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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Yangdong Liu is currently a second-year Ph.D. student in the School of Journalism and Communication, Nanjing University, under the supervision of Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang. He is also a member of Computational Communication Collaboratory and the Socrates Lab. His research interests include computational social science, political communication and causal inference.

EDUCATION

Nanjing University	Nanjing, China
Ph.D. student in Computational Communication; Advisor: Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang	Sept 2023 –
Member of the Computational Communication Collaboratory	
China Foreign Affairs University	Beijing, China
M.A. in Political Science; Advisor: Prof. Zhan Shi	2021–2023
South China University of Technology	Guangzhou, China
B.A. in Software Engineering; GPA: 3.7/4.0 (top 10%)	2016–2020

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] **Liu, Y.**, Zhou, Z., Zhang, Y., Wang, C. J.* Unpacking the Black Box of Hostility: Threat Perception, Moral Judgement, and Aggressive Rhetoric in China’s Diplomatic Press Conferences
- [2] **Liu, Y.**, Huang, J., Wang, C. J.* Mapping Causal Narratives in Political Discourse Using LLM
- [3] **Liu, Y.**, Wang, C. J.* Building a Dock Rather Than Borrowing a Boat: China’s Open-Source News Platform for “Tell China’s Story Well”

CONFERENCES

- [1] **Liu, Y.**, Zhou, Z., Zhang, Y., Wang, C. J.* (2024). Speak of Evil: The Moral Foundations of Hostile Narrative in Chinese Public Diplomacy. Paper to be presented at the 2024 International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), Christchurch, New Zealand
- [2] Zhang, Y., Wang, Y., Yan, L., & **Liu, Y.** (2024). Unraveling the NFT Narrative Labyrinth: Persuasive Effects of Interactive Engagement and Structure on Transaction Attention. Paper to be presented at the 74th Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA), Gold Coast, Australia.

GRANTS

Internal

- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2024GYB13), ¥6,000, PI 2024–2026
Project title: *The Formation and Impact of Moral Narrative in China's Public Diplomacy*
- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2024GYB01), ¥8,000, Participation 2024–2026
Project title: *The Embeddedness of Digital Media into Daily Temporal Structure in an Accelerated Society*
(PI: Xue-Fei Yan)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- Academic Writing**, Nanjing University Fall 2024
Instructor: Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang
– Mentored student class projects, managed class assignment.
- Quantitative Research Workshop**, Nanjing University Spring 2024
Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma
– Mentored student class projects, managed online Q&A and class assignment.
- Comparative Political Theory**, China Foreign Affairs University Spring 2023
Instructor: Dr. Yu Zhang
– Mentored student class projects, managed Q&A

Academic Training

- **Tsinghua University** 2023 Fall
– Big Data and Causal Inference Seminar, hosted by Laboratory of Computational Social Science and State Governance, Tsinghua University

AWARDS & HONORS

- China Foreign Affairs University Annual Scholarship 2022
- South China University of Technology Annual Third-Class Scholarship 2018 2019

SKILL

- **Statistical Programming:** Python, R, Stata, C/C++, SQL
- **Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English (IELTS 7.0)
- **Music:** Guitar, Blues Harmonica
- **Sports:** Football, Tennis