

Puqiu (Kevin) Zhao

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Summary

An early-career researcher with a strong academic background in international relations and political economy. Currently funded by the ESRC LISS DTP to pursue a PhD at King's College London, with a research focus on the political impact of climate and energy policies in Europe. Skilled in both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, with a demonstrated ability to conduct independent research, collaborate across disciplines, and contribute to high-impact academic outputs. Research interests include political economy, environmental politics, and EU politics.

Education

King's College London, London, UK, MPhil/PhD in Political Economy Research Oct 2025 – present

- ESRC LISS DTP PhD Studentship 3.5 years, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). (LISS DTP)
- **Proposed research:** The impact of progressive climate and energy policies on the support for European Green parties in (un) favourable conditions.

China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, P.R.China, M.A. in International Relations Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

- **GPA:** 91.06/100
- **Modules include:** Study on European Union, Study on Alliances, Globalization and Global Governance, International Relations Theory, Non-traditional Security, Modern History of International Relations.

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, M.Sc. in Economics and International Relations Sep 2023 – Sep 2024

- **GPA:** 86.59/100 (Distinction)
- **Modules include:** Environmental and Natural Resources Economics, International Trade, Multinational Firms, Econometric methods, Economic Concept, International Relations Theory.

University of International Relations, Beijing, P.R.China, B.Sc. in Public Administration Sep 2018 – Jul 2022

- **GPA:** 93.13/100
- **Modules include:** Public Administration, Quantitative Analysis Management, Organization Behaviour, Chinese and Foreign Political Institutions Comparative Studies, MS Access.

Publications

1. Sidan Wang & *Puqiu Zhao* (2023), **Characteristics, Causes, and Influences of Youth Participation in Dealing with Climate Change in Europe**, *Youth and Adolescent Studies* (Chinese).
2. Sidan Wang & *Puqiu Zhao* (2025), **International institutional linkages between ecological challenges and human health**. In: Minghung, W., eds. *Ecological and Human Health Impacts of Contaminated Food and Environments*, CRC Press.
3. Rui Silva & *Puqiu Zhao* (2025), **Climate activism, environmental awareness, and populism**, *work-in-progress*.

Awards and Funding

LISS DTP studentship (+3.5 years PhD funding), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Apr 2025

School of Economics Postgraduate Prize for the Best Dissertation (£300), Head of School, UEA Dec 2024

International Exchange Study Scholarship (£2,000), China Foreign Affairs University	Nov 2024
“Jiehua Liang” Sponsor Scholarship (£800), China Foreign Affairs University	Oct 2023
GREAT scholarship (£10,000), British Council	Jun 2023
First-Class Academic Scholarships (£800), China Foreign Affairs University	Oct 2022 & 2023
Outstanding Graduates of Beijing , Beijing Municipal Commission of Education	Jul 2022
Excellent Bachelor’s Dissertation , University of International Relations	Jun 2022
Postgraduate Recommendation , University of International Relations	Sep 2021

Working Experience

Research Assistant Intern , School of Economics, UEA	Feb 2024 – Apr 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now you mention it: Populism on perceptions and attitudes • Conducted the literature review on European populism supply and demand strategies and data analysis using <i>probit</i> models by Stata. I also gained basic proficiency skills in using Overleaf for academic writing and formatting the tables. 	
Research Assistant Intern , Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, UEA	Oct 2023 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined in the <i>Tyndall Early Career Network</i>. My main research areas focus on the theme of accelerating social change, catalysing adaptation and resilience, and reaching zero emissions. 	
Intern Member , Steering Committee of ESG & Carbon Neutral Investment Office Beijing, UNIDO	Jul 2023 – Sep 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted data collection, analysis, synthesis of information and mapping on selected carbon neutral topics (e.g. Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage, CCUS). Strengthening the development of partnerships/collaborations through the writing of project proposals and work plans. Assisted in preparing and organizing meetings/focus groups with relevant stakeholders in relation to carbon neutrality and supported reporting process. 	
Trainee , China International Youth Exchange Centre, Beijing	Apr 2023 – Jun 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the preparation of the International Cooperation and Development Conference of Young entrepreneurs and was responsible for assisting with welcoming and supporting business delegations from Cambodian, Indonesian, Philippines, Ethiopian, and South African business delegations. 	

Voluntary Experience

Protocol Assistant Volunteer , 2022 Winter Olympic Games, Beijing	Nov 2021 – Mar 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily responsible for the concierge reception of VIP members. Welcomed Mr. Thomas Bach, the Polish Presidential Delegation, and the Luxembourg Heads Delegation during large-scale reception events. 	
Vice-chair of Student Union , University of International Relations, Beijing	Sep 2020 – Sep 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily responsible for organizing volunteer services and social practice initiatives. Through this role, I developed strong organizational and leadership skills, while fostering collaboration and engagement across diverse student communities. 	

Skills

Languages: Chinese Mandarin (native), English (full proficiency)

Technologies: Stata (advanced), \LaTeX (fair), Microsoft Office (advanced), SPSS (fair)