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## Education

### **Penn State University**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021-  
Fields: Comparative Politics (major), Methodology (minor)  
M.A., Political Science, 2021-2023 (Expected)

### **McGill University**

B.A. (First Class Honours), Political Science, 2020.

## Works in Progress

### **“Between Protest and Election: the Mitigation Effect of Protest Voting”**

Keywords: protest voting, popular protest, Bulgarian electoral politics

### **“Rightful Discourse: State-Society Communication in China”**

Keywords: repression-dissent nexus, Chinese politics, Mayor’s Mailbox

### **“Explaining Populist Party Support in Eastern Europe: a Dynamic Approach”**

Keywords: populist party, Eastern European politics, time series analysis

## Research Experience

### **Political Science Department, Penn State University**

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Prof. Lee Ann Banaszak

Project: “Learning Protest: How national protest contexts Influence Adolescents’ views of Unconventional Political Participation”

### **Political Science Department, Penn State University**

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Prof. Zaryab Iqbal and Prof. Eric Fleisch

Project: “The Interplay of language assimilation and linguistic diversity in Israeli society”

### **Political Science Department, McGill University**

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Prof. Juan Wang

Project: “Violence without Rebellion: Social Reclassification, Grassroots Policing, and the Great Leap Forward in China”

Project: Law, Politics, and Mediation in Communist China

Work  
Experience

**Shanghai Sunshine Community Youth Affairs Centre**  
Social Worker, 2020-2021  
Youth community outreach and case management

Awards and  
Fellowships

**Conference Travel Grant**  
Penn State University, 2021

**Peter Schallmoser Award**  
Penn State University, 2021

**Research Group in Constitutional Studies Student Fellowship**  
McGill University, 2019-2020

**Arts Research Internship Award**  
McGill University, 2018-2019

**Li Ka Shing Liberal Arts Initiative Award**  
McGill University, 2017-2018

Languages  
and Skills

English (fluent), Chinese (native), French (elementary)  
R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X