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## ***Work***

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2022-	German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP): Senior Research Fellow
2021-2022	German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP): Research Fellow
2019-	EU-COST Action: “China in Europe Research Network” (CHERN): Chairman CHERN Working Group II “High-technology and innovation”, Core Group Member, Swedish representative in the Management Committee Member
2019-2021	The Swedish Institute of International Affairs: Research Fellow
2018-2019	The Swedish Institute of International Affairs: Research Analyst
2021-	European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC): participant
2018	European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC): coordinator (rotating position)
2018-2021	European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC): member
2013-2018	Goethe University of Frankfurt: Associate Research Fellow at the Cluster of Excellence “The formation of normative orders”, Chair on International Organizations (Prof. Christopher Daase)
2013	AVO Carbon: Quality management
2009-2011	Goethe University of Frankfurt: Student research assistant at the Chair of International Relations and theories of global orders (Prof. Deitelhoff)
2005-2006	Kibbutz Kvutzat Shiller, Rehovot/Israel: voluntary social year

## ***Education***

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2013-2019	PhD International Relations: University of Frankfurt (“summa cum laude”)
2009-2012	M.A. International Studies/Peace and Conflict Research: University Frankfurt/Technical University of Darmstadt (very good, 1.0)
2006-2009	B.A. Political Science, Cultural Anthropology: University of Tübingen (very good, 1.2)
1992-2005	General schooling, University Entrance Examination: Waldorfschule Frankfurt (very good, 1.0)

## ***Visiting Research Fellowships***

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2018	Visiting Research Fellow European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), Brussels
2016	Visiting Research Fellow China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), Beijing
2015	Visiting Research Fellow Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm
2015	Visiting Research Fellow, Department for Asian Studies, University of Stockholm

## ***Commissioned work/policy advice:***

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2018-	Commissioned studies and policy advice on strategic technology autonomy of Europe and China’s technical standardization approach for several European stakeholders including the European Commission (DG Grow), the German Federal Foreign Office, the European standardization organizations CEN-CENELEC, the Swedish Standards Institute (SIS), the Swedish industry association “Teknikföretagen”, and the Swedish industry association “Svensk näringsliv”.
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## ***Scholarships***

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2014-2017	PhD scholarship foundation “Polytechnische Gesellschaft”
2007-2012	Student scholarship Heinrich Böll foundation

## ***Research projects***

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*Ongoing research topics and projects – more on my website ([www.timruhlig.eu](http://www.timruhlig.eu))*

1. *Smart seaports (2020-)*
2. *China's technical standardization power (2019-)*
3. *The emerging tech rivalry between China and the US – a challenge for Europe (2019-)*
4. *State and future of EU-China relations (2018-)*
5. *The political economy of China foreign policymaking (2014-)*

*Previous research:*

1. *PhD project: “State control in times of China’s rise. How the vulnerability of the party-state shapes China’s approach to state control and selective international integration” (2013-2018)*
2. *Hong Kong affairs (2014-2020)*
3. *China’s political economy, the threat of a financial crisis and its implications for CCP rule (2014-2018)*
4. *MA thesis: “In Search of a Good Political Order for the ‘Chinese Century’. Comparing the Governments’ with Chinese Internet Users’ Perspectives” (2012)*
5. *Student research project: “Virtuous by Weakness? The Role of Small Developing States in the 2010 Cancún Climate Negotiations” (with J. Pfister & H. Weismann) (2010-2011)*
6. *BA thesis: ““... giving back humanity ...” A long way to sustainable peace. Measuring success and failure of storytelling projects after large scale violent conflict” (2009)*
7. *Student research project: “Conditions of Success for Religious Framing in Violent Domestic Conflicts. Case studies of Pakistan” (with G. Burger & L. Kaufmann) (2008-2009)*

## ***Publications (as of December 2022)***

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### ***Books:***

2022: *China’s Foreign Policy Contradictions*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2017: *Which political order do Chinese internet users and the government want? Implications for the international political order of the “Chinese century”*. Saarbrücken: Éditions Universitaires Européennes.

### ***Edited report***

Forthcoming (2023): *Europe’s strategic technology autonomy from China – assessing foundational and emerging technologies*. Berlin: Digital Power China.

2022: Assessing the Implications of China's Digital Power for the European Union. Brussels: China in Europe Research Network (with contributions of pairs of engineers and China scholars)

2018 (with Björn Jerdén, Frans-Paul van der Putten, John Seaman, Miguel Otero, and Alice Ekman): Political values in EU-China relations. European Think Tank Network on China – annual report. (presented at the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Commission, and the European External Action Service among others; on the list of “recommended readings” by the US State Department for all diplomatic missions of the United States).

***Articles, papers and think tanks publications:***

Forthcoming (2023, with Miguel Otero): How normative should Europe's China policy be? A controversial conversation. Amsterdam: CHERN.

Forthcoming (2023): The new geopolitics of technical standardization: A European perspective, in: European Liberal Forum.

Forthcoming (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans, 2023): China's omnipresence: Open RAN is no solution to the "5G China challenge". CHERN Policy Brief. Amsterdam: China in Europe Research Network.

Forthcoming (with Liesbet van der Perre): In political and technological harmony or disharmony? How Europe and China advance towards 6G, in: Rühlig, Tim (ed.): Europe's strategic technology autonomy from China – assessing foundational and emerging technologies. Berlin: Digital Power China.

Forthcoming (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans): European Open Strategic Autonomy in light of China's digital tech power, in: Rühlig, Tim (ed.): Europe's strategic technology autonomy from China – assessing foundational and emerging technologies. Berlin: Digital Power China.

2022: Technical standardization and innovation in a changing geopolitical landscape, in: Deiacio, Enrico/Wernberg, Joakim (eds.): Rethinking boundaries and revisiting borders. Conditions for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic integration in an interconnected world. Stockholm: The Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum, pp. 105-132.

2022 (with Richard Turcsanyi et al.): Trans-atlantic public opinion on China: Great power competition amidst Russian invasion of Ukraine. Bratislava: CEIAS.

2022: Open RAN - not solving the “5G China challenge. Prague: CHOICE.

2022: Die neue technische Standardisierungsmacht China. Eine Herausforderung für Europa, in: Freimuth, Joachim/Schaedler, Monika (eds.): Die veränderte Rolle von Normung und Standardisierung in China und Indien – eine industriepolitische Perspektive und ihre Bedeutung für Europa und Deutschland. Springer, pp. 461-484.

2022: Xi Jinpings Macht und die Folgen für Chinas Außenpolitik. Lehren aus dem 20. Parteitag der Kommunistischen Partei Chinas. DGAP Policy Brief. Berlin: DGAP.

2022: The Discreet Power of China's Technical Standards. A Challenge for Germany and Europe. Berlin: Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung.

2022: Chinas unsichtbare Macht technischer Standards. Eine Herausforderung für Deutschland und Europa. Berlin: Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung.

2022: Chinas Beteiligung am Hamburger Hafen. Investition mit Risiko. DGAP Online Kommentar. Berlin: DGAP.

2022 (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans): The false promise of Open RAN: Why Open RAN does not solve the "5G China challenge". Berlin: Digital Power China.

2022: Chinas fehlende globale Vision. Über ein Vakuum, das Chance und Herausforderungen für Europa bietet. DGAP Policy Brief. Berlin: DGAP.

2022: China's Global Vision Vacuum. An Opportunity and Challenge for Europe. DGAP Policy Brief. Berlin: DGAP.

2022 (with Christian Mölling et al.): Zeitenwende für Europas Sicherheitsordnung. Entwicklungsoptionen in drei Skizzen. DGAP Policy Brief. Berlin: DGAP.

2022: The China factor in Russia's war. An analysis in five scenarios. DGAP Analysis. Berlin: German Council on Foreign Relations.

2022: Der China-Faktor in Russlands Krieg. Implikationen für Europa. DGAP Analyse 2/2022. Berlin: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik. (in German)

2022: Chinese Influence through technical standardization power, in: Journal of Contemporary China.

2022: Will China Set Global Tech Standards? China File. New York: Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations.

2022: Chance oder Risiko? Die Partnerschaft des Ruhrgebiets mit China, in: Internationale Politik. März 2022. Sonderheft „Ruhrgebiet“.

2022: The Rise of Tech Standards Foreign Policy: Brussels goes strategic. Online Commentary. Berlin: DGAP.

2022: Standardisierung. Deutschland ist am Zug. Berlin: DGAP Online Commentary.

2022 (with Liesbet van der Perre): Wireless networks and EU-China relations beyond the "Huawei debate": Is China a partner, competitor or systemic rival on 5G and 6G?, in: Tim Rühlig (ed.): Assessing China's Digital Power and its Implications for the EU. Berlin: Digital Power China, pp. 33-45.

2022 (with Maja Björk): Power competition and China's technical standardisation, in: Tim Rühlig (ed.): *Assessing China's Digital Power and its Implications for the EU*. Berlin: Digital Power China, pp. 77-91.

2022 (with Rogier Creemers and Carlo Fischione): Getting China's digital technology policy right: implications for the EU, in: Tim Rühlig (ed.): *Assessing China's Digital Power and its Implications for the EU*. Berlin: Digital Power China, pp. 5-19.

2022 (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans): Should the EU be concerned about high-tech research collaboration with China? Lessons from the case of semiconductors. Amsterdam: CHERN.

2022: Action Plan for China and Foreign Policy. What Germany Must Do to Hold Its Own in the Systemic Competition with China, in: Schwarzer, Daniela/Mölling, Christian (eds.): *Smart Sovereignty. 10 Action Plans for Germany's New Federal Government*, Berlin: DGAP, pp. 45-54.

2022: A Sovereign Europe... and China, in: *Internationale Politik Quarterly*.

2022: Weniger abhängig von China?, in: *Internationale Politik* January/February 2022, pp. 36-38.

2021: *The Shape of Things to Come: The Race to Control Technical Standardisation*. Beijing/Stockholm: European Union Chamber of Commerce in China/The Swedish Institute of International Affairs.

2021 (with Christian Mölling, Tyson Barker, Kira Vinke, Serafine Dinkel and Leonie Stamm): *A New Foreign Policy for Germany?* DGAP Online Commentary. Berlin: DGAP.

2021 (with Björn Fägersten): Infrastructure Development and Geoeconomic Competition: A Framework for Analysis, in: Borchert, Heiko/Strobl, Johann (eds.): *Storms Ahead. The Future Geoeconomic World Order*. Vienna: Raiffeisen Bank International, pp. 156-171.

2021: No harm, but how much good for the EU? Assessing the CAI's standardisation clause. Study commissioned and financed by Reinhard Bütikofer on behalf of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament. Brussels: Greens/EFA.

2021: Aktionsplan China und Außenpolitik. Was Deutschland tun muss, um im Systemwettbewerb mit China zu bestehen, in: Schwarzer, Daniela/Mölling, Christian (eds.): *Smarte Souveränität. Zehn Aktionspläne für die künftige Bundesregierung*. Berlin: DGAP, pp. 47-56.

2021: China - still a fragile superpower in search of its mission, in: Jacint Jordana and Pablo Pareja (eds.): *IDEES Magazine*

2021 (with Tobias ten Brink): The externalization of China's technical standardization approach, in: *Development & Change*.

2021 (with Björn Jerdén, John Seaman and Richard Turcsanyi): Chinese public diplomacy and European public opinion during COVID-19, in: *China Review* 21: 2.

2021: *Technical Standards: A New Realm of China's International Influence?* EURICS Brief 12. May 2021. Paris: EURICS.

2021 (with Oscar Shao): China's dwindling soft power in Sweden, in: Frans-Paul van der Putten et al. (eds.): *ETNC annual report*. The Hague: ETNC.

2021 (with Ties Dams and Plamen Tonchev): Does China still care about soft power? Assessing the diversity of approaches in Europe, in: *Falling on hard times. China's soft power in Europe*, in: Ties Dams et al. (eds.): *China's soft power in Europe. Falling on hard times*. ETNC annual report. The Hague: ETNC, pp. 5-13.

2021 (with Richard Turcsanyi, Jelena Gledić and Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova): *European Public United on China: selective cooperation in spite of negative perceptions*. *CHERN Policy Brief* 1/2021.

2021: *China, Europe and the new power competition over technical standards*. Stockholm: UI Brief.

2020: *How principled is the EU's China policy?* Paris: Ifri.

2020: *Hong Kong, the end of the city of protest?*, in: *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal* 6:3.

2020 (with Björn Jerdén, Richard Q. Turcsányi, Matej Šimalčík, Kristína Kironská and Renáta Sedláková): *What Do Swedes Think about China? Insights from an Extensive Survey of Swedish Public Opinion of China*. *UI Paper* 8/2020. Stockholm: UI.

2020 (with Richard Q. Turcsányi, Matej Šimalčík, Kristína Kironská and Renáta Sedláková): *German public opinion on China in the age of COVID-19 . Ripe for European leadership?* Olomouc: Palacký University.

2020: *China's Deteriorating Image*, 18 November 2020, *Internationale Politik Quarterly*.

2020 (with Richard Q. Turcsányi, Matej Šimalčík, Kristína Kironská, Renáta Sedláková et al.): *European public opinion on China in the age of COVID-19. Differences and common ground across the continent*. Olomouc: Palacký University.

2020: *Exposing the fragility of EU-China relations*. *East Asia Forum*. 23 May 2020.

2020: *Who Controls Huawei? Implications for Europe*. *UI Paper* 5/2020. Stockholm: UI.

2020: *Technical Standardisation, China, and the Future International Order*. Brussels: EU Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

2020: *Hong Kong – protesternas stad*. *Världspolitikens Dagsfrågor*. Stockholm: UI. (in Swedish)

2020 (with Maja Björk): What to Make of the Huawei Debate? 5G Network Security and Technology Dependency in Europe. UI Paper 1/2020. Stockholm: UI.

2019 (with Bruno Hellendorff): The EU's Reactive Approach to Rising Tensions Between the US and China, in: Miguel Otero et al. (eds.) Europe in the Face of US-China Rivalry. European Think-tank Network on China – annual report. Madrid: ETNC.

2019 (with John Seaman and Daniel Voelsen): 5G and the US-China Tech Rivalry – a test for Europe's future in the digital age. How can Europe shift from back foot to front foot? SWP Comment. Berlin: SWP.

2019: Hong Kong and the quest for judicial independence, in: Utrikesmagasinet, June 2019. Stockholm: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs.

2019 (with Björn Fägersten): China's Standard Power and its Geopolitical Implications for Europe. UI Brief 2/2019. March 2019. Stockholm: UI.

2018: Political values in EU-China relations. Towards a “principled” or a “pragmatic” approach?, in: Tim Nicholas Rühlig, Björn Jerdén, Frans-Paul van der Putten, John Seaman, Miguel Otero, and Alice Ekman (eds.): Political values in EU-China relations. European Think Tank Network on China – annual report. Brussels: ETCN, pp. 91-95.

2018 (with Björn Jerdén, Frans-Paul van der Putten, John Seaman, Miguel Otero, and Alice Ekman): Introduction: The role of political values in Europe-China relations in: Tim Nicholas Rühlig, Björn Jerdén, Frans-Paul van der Putten, John Seaman, Miguel Otero, and Alice Ekman (eds.): The role of political values in EU-China relations. European Think Tank Network on China – annual report. Brussels: ETCN, pp.9-22.

2018: The EU's New China Resolution: Principled but not strategic, in: The Diplomat. 13 September 2018.

2018: How China Approaches International Law: Implications for Europe. May. Brussels: European Institute for Asian Studies.

2018: China's international relations in the new era of Xi Jinping. Implications for Europe. EU-Asia at a Glance. March. Brussels: European Institute for Asian Studies.

2018: Is China turning into an aggressive or responsible power under Xi Jinping? Implications for European policy-making. Policy Brief. Stockholm: Institute for Security and Development Policy.

2017: “Expressing my attitude and doing something impossible to make it happen...” Listening to the Voices of Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement Protesters, in: Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal 3:2, pp. 747-818

2017: “Honkongs framtid på en skör tråd”, in: Kinarapport 1/2017.



2017: The deceptive promise of Xi Jinping's control? The 19th Chinese Communist Party Congress and its implications for the "new era". UI Brief. Stockholm: Swedish Institute of International Relations.

2017: China and the new International Order. Op-ed, 1 October 2017. EU-Asia Centre. Brussels.

2016: "Do You Hear the People Sing" "Lift Your Umbrella"? Understanding Hong Kong's Pro-democratic Umbrella Movement Through YouTube Music Videos, in: China Perspectives 4/2016, pp. 59-68.

2016: "Do You Hear the People Sing" "Lift Your Umbrella"? Le Mouvement des parapluies vu à travers ses chansons protestataires, in: Perspectives Chonoises 4/2016, pp. 59-68.

2016 (with Johan Lagerkvist): The Mobilization of Memory and Tradition: Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement and Beijing's 1989 Tiananmen Movement, in: Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal 2:2, pp. 735-774.

2016: How Does China Impact the Future International Political Order? Conceptual Reflections of the "China Model" in Light of China's Fragmented Polity, in: International Relations and Diplomacy 4:1, pp. 48-59.

2016: (with Christopher Daase, in German): Sicherheitskultur nach 9/11 [Security Culture after 9/11], in: Masala, Carlo/Fischer, Susanne (eds.): Innere Sicherheit nach 9/11. Sicherheitsbedrohungen und (immer) neue Sicherheitsmaßnahmen? [Internal Security after 9/11. Security threats and (always) new security measures?] Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften; pp. 13-33.

2015: Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement in Search of Self-determination. UI Paper, No. 3, November 2015. Stockholm: Swedish Institute of International Relations.

2010 (with Katharina Grabietz, Fee Müller and Markus Patberg, in German): "Internationale Politische Theorie" [International Political Theory], in: Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik 4/2010.

***Blog posts:***

Please visit my private blog on my website. Blog posts in German and English appeared also in Bretterblog, TRAFO blog, Carta, Menschenhandel heute, and Sicherheitspolitik-blog.

***Conference Papers, lectures, panel discussions (as of December 2022):***

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2022: Europe's strategic technology autonomy from China – assessing foundational and emerging technologies. Pre-launch of a new report. DGAP, 15 December, Berlin.

2022: The Race for Technology: Building Resilient Transatlantic Trade Relations. Panel discussion at the conference "The Future of Transatlantic Relations: The Changing Politics of Transatlantic Trade Relations", Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung, 8 December, Hamburg.

2022: China – Weltmacht mit Widersprüchen: Der Aufstieg der Volksrepublik und seine Folgen für die internationale Ordnung und Europa. Buchpräsentation mit Jürgen Trittin, Friedolin Strack, Nadine Godehardt und Thomas Reichart, DGAP, 2 December, Berlin.

2022: China's foreign policy contradictions. Book launch at the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), 30 November, Paris.

2022: Russia's War in Ukraine: Repercussions and Implications for the Security Order in the Indo-Pacific. Panel discussion of the DGAP Regional Forum Frankfurt with General Ben Hodges among others, 25 November, Frankfurt.

2022: Transatlantic Cooperation in Global Technology Standards Competition with China: An American-German Workshop. American Institute for German Studies at Johns Hopkins University, 14 November 2022, Washington D.C.

2022: Cyber Postures and Dynamics: China, Russia, United States and Europe. Workshop of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America), 2-3 November, Washington D.C.

2022: Digital Power China - assessing implications for Europe's strategic autonomy. Paper workshop. 19-20 October 2022, Berlin.

2022: Widersprüchliche Weltmacht China – Was bedeutet der Aufstieg der Volksrepublik für die internationale Ordnung und für Europa? Panel discussion at the "Frankfurter Salon", 18 October 2022, Frankfurt.

2022: China's technical standardization power. Presentation to NATO Committee for Standardization, 18 October 2022, Brussels.

2022: China's growing authoritarian cloud in Europe: How can subnational research and education institutions cope with Chinese interference? Workshop of the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with Gyde Jensen, member of the German parliament, 13 October 2022, Berlin.

2022: Strategic competition: statecraft for a multipolar age? CSDS Defence and Statecraft Forum, 6 October 2022, Brussels (virtual).

2022: Economic Cooperation with Chinese Characteristics? Trade and Investment Under Conditions of Localization and Decoupling. Workshop of the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with Gyde Jensen, member of the German parliament, 8 September 2022, Berlin.

2022 (with Rogier Creemers): The Great Rectification of China's Platform Economy. Webinar of the WG 2 of the China in Europe Research Network, 7 September 2022, Leiden (virtual).

2022 (with Jana Puglierin, Jerker Hellström and Björn Fägersten): Swedish and German Perspectives on Security Challenges: What Ukraine Could Mean for Taiwan, rountable at the German Council on Foreign Relations, 5 September 2022, Berlin.

2022: How to study China's digital technology policy in times of the pandemic?, workshop at the China in Europe Research Network conference, 3 September 2022, Paris.

2022 (with Agatha Kratz, John Lee and Sanne van der Lugt): How Can Europe Achieve Strategic Autonomy in Digital Tech from China?, Round table at the China in Europe Research Network conference, 2 September 2022, Paris.

2022: Digitalmacht China. Workshop der deutschen Begabtenförderwerke, 30 August 2022, Heidelberg.

2022: Crashkurs China für Mitarbeitende des Deutschen Bundestags. Ganztägiger Workshop im Deutschen Bundestag, 11 July 2022, Berlin.

2022: Technical standardization in China's smart state approach. Workshop at the Leiden Asia Centre, 5-6 July 2022, Leiden.

2022: German-China relations - a general assessment and the digital dimension. International diplomatic training of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 24 June 2022, Berlin.

2022: How shall we cooperate with a systemic rival? From combatting climate change to driving global innovation. Workshop of the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with Gyde Jensen, member of the German parliament, 23 June 2022, Berlin.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Elcano Royal Institute, 7 June 2022, Madrid.

2022: European strategic sovereignty and the digital China challenge: discussing impulses of the new German government. Workshop of the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with Gyde Jensen, member of the German parliament, 2-3 June 2022, Berlin.

2022: Influencing technical standardization settings in China? Webinar of the Danish-Chinese Business Forum, 1 June 2022, Copenhagen (virtual).

2022: The geopolitical turn of technology. Keynote at the CDIS Conference. Center for Cyber Defense and Information Security of the Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm (KTH), 24 May 2022, Stockholm.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Finish Institute of International Affairs, 19 May 2022, Helsinki.

2022: Europäische Souveränität stärken, Abhängigkeiten reduzieren: Die Bedeutung von Mikrochips in Zeiten geopolitischer Spannungen. DGAP Studiengruppe Europa. 17 May 2022, Berlin.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". University of Copenhagen, 16 May 2022, Copenhagen.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Stradiņš University Riga, 13 May 2022, Riga.

2022: The return of geopolitics: How does the return of “spheres of influence”-thinking shape the relations with China? Workshop of the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with Gyde Jensen, member of the German parliament, 12 May 2022, Berlin.

2022: Was bedeutet Chinas neue Normungsstrategie für Deutschland und Europa? Presentation at the Kommission Arbeitsschutz und Normung, 11 May 2022, Berlin.

2022: Empirical Research Roundtable on Standardization. Northwestern University, 5-6 May 2022, Chicago.

2022: The China factor in the Russia-Ukraine conflict: Implications for EU-China relations. CHERN Research Highlights, 28 April 2022, Amsterdam (virtual).

2022: China - eine digitale Macht!? Bundesakademie für Sicherheitspolitik, 26 April 2022, Berlin.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union, 25 April 2022, Brussels.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Swedish Center for China Studies and Centre for Global Asia at Stockholm University, 22 April 2022, Stockholm.

2022: China's technical standardization and its implications for Sweden and the EU. Presentation to "Team Sweden-China", 21 April 2022, Stockholm.

2022: China's technical standardization power - a concern for NATO? Presentation to the Political Committee of NATO, 11 April 2022, Brussels.

2022: Russlands und Chinas Internet - Was die strategischen Pläne dieser Länder für die Freiheit im Internet bedeuten. Expert round table of the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, 7 April, virtual, Berlin.

2022 (with Liesbet van der Perre): 5G: Where are we going in EU-China relations? Presentation to the meeting of the EU Digital Councillor's in China, 6 April 2022, virtual, Beijing.

2022: Book launch "China's Foreign Policy Contradictions". Clingendael Institute and Leiden Asia Centre, 4 April 2022, The Hague.

2022 (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans): Digital Power China - implications for the EU. Closed-door presentation to the Strategic Policy Planning division of the European External Action Service, 15 March 2022, Brussels.

2022: Global Impact Assessment: The Digital Silk Road and China's Technology Standards. Panelist in the panel of the Asia Society Policy Institute, 10 March 2022, virtual, New York.

2022: Wie sollten Deutschland und Europa China bei der digitalen Transformation begegnen? Short presentation at the "Außenpolitischer Ausblick 2022: Deutschland vor neuen strategischen Aufgaben" event, DGAP, 25 January 2022, virtual, Berlin.

2022: The Geopolitics of Technology and Standards. Keynote at the International Think Tank Summit. Avenir Suisse, 20 January 2022, virtual, Zurich.

2022: China's Foreign Policy Contradictions - the case of the PRC's WTO policy. Book presentation to the European Commission, DG Trade, 19 January 2022, virtual, Brussels.

2022 (with Jörg Wuttke): The shape of things to come: China's technical standardization policy and its implications for the EU. Presentation to the European Commission, DG Trade, 13 January 2022, virtual meeting, Brussels.

2021: EU-China: Normen und Standards, Presentation (in German) at a webinar of the Industrie- und Handelskammer zu Köln, 16 December 2021, virtual webinar, Köln.

2021 (with Björn Fägersten and Jörg Wuttke): Technical standardisation: the future battleground of the future. Implications for the European Union and European business in China, virtual study launch/press conference of The Swedish Institute of International Affairs and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China. 2 December 2021, Beijing and Stockholm.

2021: Normen für China, Virtuelles DIN/DKE Frühstück: China und die Normung. 9 November 2021, Berlin.

2021: Technical standard setting in China. Virtual NATO Briefing. 8 November 2021, Brussels.

2021: Technology Competition between Innovation and Standardization. Asan-ECFR Strategic Consultation Meeting. European Council on Foreign Relations. 4 October 2021, Berlin.

2021: Keynote at the ZVEI EuropElectro General Assembly: China's standardization ambitions. 29 September 2021, Brussels/Frankfurt (virtual meeting).

2021: The Chinese standardisation system - opportunities and challenges for European companies, at the webinar "How to pursue a positive agenda with China? part 1: Standards" of BusinessEurope, 29 September 2021, Brussels (virtual).

2021 (with Rogier Creemers & Carlo Fischione): "Getting China's digital technology policy right: implications for the EU", closed-door Workshop "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU" jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021: "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU", round table discussion with Stasa Novak (Cyber Attaché of the Slovenian EU Council Presidency) & Carlo Fischione (Royal Institute of Technology), closed-door Workshop "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU" jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021: "How to react to China's digital power? Reflections on findings from the first workshop day through the lenses of EU institutions", round table discussion with Bernardo Costa Pereira (former Cyber Attaché, Portuguese Permanent Representation to the EU), Alejandro Cainzos (European Commission, Cabinet Vestager), Dominic Porter (European External Action Service, incoming Head of Unit, China Division), closed-door Workshop "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU" jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021 (with Liesbet van der Perre): "Wireless networks beyond the "Huawei debate": collaboration and competition on 5G and 6G", closed-door Workshop "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU" jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021 (with Maja Björk): "Power competition and technical standardization: future directions", closed-door Workshop "Assessing the implications of China's digital power for the EU" jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021: “Assessing the implications of China’s digital power for the EU”, round table discussion with Thibaut Kleiner (Director CNECT.D Policy Strategy and Outreach) and Romana Vlahutin (European External Action Service, Ambassador at Large for Connectivity) , closed-door Workshop “Assessing the implications of China’s digital power for the EU” jointly organized by the Digital Power China consortium and the China in Europe Research Network, 21-22 September 2021, Brussels.

2021: German China policy after the elections. Presentation in the UI Seminar “Germany: Foreign Policy After the Election”, Stockholm, 17 September 2021.

2021 (with Jan-Peter Kleinhans): Future directions of Europe-China high tech collaboration. Closed-door workshop of the Swedish National Competence Center on China (NKK), Stockholm, 16 September 2021.

2021: China auf dem Weg zur Normungsweltmacht – Forschungsprojekt „China Standards 2035“, 9th Global Norm Conference Product Compliance, Berlin (virtual conference), 9 September 2021.

2021: Projecting China’s digital power internationally – Europe and the Indo-Pacific, Round table, China in Europe Research Network/Digital Power China virtual workshop, 18 June 2021.

2021: Thinking about digital technology at a critical junction: What to make of China’s 14th Five-Year Plan in light of the EU’s 2030 Digital Compass, Round table, China in Europe Research Network/Digital Power China virtual workshop, 14 June 2021.

2021: Expert at a hearing of the German parliament’s foreign affairs committee (Auswärtiger Ausschuss des Deutschen Bundestages) on China’s geopolitics of technical standardization, Berlin, 7 June 2021.

2021: Standardization for European corporates in China. EU working group on innovation in China. 27 May 2021, Beijing. (virtual)

2021: China’s foreign economic policy and its implications for Europe in general and the role of technical standardization in particular. Presentation at the seminar “Regulation, Standards, Innovation and Trade, Kommerskollegium, 26 May 2021, Stockholm (virtual).

2021: Technical Standards: A New Realm of China’s International Influence? Round table at the European Institute for Chinese Studies (EURICS), 11 May 2021, Paris. (virtual)

2021: The Geopolitics of standards. Presentation at the "practice session" of US Women in Standards. 8 April 2021, Washington D.C. (virtual).

2021: Chinese digital influence. Panel discussion in a CEPA event. 22 March 2021, Washington D.C. (virtual).

2021: Global Views on China. Presentation at the "CHERN Research Highlights" event. 11 February 2021 (virtual).

2021: China: Foreign policy of a rising power. Guest lecture at the Versalius College, Free University of Brussels. 1 February 2021, Brussels (virtual).

2021: China Standards 2035. Presentation to the German Industry Association BDI. 13 January 2021, Berlin (virtual).

2021: China-EU Geopolitics: The Geopolitics of Standards and 5G. Presentation to the "China Society" of the European Commission Bluebook Trainees. 8 January 2021, Brussels (virtual).

2020/2021: Chinese influence through technical standardization power. Paper presented at the workshop "Conceptualising and Measuring Influence of China", Hong Kong University, 11 December 2020 and 20 April 2021, Hong Kong (virtual).

2020: The future of standardisation of construction products. Presentation at the virtual conference "Construction Products – Fit for the Future", German EU Council Presidency, Ministry of Interior, 20 November 2020, (virtual conference) Berlin.

2020: The geopolitics of technology and communication. Presentation and participation in a panel discussion at the Internet Governance Forum Spain, 22 October 2020, virtual conference, Madrid.

2020: Zukunftsmärkte formen – EU, China, und technische Standardisierung. Presentation (in German) at a webinar of the Industrie- und Handelskammer zu Köln, 8 October 2020, virtual webinar, Köln.

2020: What about Hong Kong? The "City of Protest" after the introduction of the National Security Law. Lecture at the University of Uppsala. 16 September 2020, Uppsala.

2020: What future for the EU-China relations in the post-Covid 19 World? Participation in the panel discussion of Vocal Europe (video conference), 23 June 2020, Brussels.

2020: Hong Kong and the Quest for Democracy and Freedom under Chinese Rule. Moderation of webinar with Joshua Wong, Martin Lee and Prof Eliza Lee. The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 10 June 2020, Stockholm/Hong Kong.

2020: China's standardization policy. Presentation at the Working Group on Standardization in China of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, video conference, 9 June 2020, Beijing/Shanghai.

2020: China's politics of standardization. Implications for Europe's railway industry. Presentation to the Standardization Working Group of UNIFE, video conference, 5 May 2020, Brussels.



2020: Technical standardization, China and the future international order. Presentation of a report on China's growing footprint in technical standardization, Heinrich-Böll Foundation, EU Office, Brussels, 3 March 2020, Brussels.

2020: The EU's Reactive Approach to Rising Tensions Between the US and China. Presentation at the launch of the 2019 ETNC Report. European Policy Centre, 24 February 2020, Brussels.

2020: Hong Kong – City of Protest. Lecture at the University of Uppsala. 20 January 2020, Uppsala.

2019: Behind the headlines: protests in Hong Kong. Lecture at the Museum of East Asian Antiquities, 3 December 2019, Stockholm.

2019: The New Superpower. How will the Rise of China Change the World? Panel discussion at the “Battle of ideas” festival, 30 November 2019, Stockholm.

2019: EU-China Relations in light of the BRI. Presentation at the German-Nordic-Baltic Forum, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 22 November 2019, Tallinn.

2019: Recent Trends in China's Public Diplomacy. Case Studies from Europe, Asia, Afrika and Latin America. Presentation at the Roundtable on “Engaging with China: Challenges and the Way Forward in Higher Education, Human Rights and Public Diplomacy”, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, 6 November 2019, Stockholm.

2019: The European Standardization System. CEN-CENELC Workshop at the General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission, 23 October 2019, Shanghai.

2019: Europe's approach to technical standardization and China's rise. Presentation at a panel discussion organized by the Green Grouping in the European Parliament and DIN, 9 October 2019, Brussels.

2019: China's Impact on Democratic Values. Presentation at the ChinaBRIDGE Europe Roundtable. Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), 12 September 2019, Warszawa.

2019: In search for a European Approach to the BRI – the Role of Scandinavia. Presentation at the Seminar “The Scandinavian direction in transcontinental connectivity: the role of Latvia” by the New Silk Road Programme of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 20 June 2019, Riga.

2019: China's geopolitics of technical standardization – a challenge for Europe? Presentation at the High-level meeting on technical standardization, organized by the Romanian Presidency of the European Council and the Romanian institute of technical standardization (ASRO), 7 June 2019, Bucharest.

2019: 5G, Europe and the tech rivalry between the US and China, Policy Lunch at the German Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU, 6 June 2019, Brussels.

2019: State and future of Europe-China Relations. Electoral Recess Training of the European Parliamentary Research Service 2019. Workshop on EU-China Relations. 21 May 2019, European Parliament, Brussels.

2019 (with Daniel Voelsen): 5G, Europe and the tech rivalry between the US and China, SWP Expert Exchange, 16 May 2019, Brussels.

2019: China's Belt and Road Initiative: Towards a New International Order? UI Seminar, 9 May 2019, Stockholm.

2019: The geopolitics of standards – flow control. Presentation at Ericsson, 7 May 2019, Stockholm.

2019 (with Maja Björk): China's rise in 5G standardization – a (security) challenge for Europe? European workshop on technical standardization at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 26 April 2019, Stockholm.

2019: The geo-politics of technical standardization. European workshop on technical standardization at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 26 April 2019, Stockholm.

2019 (with Björn Fägersten): China's Standard Power. Swedish Roundtable on technical standardization at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 18 February 2019, Stockholm.

2019: Neither norm-breaker nor norm-maker: China's successes in shaping international legal norms. ISA Annual Convention, 29 March 2019, Toronto/Canada.

2019: China, the mysterious country – notes on the domestic-foreign nexus of Chinese policy-making. Presentation at "Folk och Försvar", 5 March 2019, Stockholm.

2019: How is China's Rise Changing the Liberal International Order? Lecture at the University of Exeter. 6 February 2019, Exeter.

2019: Europe-China Relations. The Role of Political Values. UI Seminar. 5 February 2019, Stockholm.

2019: Political values in Europe-China relations. Presentation at the European Parliament, 30 January 2019, Brussels.

2019: The role of political values in the policies of the European Union and its member states towards China. Presentation for COASI representatives of the European Council at the Royal "Egmont" Institute, 29 January 2019, Brussels.

2018: European foreign policy and the role of political values in China. Presentation at the European External Action Service (EEAS), 7 December 2018, Brussels.

2018: Assessing of EU projects promoting political value in China. Presentation with the European Commission (DG DEVCO), 6 December 2018, Brussels.

2018: Political values in Europe-China Relations. Presentation of the ETNC Report 2018 at the Royal “Egmont” Institute, 6 December 2018, Brussels.

2018: What is ahead of China’s financial system? Implications for Europe. Panel discussion at the European Institute for Asian Studies, 27 March 2018, Brussels.

2018: China’s assertiveness in the South China Sea. Discussant to a book presentation by Dr Richard Turcsanyi at the European Institute for Asian Studies, 1 March 2018, Brussels.

2016: Legitimate governance and state sovereignty in times of globalization. Europe and China in search of a “new deal”. Lecture at the China Foreign Affairs University, Peking.

2016: How Does China Deal with the Quest of Self-determination in Greater China? The case of Hong Kong. Presented at the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific conference, 25-27 June 2016, City University of Hong Kong.

2016: How does China impact the future international political order? Conceptual reflections of the “China model” in light of China’s fragmented polity. Presented at the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific conference, 25-27 June 2016, City University of Hong Kong.

2015/2016: How do Chinese view global governance? Chinese perspectives on the legitimacy deficit of global governance. Presented at the SWEPSA-conference, 14-16 October 2015, Stockholm as well as at the European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS-Workshops) of the European International Studies Association, 6-8 April 2016, Tübingen.

2015: “Do you hear the people sing” “Lift your umbrella”? Understanding Hong Kong’s pro-democratic umbrella movement through YouTube music videos. Presented at the Popular culture and World Politics Conference, 20-21 November 2015, University of Westminster, London. Lectures on similar topics have been held at the institute of media studies at the University of Stockholm, the institute of Political Science at Frankfurt University and the institute of China Studies at the University of Stockholm.

2015: Theorizing? IR in Contemporary China: The Role of Norms, Processes and Practices. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, 18-21 February 2015, New Orleans.

2015: Norms and Processes: Thinking about IR in Contemporary China. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, 18-21 February 2015, New Orleans.

2015: China and its WTO commitments: How interest groups shape China 's trade policies. Presented at the Global South Caucus conference of the International Studies Association, 8-10 January 2015, Singapore.

2015: Who makes Chinese foreign policy? Bringing the administration, think tanks and society back in. Presented at the Global South Caucus conference of the International Studies Association, 8-10 January 2015, Singapore.

2014: Zwischen Norm und Pragmatismus: Der Staat und die neue chinesische Weltordnung? (in German) [Between norm and pragmatism: The state and the new Chinese world order] Presented at the workshop "Der Staat in globaler Perspektive", 30-31 January 2014, University of Kassel.

2013: From Red Hacker Attack to Ai Weiwei's "Dumbass". Mapping Chinese cyber-activism and online debates and its impact on Chinese foreign relations. Presented at the "Pirating the Popular. Popular Culture and World Politics Conference", 13-14 September 2013, Stockholm.

2011: (with Matthias Dembinski and Britta Weiffen): Rising States in a World of Regions. Regional Policies of the United States and China in Comparison. Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik, 25-27 August 2011.

2011: Western Individual or Chinese Collective? Towards a Trans-Individual Understanding of Morality. Presented at the young researchers conference "Liberalism: Causing or Resolving the Crises of Global Governance?", 3-6 February 2011, Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main.

### ***Media (as of December 2022)***

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### ***Other***

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#### *2014-2016: Academic teaching*

I have taught BA and MA classes in German and English at Frankfurt University on issues of international relations, state theory, Chinese and Hong Kong affairs.

#### *2002-2008: Internships*

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (editing assistance "Peace Report") (2008), journal "Osteuropa" (editing assistance) (2007), House of Literature Frankfurt (organization of lectures) (2005), integrative kindergarten in Hamburg (2003), German public television "ZDF" (2002).

#### *2008-2017: Extra training*

Project management (2017), rhetorical training (2015/16), graphic design (2016), social scientific analysis of social media (2013), mediation & negotiation (2010), arguing against right-wing extremism (2008)

*Other qualifications*

Administrative organization of conferences and workshops at Frankfurt University including the annual conference of the German association for academic scholars working on international relations and political theory.

Initiation of an international young researchers conference in Frankfurt including funding, concept, call for papers, speakers and key notes, administrative organization etc.

Good with computers including experience with professional layout software.