, Cambridge.
 - “Infrastrukturelle Macht? Technologische Aspekte der chinesischen Außenpolitik“, 24 May, 2014. University of Würzburg, Würzburg.
 - “The Unintended Consequences of China's Advances in the Struggle over Cyber Terrain”. Presentation for The University of Chicago *East Asia Workshop: Politics, Economy and Society*, 8 April, 2014, Chicago.
 - “Digital sovereignty and infrastructural power – an explorative study of Chinese advances in cyber-terrain”, Paper presented at the 2014 ISA Annual convention, Toronto.
 - “Varieties of creative destruction: a post-Cartesian framework of change”, Paper presented at the 2014 ISA Annual convention, Toronto.

- “Digital sovereignty and infrastructural power – an explorative study of China” Paper presented at the 2013 Joint International Conference of the Research Network “Governance in China” and the Association for Social Sciences Research on China (ASC) November 22-23, 2013, Vienna (together with Zhuang Chengzhan)
- “Technological assemblages, creative institutionalism, and Japan’s integration into international society”, Paper presented at Millennium Annual Conference, October 19-20, 2013, London. (together with Barbara Petrulowicz)
- “Hidden dimensions of international society: exploring the rise of Meiji Japan” Paper presented at the 1st European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), June 5 – 8, 2013, Tartu, Estonia. (together with Barbara Petrulowicz)
- “Creative destruction and China’s position in the global politics of innovation”, Paper presented at the 2013 ISA, San Francisco.
- „Three ‘technological wild cards’—the negative consequences of technological innovations for climate mitigation”, Young Researchers Workshop on ‘New Climate Politics’ at Zeppelin University, March 12, 2013, Friedrichshafen.
- „Creative destruction and China’s position in the global politics of innovation”, 2012 Joint International Conference of the Research Network ‘Governance in China’ and the Association for Social Sciences Research on China. November 23-24, 2012, Tübingen.
- „Einstein meets IR: a relativist approach to the rise of Japan in the 19th century”, Millennium Annual Conference 2012 ‘Materialism and World Politics’, London School of Economics, October 2012, London (together with Barbara Petrulowicz).
- „China’s rise and the politics of knowledge”, ISA 2012 Annual Convention: Power, Principles and Participation in the Global Information Age, April 1-4 2012, San Diego.
- „Climate Change and Security”, SGS Peace and Development Research Seminar, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, March 8, 2012, Gothenburg.
- „Comment”, ASC Conference, December 10-11, 2011, Hamburg.
- „Rethinking Energy Security in the Era of the Anthropocene”, Keynote lecture for the “2011 Cross-Straits Energy Economics Conference”, Zhejiang University, 21.-23.10.2011, Hangzhou, China.
- „Origins and Perspectives of China’s Knowledge Power”, International Workshop on Globalization and Structural Power. A joint project of Center for Global Studies, Bonn University and the Institute of International and Public Affairs of Tongji University, 25.9.2011, Shanghai.
- „China’s Peaceful Road to Energy Security and the Role of Practice Communities”. Presentation at the Conference on “Global Resource Conflicts. Political Economy and Transnational Governance in the 20th Century,” Humboldt University, May 26-28, 2011, Berlin. (together with Jost Wübbecke)
- „Knowledge power and global power shift”. ZEF-A Research Colloquium, 11.5.2011, Bonn.
- „Knowledge and Power”. ISA Annual Convention, Canada, March 2011, Montreal.
- „Anthropocene Security”. Poster presented at ISA Annual Convention, Canada, März 2011, Montreal. (together with Peer Schouten)
- „Lösungsansätze zur Entpolarisierung der globalen Wissensgovernance“ (Solutions for the depolarization of the global knowledge governance); Conference on Norms in Conflict, DFG-Excellence-cluster Normative Orders, research college of the humanities, December 4-5, 2010, Frankfurt. (together with Ruth Knoblich)
- „Chaotic climate security: securitization beyond discourse”, SGIR Conference Stockholm, September 9-11, 2010, Stockholm.

- „Global Power Shift – The Role of Knowledge”, AAG Annual Convention, March 14-18, 2010, Washington.
- “Climate Change with Chinese characteristics; A study of discourse”, AAG Annual Convention, March 14-18, 2010, Washington. (together with Christian Ellermann)
- „Mitigating Global Warming Through Art - Exploring the Importance of Music for the Change of Lifestyles”, February 26, 2010, Institute of European Studies, UC Berkeley.
- „China’s peaceful road to energy security” (together with Jost Wübbeke), Conference “China and India in Energy and Environmental Politics”, University Münster, June 18-19, 2009, Münster.
- „A Climate-Chaos Actor-Network? Rapid Climate Change and The Co-Production of ‘Nature’ and ‘politics’”, AAG 2009 Annual Meeting, March 22-25, 2009, Las Vegas.
- „Climate Change with Chinese Characteristics: A study of discourse” (together with Christian Ellermann), Poster for the conference Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions, March 10.-12, 2009, Kopenhagen.
- „Die vielfältige Koproduktion von Klima und Politik” (The co-production of Climate change and politics), Arbeitskreis “Umweltpolitik und Global Change”, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW): Politikwissenschaftliche Forschungen zum Klimaschutz, January 30, 2009, FU-Berlin.
- „Demokratische Autonomie für plurale Sozionaturen – Chancen in der Ko-Produktion globaler Klimapolitik,” (Democratization of plural socio-natures – globale climate policy as co-production), Conference on „Wissen, Wissenschaft und Global Commons“, 7 November, 2008, TU Dresden.
- „Treibhausgasemissionen und Temperaturkurven – common sense? Zur Ko-Produktion von Natur und globalen Ordnungsoptionen,” (Ghg emissions and climate curves – common sense? About the co-production of nature and global order) 34. Congress of the German Association of Sociology, 6-10 October, 2008, Jena.
- „Realism is not enough: normative Verzerrungen und mangelnde theoretische Perspektiven in der Analyse von Chinas internationaler Energiepolitik,” TEA-Energie-Workshop, 20 September, 2006, Bochum.
- „Chinas internationale Energiestrategie – strategische Konflikte um Öl?” (China’s international Energy Strategy – strategic conflicts over oil?), China-Workshop “Iserlohn 2006”, 12 February, 2006, Iserlohn.
- “North Korea–How to explain stability: Parasitism and Strategic Niche Creation,” HPAIR-Conference, 8-10 August, 2004, Shanghai.

Invited Public Lectures/Presentations

- “Interpreting New Data from the Digital Dependencies Index: Emerging Bipolar Structure of Digital Dependency and Europe’s Position”, CERSA, Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas & CIS/CNRS, 8 December 2025, Paris.
- "Global China Approaches", Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel, 21 November 2025, online.
- “The current state of Europe’s defence and military build-up”, Beijing Foreign Studies University, 12 October 2025, Beijing.
- “Remaking China’s Collective Memory. Three Techno-Cultural Shifts”, Southwest University, 10 October 2025, Nanjing.
- “Navigating the Age of Technological Dependence: Geopolitics, Strategy and

- Autonomie”, National University of Mongolia, 17 September 2025, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- „Tech Middle Power Cooperation and the age of plurilateral cooperation“, Institute for Strategic Studies & FES Mongolia Office, 16 September 2025, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
 - Marina Rudyak & Maximilian Mayer, “Routledge Handbook on Global China”, Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel, 11 April 2025, Basel.
 - “Chinese State Media and Propaganda Expansion in the Global South OSINT Methodology”, Reichman University, 3 April 2025, Herzliya, Israel.
 - “Europe after NATO Recalibrating Relations with the US, Russia and China”, Tel Aviv University, 1 April 2025, Tel Aviv, Israel.
 - Marina Rudyak, Nadine Godehardt, Maximilian Mayer: „Chinas globale Initiativen und ihre Implikationen für die Wissenschaft“, lecture part of the series “Rahmenbedingungen für eine erfolgreiche Kooperation mit China” – eine Veranstaltungsreihe für Hochschulen gefördert von BMBF und HRK, 20 February 2025, online.
 - Marina Rudyak, Maximilian Mayer & Emilian Kavalski, “How has China reshaped the global order?”, Department of International Organizations and Global Security Studies, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, 20 January 2025, online.
 - “Technologiemacht China und Fragmentierungsdynamiken in der postglobalisierten Weltordnung”, University of Bonn, 16 January, 2025, Bonn.
 - „Politikberatung in Krisensituationen Überlegungen zu Mechanismen und Institutionen für die Bereitstellung und den Transfer von interdisziplinärer Expertise“, Reihe ‚Keine Wissenschaft ohne (Ent-)Haltung. Zum umstrittenen Verhältnis von Wissenschaft und Politik‘, Universität Stuttgart, 17 December, 2024, Stuttgart.
 - “Zur Problematisierung der Zeitenwende: Eurozentrismus und Autonomiemangel Europas”, Lecture Series on „Wende, Wandel, Zeitenwende(n)“, 19 November 2024, University of Bonn, Bonn.
 - “Global China – Five Register of Analysis”, 17 October, 2024, Agricultural University Beijing, online.
 - “Country and Area Studies in Germany and Prospects for Sino-European Cooperation”, Beijing Foreign Studies University, September 26, 2024, Beijing.
 - “Politics of infrastructure: merging conceptual perspectives from IR & STS”, 清华大学科学技术与社会研究中心清华大, STS 沙龙第 119 期 September 25, 2024, Beijing.
 - „Europe between sovereignty and digital dependence“, Shandong University, 25 September, 2024, Qingdao.
 - “Understanding the Growing Challenges of Sino-European Relations in Turbulent Times”, Tongji Serial Lectures on Social Sciences, Tongji University, 19 September, 2024, Shanghai.
 - “Globales China? Neue Ansätze zur Erforschung der globalen chinesischen Präsenzen im Lichte postwestlicher Wissensproduktion”, Reihe: Globales China – wie sich China in der Welt positioniert Eine Vortragsreihe des China-Instituts an der Universität Frankfurt, 1 July, 2024, Frankfurt.
 - “Erinnerungspolitische Wende? Wie Chinas Vergangenheit umintrepretiert und infrastrukturealisiert wird”, 6 June, 2024 Konfuzius-Institut Leipzig, Leipzig.
 - „KI und digitale Autonomie in Wissenschaft und Bildung“ (gemeinsam mit Amrei Bahr und Benjamin Paassen), university:Future Festival, 5 June, 2024, online.
 - “Chinas Seidenstraße und postwestliche Geopolitik?”, 18 May, 2024,

- Burschenschaft Alemannia zu Bonn / Verein alter Bonner Alemannen e.V. (VaBA), Bonn.
- „Der technologische Konflikt zwischen den USA und China“, Bundeswehr, 14 May, 2024, Graftschaft.
 - Beitrag zur Podiumsdiskussion: “Wie Deutschland geostrategische Herausforderungen meistern kann“ (DPAG-Reihe Zeitenwende vor deiner Haustür), 30 April, 2024, Düsseldorf.
 - “Chinese Tech Giants in the Global South: Local Agency and Sinocentric Hierarchies”, China Crossroads, 24 April, 2024, Royal Danish Consulate, Shanghai.
 - “Effects and Limits of De-risking: on the Fragile Status Quo of Sino-European Relations”, Fudan University, 24 April, 2024, Shanghai.
 - “Theorizing infrastructural geopolitics: neo-materialism and beyond”, School of Humanities and Social Science, XJTU, 22 April, 2024, Suzhou.
 - „China's Material Solidification of the Past and the Infrastructuralization of Memory”, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies College of International Affairs, NCCU, 26 February, 2024, Taipei.
 - Amrei Bahr & Maximilian Mayer, “Digitale Autonomie von Hochschulen Ansätze zur Erschließung eines neuen Handlungs- und Forschungsfelds“, ITAS Kolloquium, KIT, 15 April, 2024, Karlsruhe.
 - “Infrastructure Development, Second Cold War geopolitics and the remaking of connectivity between Afro-Eurasia and the Indo-Pacific”, Chung Hsing University, 27 February, 2024, Taizhong.
 - „Ökonomische und geopolitische Konflikte im Bereich digitaler Infrastrukturen zwischen den USA und China und deren ordnungspolitische Implikationen“, Sektion „Normen und Wandel in der Weltpolitik“, Gießener Graduiertenzentrum Sozial-, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften (GGS), December 5, 2023, online.
 - “Chinas digitaler Yuan und die Geopolitik neuer Finanzinfrastrukturen”, MoneyMuseum, November 29, 2023, Zürich.
 - „Die europäisch-chinesischen Wirtschaftsbeziehungen in Zeiten von Decoupling und Derisking“, Fridtjof-Nansen-Akademie für politische Bildung im Weiterbildungszentrum Ingelheim (WBZ), November 9, 2023, Ingelheim
 - „Chinas Aufstieg als Wirtschaftsweltmacht im Rahmen der Globalisierung“, Fridtjof-Nansen-Akademie für politische Bildung im Weiterbildungszentrum Ingelheim (WBZ), November 9, 2023, Ingelheim.
 - Panelist at “Research Collaboration with China: A Hands-On Approach” - an interactive workshop series for research and administration, GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam, November 3, 2023, online.
 - “After Globalization? The Infrastructural Fragmentation of the Global Economy and Afro-Eurasian Relations”, Shanghai Foreign Language University, June 2, 2023, Shanghai.
 - “Digital polarization theory and fragmentation of global digital ecosystems”, East China Normal University, 26 May, 2023, Shanghai.
 - “How digitally autonomous can countries become? A New Index of Digital Dependency”, Shanghai Institute of International Studies, 26 May, 2023, Shanghai.
 - “The impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on Sino-European relations”, The 56th Youth Academic Workshop on International Studies of Fudan University, May 22, 2023, Shanghai.
 - “Silent backbones of global politics—Towards an infrastructural theory of IR”, Center for International Studies and Development, Jagiellonian University, 17 May, 2023, Krakow.

- Maximilian Mayer, "Infinite Expanses? The Politics of China's Space Science and Technology", BCCN Online Lecture Series 2022/23. China – The New Science Superpower?", 10 May 2023, Berlin/online.
- "Digitalisation and the Politics of Interdependence Introducing the Digital Dependence Index (DDI)", Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (AASTU), 7 March, 2023, Addis Ababa.
- Maximilian Mayer, Yen-Chi Lu, "Digital Dependence Index", KAS-BDI Roundtable 2023, Multilateraler Dialog Genf, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 24 Februar, 2023, Geneva.
- "Weniger aufgeregt, mehr strategisch: Wissenschaftskooperation mit China gestalten in einer geopolitisierten Globalkonstellation", Keynot for China-Symposium, 9 December, 2022, RWTH Aachen, Aachen.
- „Geopolitics vs geoeconomics? Why decoupling from China is a non-issue in the Indo-Pacific“, Public Lecture at University of Basel, 16 November 2022, Basel.
- „China in der deglobalen Konstellation“, Dialog with Heinz Bude in the Series „Krieg und Frieden--Streit ums Politische“, 14 November, 2022, Schaubühne am Lehniner Platz, Berlin.
- "Artificial Intelligence: A new arms race" 9 November, 2022, NRW Embassy Berlin, Berlin.
- "China's growing technological capacities: super power or overestimated player?" 28 June, 2022 Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv.
- "Zur strategischen Gestaltung digitaler Abhängigkeit", Ein Globalisierungsmodell für das digitale Zeitalter: Ein Frühstücksgespräch, Akademy of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 22 June, 2022, Berlin.
- "Prekäre Neutralität? Welche Rolle spielt China im Ukraine-Konflikt", Ringvorlesung: Strategische Konsequenzen des Ukraine-Kriegs, 2 June, 2022, University of Bonn.
- "Illusions of Autonomy? Measuring the Global Digital Dependence Structure", Oxford Platform Economy Seminar 2022 Trinity Term, Oxford Internet Institute and Gretta Corporaal and Pinar Ozcan at Saïd Business School, May 17, 2022 (online).
- „Der schweigende Riese – Wie schaut China auf den Krieg in der Ukraine?“, Rotary Club Stuttgart Wild-Park, May 16, 2022 (online).
- Contribution to the "roundtable on the Ukrainian crisis", 13 April, 2022, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan, online.
- Maximilian Mayer, Yen-Chi Lu, „Digital Autonomy? Measuring the Global Digital Dependence Structure and the position of the East Region“, Conference on Digital Transformation in East Asia Impacts on Economy and Society II "From Discourse to Praxis", 18 March 2022, University of Bonn (online)
- Public Discussion on "Putins Krieg: Die Folgen für Europa und die Welt", March 9, 2022, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität (online).
- „Überblick und Bedeutung der Indopazifik-Strategien von Deutschland und der EU – im Bezug auf Chinapolitik und Kooperation mit den indopazifischen Ländern wie Südkorea“, Webinar zu „Deutschlands und Europas Strategie in der indopazifischen Region - Auswirkungen und Perspektiven im Hinblick auf den Konflikt zwischen China und den USA“, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, December 3, 2021 (online).
- „Regulierung ohne Ende? Chinas neue Wege verstehen!“ HSBC Bank, November 24, 2021, Düsseldorf.
- „Wie technologisch autonom kann Europa sein? Globale Strukturen digitaler Dependenz“, Dies Academicus, University of Bonn, October 18, 2021 (online)

- “AI and the Complexity of Global Technology Politics”, Summer Academy on ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, Academy of International Affairs NRW, August 23, 2021, Bonn.
- “Strategische Differenzen im Pandemiemanagement: Pfadabhängigkeiten und Konsequenzen im internationalen Vergleich“, Soziologische Perspektiven auf die Corona-Krise. Kolloquium organisiert von Jutta Allmendinger und Armin Nassehi, July 28, 2021, Berlin (online).
- “China's Digital Rise: Challenges for Europe”, Summer School EU-China Cooperation: Green Transition and Digital Economy Between National Policies and Multipolarism, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and Suor Orsola Benincasa University, July 24, 2021 (online).
- „Emerging Health Powers and the Implications of Zero-Covid Strategies in Asia-Pacific for Europe“, GEAS Lecture Series Summer 21: East Asian Responses to Crisis, Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Free University Berlin, June 15, 2021 (online).
- „14. Fünfjahresplan, R&D und wissenschaftliche Kooperation mit China“ (together with Ingo Liefner), Reihe des BMBF und HRK zu Rahmenbedingungen für eine erfolgreiche Kooperation mit China, organised by BMBF May 20, 2021 (online).
- „Global Crossings, Convergence und Coexistence Neue Ansätze zur Entwicklung ganzheitlicher außenpolitischer Strategien“, Deutsch-Japanische Wissenschaftskooperationen am Rhein Interkulturelle, interdisziplinäre und interuniversitäre Ringvorlesung Sommersemester 2021, University of Bonn/University of Cologne, May 12, 2021, (online).
- „Chinas Seidenstraße in der Krise? Zur bleibenden Bedeutung der ‚Belt and Road‘ am Beispiel der räumlichen Rekonfiguration Eurasien“. Ringvorlesung „China in der Welt: Wie Chinas Aufstieg das 21. Jahrhundert prägt“, HSB Hochschule Bremen, February 11, 2021. Bremen (online).
- Keynote for Event “The West also lies in the East. What a European initiative in the "Indo-Pacific" could look like”, Institut français Bonn, Veranstaltung im Rahmen der Ringvorlesung "Les Outre-Mer" und des "Deutsch-Französischen Strategischen Dialogs" January 11, 2021. Bonn (online).
- „Competition and Cooperation in Technology and Innovation between China and the European Union“, Lecture for Southeast University, 11 September 2020, Nanjing (online).
- „Macht und Markt: Herausforderung China“, Würth-Gruppe, 24 June 2020, Bad Mergentheim/Virtual Space.
- „Digitaler Orientalismus. Kritische Perspektiven auf Chinas Aufstieg als Digitalmacht“, Universität Bonn, 10 June 2020, Bonn.
- “Digitalmacht China? Einblicke und Herausforderungen für Europa und Deutschland”. Public lecturing as part of the lecture series „Demokratie und Rechtsstaat im Cyberspace – Perspektiven für ein stabiles Deutschland in Europa“, Bonn University, 16 January, 2020, Bonn.
- “Übermächtiges China? Wie die chinesische Seidenstraßen-Initiative die internationalen Beziehungen verändert”. Österreichisches Institut für Internationale Politik, 6 December, 2019, Wien.
- “The Role of Cities in China’s Belt and Road Initiative”, presentation at “New Global Cities: The Belt and Road Initiative and Urban Infrastructure”, Global Cities Scholars’ Workshop, 2019 Pritzker Forum on Global Cities, 6-8 June, 2019, Chicago.
- “What The West can Learn from May Fourth – crisis and self-strengthening”, Public

- Discussion organized by Royal Asiatic Society, 2 June 2019, Shanghai.
- “Historical Statecraft as Practice of Post-Western World Making”, invited talk co-organized by Department of China Studies and Department of International Relations, Xian Jiaotong Liverpool University, 23 May 2019, Suzhou.
 - “Perspektiven auf die Digitalisierung in China”, Diskussionsreihe: Utopien einer postdigitalen Gesellschaft: Technologiepolitik, nationale Sicherheit und digitale Technologien in Zeiten Künstlicher Intelligenz, 9 Mai 2019, Berlin.
 - Diskussionsbeitrag für “Netzpolitischer Abend in der FES. Wege der Digitalisierung in China, den USA und bei uns”, 7 May, 2019, Berlin. <https://www.fes.de/medienpolitik/artikelseite/netzpolitischer-abend-in-der-fes-wege-der-digitalisierung-in-china-den-usa-und-bei-uns>
 - “Socio-infrastructural innovations and symmetrical methods for urban design processes in Megacities”, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung und Bund Katholischer Unternehmer, XII. FACHTAGUNG ENTWICKLUNG UND WIRTSCHAFT „Fernost... und doch so nah!“ Europas Umgang mit den Herausforderungen aus Ost- und Südost-Asien, 25-26 January, 2019, Bonn.
 - “Chinas neue globale Rolle – die aktuelle internationale Sicherheitsarchitektur aus europäischer Sicht”, public lecture on invitation by Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, Dt. Reservistenverband, and Gesellschaft für Sicherheitspolitik, 22 November, 2018, Regensburg/Donaustauf.
 - “Großtechnische Infrastruktursysteme in den internationalen Beziehungen: Versuch eines IR-STS Gesprächs”, Series on “Infrastructure and Society”, Institute for Social Sciences, Stuttgart University, 6 November, 2018, Stuttgart.
 - “Eine vernachlässigte Komponente? Zur neuen Rolle der Sicherheit in den deutsch-chinesischen Beziehungen”, Gesellschaft für Sicherheitspolitik/ Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 24 October, 2018, Ellwangen, Germany.
 - “The ‘Return of History’ and China’s historical statecraft”, East China Normal University, International Graduate Program in Politics, 11 June, 2018, Shanghai.
 - “Historical statecraft and China's Belt and Road”, Jinan University, 7 May, 2018, Guangzhou.
 - “China’s silk road initiative from a theoretical point of view”, Costal Carolina University, 13 April, 2018, Conway.
 - “China’s Belt and Road Initiative Economics, culture and global order”, April 10, 2018, Krasno Events Series University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill.
 - “Nudging with Chinese Characteristics? A preliminary study of the emerging Social Credit System(s)”, China Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin Workshop, 10 January, 2018, Berlin.
 - “Infrastructure of Disconnection China and the Great Firewall”, TUM School of Governance, Technical University Munich, 9 January, 2018, München.
 - “Strategische Antworten auf die neue Seidenstraße: China als Sicherheitspartner?” Universität Bonn, 8 November, 2017, Bonn.
 - “China as a Eurasian power? The new Silk Road initiative from a theoretical point of view”, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität/Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg, Institut für Internationale Politik, 7 November, 2017, Hamburg.
 - “Seidenstraßen-Strategie: Auswirkungen und Risiken von Chinas Infrastruktur-Außenpolitik”, Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK), 10 Juli, 2017, Frankfurt.
 - “Chinas Seidenstraßen-Initiative und die neue Raumpolitik in Eurasien”, Kiel University, 20 April, 2017, Kiel.

- “Virtuelle Missverständnisse? Cyber-Sicherheit und digitale Souveränität in den EU-China Beziehungen”, Institute for Security Policy Kiel University (ISPK), Lunch Talk, 19 April, 2017, Kiel.
- “德国莱茵河的水岸文明 / Cultural landscapes of the Rhine River“, 东西对话: 文化水岸 22 January, 2017, Shanghai.
- “The Digital Dragon: How China is transforming the Global Internet - Perspectives & challenges“, LMU Munic, MCTS Lunch Talk, January 13, 2017, Munic.
- “German views on China and the Chinese – with a case study about reactions to recent Chinese investments in Germany“, Nanjing University, 24 November, 2016, Nanjing.
- “Cities after Cars. Urbane Mobilität, Lebensqualität und Stadt-Design von unten“, 4. Deutsch-Chinesisches Symposium zur Urbanisierung: nachhaltige Verkehrsentwicklung als Teil des Chinesischen Urbanisierungsprozesses, 20-25 November, 2016, Chengdu.
- “The synergetic co-development of Chinese-German Industry 4.0 中德工业 4.0 的协同发展“, 2016 智能制造—工业 4.0 中德论坛, 4 November, 2016, Chengdu.
- “Technological Systems Transformations and the Sustainable Agenda for the Belt and Road Initiative“, 2016 Pujiang Innovation Forum Roundtable: Building the Belt & Road Innovation Community, 25 September, 2016, Shanghai.
- “Wenn Seidenstraßen und Energiestrassen aufeinandertreffen: energiepolitische Überlegungen zur Belt and Road-Initiative“, Jahrestreffen 2016 der KAS-AltstipendiatInnen in der VR China, 9 September, Baotou.
- “Stories of Hope and Death: Refugees and the Rise of Emotional Politics in Europe“, The Hopkins China Forum, 14 July, 2016, Shanghai.
- “The battle over life and death: refugees and sovereignty crisis in Europe“, Qinghua University, Taiwan, 27 April, 2016, Taizhong.
- “The development direction of emerging energy technologies in Germany“, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER), 25 February, 2016, Taipei.
- “Great Game, Development Push, Or Red Elephants? Behind China’s Global Infrastructure Geopolitics“, DIIS, Danish Institute for International Studies, 11 April, 2016 Copenhagen.
- “Wissenschaft und Internationale Beziehungen“, Bonn University, Ringvorlesung: „Perspektiven der Wissenschaftsforschung“, 21 December, 2015, Bonn.
- „Emerging Techno-Science and Global Youth Innovation“, 同济大学“博思”研究生创新论坛, 8 December, 2015 Shanghai.
- “Global Infrastructuralism and Silk Road Imaginaries“, Researcher’s Night 4.0, organized by EURAXESS EU-China Links, Think in China, and ESSCA School of Management, 26 November, 2015 Shanghai.
- “Three visions for infrastructure and regional economic sustainability“, Presentation for the Conference „Economic Sustainability at the End of Double Digit Growth“, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 11 November, 2015, Shanghai.
- “The new innovation super power? Myths about China’s technology leadership“, Webster University, 14 September, 2015, Geneva.
- “The BRICS: Rising Knowledge Powers?“, HCMC National University, Saigon Centre of International Studies, 15 June, 2015, Saigon.
- “Planetary technological transformations and Sino-European relations in the 21st

- Century”, Tongji University, 7 January, 2015, Shanghai.
- “China - weltpolitischer Akteur vor dem ‚großen Sprung‘?“, Deutsche Atlantische Gesellschaft, Regionalkreis Saarbrücken, 3 June, 2014, Saarbrücken.
 - “China’s Great Firewall and the Rise of Documentation Power”, Lecture for the Center for International Education and Institute of World Affairs, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, 2 April, 2014. Milwaukee.
 - “Außenpolitische Optionen der VR China unter der neuen Führung” Presentation at the conference „China – Aufstieg zur Weltmacht?“, Sächsische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Samstag, 30 November, 2013. Chemnitz.
 - “Are the BRICS merging technology powers?” Dinner lecture, Naumannstiftung, 4 November, 2013, Berlin.
 - “China im Konzert der Weltmächte: Einesicherheitspolitische Standortbestimmung Herausforderungen für Deutschland und Europa”, Presentation at Bonn Deutsche Atlantische Gesellschaft e.V., 25 September, 2013, Bonn.
 - “Chinas Aufstieg – kulturell und politisch”, Presetation at the 8. Sicherheitspolitisches Forum, 13 April, 2013, Kiel.
 - “BRICS auf der Überholspur? Wissensmachtverlagerung im globalen Vergleich” (BRICS and shifts in global knowledge power), Lunch Time, Bertelsmann Stiftung, 25 March, 2013, Gütersloh.
 - “Vom Produzenten zum Erfinder? China als Wissensmacht” (From producing to inventing? China as Knowledge power), Lecture series, ‘China Aktuell’, China-Forum Freiburg, 16 January, 2013, Freiburg.
 - “Theorizing Knowledge Power and global Power Shift”, Presentation at the Tongji University, German Studies Centre, 21 October, 2011, Shanghai.
 - “Herausforderung Klimawandel” (Challenge Climate Change), Presentation und Discussion with Vietnamese Government Delegations, Bochum, 20 September, 2011.
 - “Der Faktor China in der internationalen Politik und seine Folgen für Deutschland und Europa” (The factor China in international politics and its impact in Europe and Germany), Presentation for the seminar “China in der Weltpolitik”, Karl-Arnold Foundation, Königswinter, 17-19 May, 2011.
 - “Die Auswirkungen des chinesischen Engagements auf die Entwicklung Afrikas“, (The effects of China’s engagement on development in Africa) DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR DIE VEREINTEN NATIONEN e.V. (DGVN), Veranstaltung zum 50-jährigen Jubiläum der Entkolonialisierung Afrikas“, 12 July, 2010, Bonn.
 - Maximilian Mayer/ Studentische Forschungsgruppe, „Die BRIC-Staaten als aufstrebende Wissensmächte?“ (BRICs as rising knowledge powers?) – Presentation und Discussion with the Committee for Education, research and technical risks, Deutscher Bundestag, 8 May, 2010, Berlin.
 - “Chinas Ressourcen hunger – Strategien und Herausforderungen für die chinesische Energiepolitik” (China’s resource demand – strategies and challenges of the Chinese energy policy), IKH Hannover, 8 February, 2010, Hannover.
 - “Chinas Anpassung an den Klimawandel. Lokale und Nationale Perspektiven“ (China’s adaptation to climate change: local and national perspectives), Chinatag, 5 December, 2009, Köln.
 - “Ressourcen hunger – Strategien und Herausforderungen für die chinesische Energiepolitik“ and „Chinas außen- und sicherheitspolitische Interessen“, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 9 September, 2009, Wendgräben.
 - “Sind Ressourcenkonflikte vermeidbar? - Das Beispiel China,“ (Are resource conflicts avoidable? The example of China) presentation for Forum Offene

- Wissenschaft, Universität Bielefeld, 11 October, 2008, Bielefeld.
- “Neue Hoffnung aus dem Osten? Reflexionen über Chinas Engagement in Afrika und seine Bewertung,” (New hope from the East? Reflections on China’s engagement in Africa) Presentation for „Chinas machtvoller Auftritt: Chance oder Gefahr für Afrika“, Mission Eine Welt, 19-20, April 2008, Nürnberg.
 - “Unersättliche Wirtschaftsweltmacht? - Chinas 'Energiehunger' in kritischer Perspektive” (A critical perspective on Chinese energy demand), KMF-conference „Supermacht? - eine Zwischenbilanz über die Wirtschaftsmacht China“, 12-14 October, 2007, Ludwigshafen.
 - “Experimentierfeld für Nachhaltigkeit oder ökologische Katastrophe? Chinas „Ressourcenhunger“ und was er für die Industrienationen bedeutet.” (experimental area for sustainability or ecological disaster: China’s resource demand and what it means for the industrial countries), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Forum Bonn, ZEI, 9 October, 2007, Bonn.
 - “Müssen wir China fürchten? Ein Blick auf aktuelle Themen der Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik Chinas in den deutschen Medien” Presentation for ‚Der Drache erwacht: Das China-Bild in den deutschen Medien‘, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 25-29 June, 2007, Hamburg.
 - “Die Auswirkungen chinesischer Direktinvestitionen in Afrika auf die Verwirklichung der Millenniumsziele,” (Effects of Chinese FDI in Africa) VENRO - Diskussion: Ausländische Direktinvestitionen – Königsweg für die Entwicklung des Südens?, 15 May, 2007, Berlin.
 - “Neue Hoffnung aus dem Osten? Chinas politisches und ökonomisches Engagement in Afrika“, (New hope from the East? Reflections on China’s economic and political engagement in Africa), Konferenz „Afrikas Zukunft, Aufbrüche, Neuerungen, Hoffnungsvolles?“, Evangelische Akademie Tutzing, 9-11 March, 2007, Tutzing.
 - “Wachstum und Energieverbrauch in China: Systemische Zwänge, politische Antworten und die Rolle der Internationalen Gemeinschaft,” (Growth and energy consumption: systemic constraints, political response and the role of the international community), Politischer Mittwoch, AStA Uni Bielefeld, 8 November, 2006, Bielefeld.
 - “Chinas Energiepolitik. Herausforderungen, Perspektiven und Widerstand,” (China’s energy policy: Challenges, perspectives, and resistance), Bundeskongress Internationalismus BUKO, Energie Panel, 25-28 May, 2006, Berlin.
 - “Chinas Energiesicherheit: Nationale Probleme und globale Herausforderungen,” (Chinese energy security: national issues and global challenges), Rotary Loccum, 14 September, 2005, Loccum.

Quotations in Radio and Print Media (selection)

Die Tageszeitung, Financial Times Deutschland, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Deutsche Welle, Strait Times, Wirtschaftswoche, Deutschland Radio Kultur, NDR, WDR, SRF, Spiegel Online, BILD online, German ntv., Die Zeit, FAZ, Phoenix, Generalanzeiger, Politico, Tagesspiegel, ARD, Spiegel, DPA, Economist, 3sat.

Education und professional experience

Academic education and training

2002-2005	Bachelor-program “East Asian Economy and politics”, Ruhr-university Bochum (and Tongji-University, Shanghai)
2005-2007	Master-program “East Asian Politics”, Ruhr-university Bochum
2013	Dissertation at the chair of international relations, Rheinischen Friedrich-Wilhelms-University Bonn; (Political Science, Summa cum laude; topic: “The Unbearable Lightness of International Relations. Technological Innovations, Creative Destruction and Assemblages”)

Stipends and prizes

2004-2007	Recipient of the <i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i> Fellowship
2005	Winner of the prizes for Students, Ruhr-university Bochum
2008-2009	Recipient of the <i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i> Dissertation Fellowship
2019	Nominated for <i>International Affairs</i> Early Career Prize Shortlist

Academic career

2003-2007	Research Assistant Ruhr-University Bochum
2007-2009	Lecturer at the chair for East Asian Politics, Ruhr-University Bochum
2008-2009	Field study in China, Yunnan Province (research on climate change and socio-economic change on a local scale)
2009	PhD-Summer School on “Advanced Security Studies”, University Tromso
2010	Research stay/ visiting scholar at the School for Global Studies, University Gothenburg
2014	Visiting scholar at Harvard Kennedy School, Program on Science, Technology and Society
2009-2015	Lecturer, research fellow and managing assistant at the Center for Global Studies (CGS), Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University Bonn; including supervision work for BA, MA, and PhD students
2015-2018	Research Professor at Tongji University, German Studies Center
2018-2019	Senior Researcher at Munich Center for Technology in Society, Technical University Munich.
2019-2020	Assistant Professor at University of Nottingham Ningbo China
2020-present	Junior-Professor for International Relations and Global Politics of Technology, University of Bonn

Organization/ management of funded research projects

2010-2015	Conceptual and organizational contribution to numerous project applications at the Center for Global Studies
2012	“The BRICS as emerging knowledge powers?” Research project funded by Bertelsmann-Foundation

- 2015-2017 Research seed funding for several projects from Tongji University
- 2016-2017 “Cities after Car”. Citizen-Research Project funded by DAAD, Tongji DESIS Lab D&I, Shanghai Himalayan Museum
- 2016 “Energy policy cooperation between Germany and China“. Research project funded by Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- 2018 “The European Integration and German Policy Movements under Multiple Crises” Project No. 17JJDGJW011. Project leader at Renmin University
- 2019 “Sharing Practices of Data Generated by Intelligent Devices”. AHRC small research grant, together with Prof. Hing Kai Chan
- 2019 “Comparing the unintended consequences of technological infrastructure projects”, UNNC, SIS Competitive Research Funding Scheme
- 2020-2022 Asian-European Consortium for Social Science AI Research (AECAIR) established in collaboration with Intellisia Institute in Guangzhou, City University of Hong Kong (AI and Society Research Institute), Denise Feldner (Bridgehead Advisors, a German Consulting Think Tank for Digital Governance in Berlin). Funded by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Shanghai, Singapur und Deutschland
- 2020-2025 Infrastructures of China’s modernity and their global constitutive effects. Research group funded by NRW-Rückkehrer-Programms
- 2021-2022 Surveying Strategic Digital Politics Options and Limitations of Digital Autonomy in Relation to Dependency and Fragmentation through the Increasing Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) funded by Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- 2021 Assessment of Evolving International Infrastructures and Pandemic Management Governmental Responsiveness, Innovation and Politics of Care in International Comparison. Funded by The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung), as part of [egePan Unimed](#)
- 2021-2022 Digital Fragmentations and Digital Sovereignty Netzwerk- und Cluster-Initiative. (TRA 4 Project together with Dr. Ying Huang, funded by University of Bonn)
- 2022-2023 African Perspectives in Globality Research: University of Ghana as New Partner for Katekisama. Project partners Maria Ullrich, M.A., Prof. Dr. David Kaldewey, Prof. Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah (University of Ghana), Dr. Nene-Lomo Kuditchar ((University of Ghana). Funded by Bonn Global Cooperation Fund, University of Bonn
- 2022-2026 Component of EU Project: Recyclable Materials Development at Analytical Research Infrastructures (ReMade@ARI) (together with Katharina C. Cramer)
- 2023 DSFB/TRR-Initiative ‚Autonomie und autonome Systeme‘: Antrag zur Forschungs- und Profilvertiefung (TRA4, U Bonn, 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023, gemeinsam mit Caja Thimm)

Academic Leadership, advisory activity and community engagement

2005-2009	Member and Head of the research team on “Energy security in East Asia”
2005-2007	Participant at the 1st interdisciplinary research college of German national academic foundation
2006	Founder of the “Discussion workshop”, an open and regular forum of interdisciplinary exchange
2007	Founding member of Transdis e.V., an association of young researchers for transdisciplinary dialogue and research
2007	Member of the team organizing the interdisciplinary conference “Changing Orders”, Berlin, January 2007
2010-2014	Head of the research group “Emerging Knowledge Powers” at the CGS
2009-2019	Organization of numerous panels at international conference and research workshops in Germany and China
2014-2015	Co-Program chair ISA section STAIR (Science, Technology, Arts and international Relations)
2015-2017	Co-chair ISA section STAIR (Science, Technology, Arts and international Relations)
2015-2018	Founder and co-organizer of Tongji University’s Interdisciplinary Research Lab
2018-2020	Research Fellow at Renmin University
2021-2022	Member of interdisciplinary expert group developing the no-covid approach to the pandemic management in Germany (see https://nocovid-europe.eu/)
2021-	Spokesperson for the Katekisama Initiative Bonn.
2021-	Member of the working group „Lessons learned: Konsequenzen aus der SARS-CoV2-Pandemie für das Bildungs-, Gesundheits- und Wissenschaftssystem“, organized by Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften/German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
2021-2022	Member of the Sounding Board of Crisis Science Project (CRISP) organized by BMBF
2021-	Member of IAG „Zukunft der Arbeit nach Corona“. Organized by Leopoldina. Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften.
2022 -	Member of DGA-Beirat
Memberships:	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Asienkunde (DGA); Arbeitskreis für sozialwissenschaftliche Chinaforschung (ASC) in der DGA; International Studies Association (ISA), European International Studies Association, 4S.
Reviewer for:	Security Dialogue, International Political Sociology, Journal of Chinese Political Science, East Asia, Review of International Political Economy, International Affairs, Geopolitics, Technological Forecasting & Social Change, Territory, Politics, Governance; Global Change, Peace & Security; Routledge, Palgrave.

Language Abilities

German:	Native proficiency
English:	Full professional proficiency
Chinese:	Professional proficiency

Lecturing (2007-2025)

Title of course	Course type	Semester	University
Imperial Practices? The Political Economy of Chinese Companies in the Global South	MA Seminar	SuSe 2025	UB
Geopolitik globaler Infrastrukturen: Theorien und Fallstudien	BA Seminar	SuSe 2025	UB
Theorien der internationalen Beziehungen	BA Lecture	WS 24/25	UB
Global China and Technology (Katekisama course)	MA Seminar	WS 24/25	UB
Infrastruktur in Theorien der Internationalen Beziehungen	BA Seminar	SuSe 2024	UB
Theorien der internationalen Beziehungen	BA Lecture	WS 23/24	UB
Understanding Global China: Perspectives and Debates (Katekisama course)	MA Seminar	WS 23/24	UB
Science, Technology, Innovation, Policy and Society (STIPS) Past the Global South-North: In Search of the globality Realm	MA Seminar	SuSe 2023	UB
Digitalization of Memory Practices and Heritage in Global Perspectives	Ringvorlesung	SuSe 2023	UB
Geopolitics, Technology, and Economy: Rising China and its Global and Regional Influence (Katekisama open course)	MA Seminar	WS 22/23	UB
Konzepte und Diskurse der Autonomie in den Internationalen Beziehungen	MA Seminar	WS 22/23	UB
Science, Security, Secrecy	BA Seminar	SuSe 2022	UB
Datenmacht, digitale Dependenz und Cyber-Infrastrukturen in der neuen Internationalen Politischen Ökonomie	MA Seminar	WS 21/22	UB
Geopolitical, Technological and Cultural Impacts of Global China (Katekisama open course)	MA Seminar	WS 21/22	UB
Master colloquium	MA Seminar	SuSe 2025 WS 2024/25 SuSe 2024 WS 2023/24 SuSe 2023 WS 22/23 SuSe 2022 WS 21/22 SuSe 2021	UB
Modernity, Technology and Political Transformation in East Asia II (Katekisama open course)	MA Seminar	SuSe 2021	UB

Modernity, Technology and Political Transformation in East Asia I	MA Seminar	WS 20/21	UB
China in IR	Postgraduate course	SuSe 2020	UNNC
Government and Politics of China	Postgraduate course	WS 2019/2020	UNNC
Core Concepts in International Relations and World History (co-teaching)	Undergraduate	WS 2019/2020	UNNC
Introduction to IR Theories (co-teaching)	Postgraduate course	SuSe 2019	UNNC
China in IR	Undergraduate/postgraduate course	SuSe 2019	UNNC
RESET Project "Nudging"	MA Module	WS 2018/2019	TUM
Sustainability Theory and Practice	Master Seminar (Block)	SuSe 2016 SuSe 2017	TJ
2016 Research lab: Evolving Frontiers—science, technology and infrastructure in global politics	Colloquium for doctoral candidates and MA students	WS 2016	TJ
Global Politics of Science and Technology: Interdisciplinary Research Lab	Colloquium for doctoral candidates and MA students	WS 2015	TJ
Science, Security, Secrecy	BA Seminar	SuSe 2015	UB
Global Politics of the Internet	MA Seminar	SuSe 2014	UB
Innovation systems in East Asia	BA Seminar (research seminar)	SuSe 2014	UB
Heterogeneous zones and the global politics of technology	BA Seminar (research seminar)	SuSe 2013	UB
Automatization of Security: the use of Drones in China, Japan, US and UK in comparison	MA Seminar (Taskforce-seminar)	SuSe 2013	UB
Introduction to Theories of International Relations	BA course	WS 2014/15 WS 2013/14 WS 2012/13 WS 2011/12 WS 2010/11 WS 2009/10	UB
PhD/ Master-colloquium (as assistant)	Colloquium for doctoral	WS 2014/2015	UB

	candidates and MA students	SuSe 2014 WS 2013/14 SuSe 2013 WS 2012/13 SuSe 2012 SuSe 2011 WS 2010/11 SuSe 2010 WS 2009/10	
Classics of international political economy and their relevance for understanding recent global power shifts	BA Seminar (research seminar)	SuSe 2012	UB
Maritime Security in Asia-Pacific	BA Seminar (including a study trip to Hamburg)	SuSe 2012	UB
Structures, Change and conflict in the international Governance of Knowledge	Seminar	SuSe 2011	UB
Knowledge, Technology and structural power in international affairs	Seminar (Task-Force Seminar including study trip to Berlin)	SuSe 2010	UB
Theory und Praxis of International politics of East Asia	BA Seminar	WW 2008/09	RUB
Power, rule, and legitimacy in contemporary China from a post-modern perspective	BA Seminar	SuSe 2008	RUB
Energy security and environmental pollution in China: national and international dimensions	BA Seminar (self-organizing Seminar including an Open Space and a study trip to Berlin)	WW 2007/08	RUB
Introduction to the political system of China	Lecture/ exercise course	SuSe 2007	RUB

Abbreviations:

RUB: Ruhr-University Bochum
 SuSe: Summer Semester
 TJ: Tongji University
 TUM: Technical University Munich
 UB: Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University Bonn
 WS: Winter Semester
 UNNC: University of Nottingham Ningbo China