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- Personal information: date of birth: 14.03.1979
Swiss national
married, 2 children (dates of birth: 10.08.2017, 21.12.2022)
- Research interests: authoritarian regimes, network analysis, elite politics, social media, social movements, information campaigns
- Employment history
01/2022 – : **Advanced PostDoc**, Institute for Communication and Media Studies, **University of Bern, Switzerland**
7/2016 – 12/2021: **Assistant Professor (tenure track)**, Division of Social Science, **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong** [did not apply for tenure because of deteriorating political situation in Hong Kong]
- Fellowships
5/2020 – : **Non-resident fellow** at the Digital Democracy Lab, **University of Zurich, Switzerland**
9/2019 – 12/2021: **Faculty associate**, Institute for Emerging Market Studies at **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong**
6/2017 – 5/2018: **SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellow** at the School of Global Policy and Strategy, **University of California, San Diego, United States**
9/2015 – 5/2016: **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Harriman Institute, **Columbia University, New York, United States**
4/2015 – 7/2015: **Visiting Researcher (with scholarship)** at the International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) at the **Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia**
- Education
PhD in Political Science, Department of Politics, **New York University, USA**. Degree received: September 28, 2015.
Dissertation title: *Networks of Power. Using Social Network Analysis to Understand Who Will Rule and Who is Really in Charge in an Authoritarian Regime. Theory, Method, and Application on Chinese Communist Elites (1982-2012)*
Committee: Jenn Larson (Chair), Adam Przeworski, Joshua Tucker
“Lizentiat” in Political Sciences (major) and Islamic Studies (minor), **University of Bern, Switzerland**. MA equivalent degree received: January 2010.
Thesis title: *An Evaluation of the Community-Based Tourism Policy in Kyrgyzstan*
- Research projects
2021- : Extracting information on the relations of political actors from unstructured text
2019- : China experts and their Social Networks
2016-2022: Political Astroturfing on Twitter
2015-2018: Social Network Analysis in authoritarian regimes. Comparing Networks of

Power in China and the Soviet Union. *Postdoc.Mobility project*

2013-2016: Exploring the informal network between government and citizens in Kazakhstan

2012-2015: Networks of Power Using Social Network Analysis to Understand Who Will Rule and Who is Really in Charge among Chinese Communist Elites (1982-2012). *Dissertation project*

2010-2012: (Why) Do Revolutions Spread?

Prizes and Awards

2020: [UROP Faculty Research Award](#), Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, HKUST

2019: [Top Paper Award](#) for *The Electoral Dimension of Disinformation: Political Astroturfing on Twitter*, International Communication Association - Computational Methods

2014: **John Sprague Award** for best paper presented by a graduate student for *Networks of Power: A Social Network Analysis of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee, 1982-2006*, APSA Political Networks Section 2013-2014

2014: **Best Poster Award** for *How to Spot a Successful Revolution in Advance*, Political Networks Conference

Personal grants

Total funding acquired: ca. USD 336,850

2023: [120%-Care-Grant](#), University of Bern: 19.2 Personalpunkte or CHF 24,900 for "Developing an algorithm to extract relationships between political actors in unstructured text" (May 2022 – April 2023)

2022: [COMET – Coaching, Mentoring and Training for female PostDocs](#), University of Bern, CHF 3000 (June 2022 – February 2023)

2015: **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, [Harriman Center](#), Columbia University, USD 50,000

2015: **Early PostDoc.Mobility stipend**, Swiss National Science Foundation, USD 91,950 for the project [Social Network Analysis in authoritarian regimes: Who will rule, who will get purged, and who is actually in charge? Comparing Networks of Power in China and the Soviet Union](#). Grant number P2SKP1_161666 (June 2017 – May 2018)

2015: **Doctoral Dissertation fellowship**, [Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange](#), USD 18,000, "Networks of Power: A Social Network Analysis of the Central Committee of the P.R. of China." Grant number DD058-A-14 (July 2015 – June 2016)

2014: [Global Research Initiative Fellowships](#), New York University, Washington and Shanghai (Spring and Fall 2014), USD 9000

2011 – 2014: **Summer Research Assistantships**, NYU Department of Politics, USD 16000

2011 – 2012: **Teaching Assistantships**, NYU Department of Politics, USD 20,000

2010: **MacCracken PhD Fellowship** 2010-2015, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science, USD 120,000

2002: Full **Scholarship**, Renmin University 2002-03, Chinese Scholarship Council

2001: Partial **Scholarship**, Wuhan University 2001-02, Chinese Scholarship Council

Research grants
(as principal
investigator)

Total funding acquired: ca. USD 177,000

2021: **Anti-epidemic Fund 2.0 Job Creation Scheme**, Hong Kong Government, HKD 340,779, "Who is connected to whom? Developing a tool for the automatic extraction of political and economic elites' personal networks from unstructured text." (2021-2022)

2020: **Public Policy Research Funding Scheme (Special Round) Grant**, [Policy](#)

[Innovation and Co-ordination Office](#), Hong Kong Government, HKD 441,600, “The Spread of Rumors on and across Social Media Platforms during Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition-Law-Protests.” Grant number: SR2020.A7.004 (March 2020-January 2021)

2019: [Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme Grant](#), Hong Kong University Grants Committee’s Research Grants Council, HKD 60,000 “Comparing Hidden Propaganda Campaigns Worldwide: The Manipulation of Political Twitter Discussions in South Korea, United States, Iran, Venezuela, Germany, Russia, and Bangladesh”. Grant number: G-HKUST601/19 (January 2020 – December 2021)

2019: [UROP Collaboration Grant](#), HKUST Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program’s Collaboration Funding Scheme, HKD 97,151, “Comparing hidden propaganda campaigns on Twitter worldwide: influencing political discussions in South Korea, United States, Iran, Venezuela, Germany, and Russia.” Grant number: UROPCFS1903 (September 2019 – August 2021).

2019: Research Grant, HKUST’s Institute for Emerging Markets, HKD 100,000 for the project “[Evaluating the evaluators of political risks in emerging markets: A social network analysis of experts on China](#)” (August 2019-December 2021)

2019: School-based Initiative Grant, HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science, HKD 20,000, “Comparing hidden propaganda campaigns during democratic elections: Presidential elections in South Korean 2012 and the United States 2016” (February 2019 – August 2020)

2016: Start-up Grant, HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science. HKD 100,000.

2015: [World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship grant](#), Smith Richardson Foundation, USD 7,500, “Networks of Power: Revealing Informal Networks among Authoritarian Elites to Predict Regime Instability and Turnover” (March 2015 – March 2016)

2014: New Generation China Scholars Grant, University of Chicago Center in Beijing, USD 3000, “Shaking Hands in Public” (December 2014 – June 2015)

2013: Research grant, NYU Center on U.S.-China Relations, USD 10,000, “Guanxi”, factions, and “princelings”: investigating informal networks among the Chinese political elite (September 2013 – September 2014)

2013: Summer research grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 4000, “Exploring the informal network between government and citizens in Kazakhstan” (June 2013 – May 2014)

2013: Research grant, [NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia](#), USD 2500, “Exploring the informal network between government and citizens in Kazakhstan” (June 2013 – May 2014)

2012: Data gathering grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 2000, “Coding Revolutionary Events” (June 2012 – May 2013)

Travel grants

Total funding acquired: USD 9,115

APSA Travel Grant (2015, 2019), NYU Student Senator’s Council Conference Funding (2015), NYU Department of Politics Travel Grant (2012-15), National Science Foundation Political Networks Fellowship (2013-14), NYU Center for Social and Political Behavior Conference Travel Award (2014, 2013), NYU GSAS Dean’s Travel Grant (2011, 2013), SAGW Travel Grant (2012)

Reviews for scientific journals

American Journal of Political Science (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020); American Political Science Review (2018, 2019); Big Data and Society (2020, 2020); British Journal of Political Science (2018, 2021); China: An International Journal (2016); China Quarterly (2017); Cities (2018, 2019); Information, Communication and Society (2019); International Journal of Communication (2023, 2023); Communication and the Public (2020); Comparative Political Studies (2017, 2017); Comparative Politics (2018, 2018);

Contemporary Politics (2020, 2021); Democracy and Security (2020); Democratization (2023), Government and Opposition (2018, 2021, 2022); International Journal of Press/Politics (2020, 2021, 2021, 2022); Journal of Chinese Political Science (2020, 2020, 2021); Journal of Comparative Politics (2021); Journal of Communication (2017); Journal of Conflict Resolution (2021); Journal of Contemporary Asia (2020, 2020); Journal of Contemporary China (2021); Journal of Current Chinese Affairs (2021, 2022); Journal of Politics (2019); Journalism Practice (2020, 2020); Party Politics (2018, 2018, 2018); Political Communication (2020); Political Research Quarterly (2015); Political Studies (2017); Post-Soviet Affairs (2021); Problems of Post-Communism (2020); Social Networks (2016, 2017); Territory, Politics, Governance (2020, 2020); VOLUNTAS (2022), World Politics (2020)

International Network

New York University, Department of Politics and [Social Media and Political Participation \(SMaPP\) Lab](#), New York, USA [as former affiliated PhD student]

[GESIS, Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften](#), Cologne, Germany [through co-authors Sebastian Stier and David Schoch]

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, [Division of Social Science](#), Hong Kong SAR [as former employee]

SciencesPo, [Centre de Recherches Internationales CERI](#), Paris, France [through co-author Jérôme Doyon]

UC San Diego, [School of Global Policy and Strategy](#), USA [former fellow]

University College Dublin, [School of Politics and International Relations](#), Dublin, Ireland [through co-PI Jos Elkink]

National Taiwan University, [Department of Political Science](#), Taipei, Taiwan, [through co-PI Hans Hanpu Tung]

Supervision of students and junior researchers

MPhil-level: Hanying Wei (HKUST 2022, co-supervisor), Ting Yin (Tammy) Ng (HKUST 2021, main supervisor), Qingyan Wang (2018, reader)

BA-level: Christophe Hutmacher (University of Bern 2022, main supervisor), Hojun Lee (HKUST 2020, Honour's thesis supervisor), Yanbang Wang (HKUST 2019, reader), Ting Yin (Tammy) Ng (HKUST 2018, Honour's thesis supervisor)

Teaching activities

Political Science:

The World of Politics (online, offline, mixed-mode), lecture for ca. **120 undergraduate students**, HKUST (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Social Network Analysis:

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (online, offline, mixed-mode), lecture and lab for **10-20 undergraduate** and ca. **5 graduate students**, HKUST (2017, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (offline), ca. **20 PhD and PostDocs**, Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology, 2019

Introductory course to Social Network Analysis and related statistical programs (offline), **20-30 undergraduate, graduate and PhD students**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow and HKUST, 2015

Social Movements and Information Campaigns:

Practical training in research I and II (offline): Fake and genuine grassroots movements on social media, lecture and lab, **25 undergraduate students**, University of Bern, 2022

Political Astroturfing worldwide: how to manipulate public opinion on Twitter (offline), UROP - Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project for **1-5 undergraduate**

students, HKUST, Summer 2019 – Fall 2022

The spread of rumors on and across social media platforms during Hong Kong's anti-extradition-law-protests (offline), UROP for **3-5 undergraduate students**, HKUST, Spring – Summer 2020

Political astroturfing in South Korea: examining how the secret service manipulated twitter during the 2012 presidential election (offline), UROP for **1 undergraduate student**, HKUST, Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

Political Elite Networks:

Changing Alliances in Trump's White House: Networks and Elite Politics, UROP for **1-5 undergraduate students**, HKUST, Fall 2018 – Summer 2021

State visits and international get-togethers: studying the meetings of state leaders worldwide, UROP for **2-3 undergraduate students**, HKUST, Summer – Fall 2020

Who profits from the current anti-corruption campaign in China? Examining who replaces the fallen tigers and flies, UROP for **2 undergraduate students**, HKUST, Spring 2017

Institutional responsibilities

2020-2022: Member of faculty search committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST

2018-2020: Member of the postgraduate student admission committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST

2018-2019: Member of the subcommittee for Digital Society, HKUST Guangzhou Campus

2017, 2019: Interviews of prospective students for the Global China Studies and the Quantitative Social Analysis major

Memberships in panels and boards

Discussant at the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting panel "[The Ones that Never Knock: Opportunities for Career Advancement and Corruption](#)"

Discussant at the 2019 EPSA Annual Conference panel "Communicating (for and against) populism"

Chair and Discussant at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting panel "[The Influence of State Media](#)"

Discussant for the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting panel "[Political Networks East & West: Asia and the Americas](#)"

Chair of the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting panel "[Ties Matter: Selection, Distribution, and Information Networks in Latin America](#)"

Chair of the 2018 EPSA Annual Conference panel "Autocracies and Hybrid Regimes"

Discussant at the 2017 EPSA Annual Conference panel "Authoritarian Politics"

Discussant at the 2016 MPSA Annual Conference panel "[Varieties of Liberalism](#)"

Section Chair of the Political Networks section at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research in Montréal, 2015

Reviewer for the John Sprague Award (2014-2015) presented by the Political Networks section of the American Political Science Association

Organization of conferences and panels

Organized the working group "[Bots, Trolls, and Fake News: Political Astroturfing Across the World](#)" at the 2017 APSA Annual Meeting.

Organized the panel "AstroTurf Wars: Online Campaigns to Influence Public Opinion in Comparison" at the 2017 APSA Annual Meeting

Organized two panels at the 2017 MPSA Annual Conference entitled "Conflict and Government from a Network Perspective" and "More than Just Guanxi: Chinese Politics

and Social Network Analysis” and acted as discussant on the latter

Organized the panel “Elite Networks and Authoritarian Stability” at the 2016 APSA Annual Meeting.

Organized the panel “Social Network Approaches to Violence and Coercion” at the 2015 APSA Annual Meeting.

Organized the panel “Network Analysis in Non-Democratic Settings” at the 2015 MPSA Annual Conference.

Organized the panel “Network Analysis and Authoritarian Regimes” at the 2014 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Organized thematic Political Networks panels for the Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress 2014

Co-founder of the Comparative Political Networks group and mailing list

Active memberships in scientific societies

Swiss Political Science Association, American Political Science Association

Personal skills

Language skills: German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (advanced), Chinese (intermediate), Russian (intermediate), Arabic (beginner), Italian (beginner)
Computer skills: R, STATA, NetLogo, gephi, visone, LaTeX

Research Output

- Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals**
- Schoch, David, **Keller, Franziska Barbara**, Stier, Sebastian and Yang, JungHwan (2022): [Coordination patterns reveal online political astroturfing across the world](#), **Scientific Reports** 12, 4572. [SJR: 0.973, Google Scholar: 9]
- Keller, Franziska Barbara**, Schoch, David, Stier, Sebastian and Yang, JungHwan (2020): [Political Astroturfing on Twitter: How to Coordinate a Disinformation Campaign](#), **Political Communication** 37:2, 256-280. [SJR: 3.405, Google Scholar: 246]
- Doyon, Jérôme, and **Keller, Franziska Barbara** (2020): [Knowing the Wrong Cadre: Social Networking in the Chinese Central Party School](#), **Political Studies** 68:4, 1036-1053. [SJR: 1.406, Google Scholar: 11]
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (2020): [Appropriating Democracy: A Comparison between Argumentative Strategies for Confucian and Islamic Democracy](#), **Journal of Intercultural Studies** 41:2, 180-196. [SJR: 0.285, Google Scholar: 6]
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (2016): [Moving Beyond Factions: Using Social Network Analysis to Uncover Patronage Networks Among Chinese Elites](#), in **Journal of East Asian Studies** 16:1, 17-41. [SJR: 0.209, Google Scholar: 98]
- Peer-reviewed books/monographs**
- Yang, Song, **Keller, Franziska Barbara** and Zheng Lu (2017): [Social Network Analysis: Methods and Examples](#), SAGE Publications [Google Scholar: 196]
- Peer-reviewed conference proceedings**
- Haq, Ehsan-UI, Braud, Tristan, Yau, Yui-Pan, Lee, Lik-Hang, **Keller, Franziska Barbara** and Hui, Pan (2022): [Screenshots, Symbols, and Personal Thoughts: The role of Instagram for Social Activism](#), in **Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference 2022**, 3728-3739. [Google Scholar: 3]
- Keller, Franziska Barbara**, Schoch, David, Stier, Sebastian and Yang, JungHwan (2017): [How to Manipulate Social Media: Analyzing Political Astroturfing Using Ground Truth Data from South Korea](#), **Proceedings of the 11th International Association of the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Conference on Web and Social Media – ICWSM 2017** [Google Scholar: 76]
- Contributions to books**
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (2018): [Analyses of Elite Networks](#), in Heinrich Best, Maurizio Cotta, Jean-Pascal Daloz, John Higley, Ursula Hoffmann Lange, Jan Pakulski, Elena Semenova (editors): *The Palgrave Handbook of Political Elites*, Palgrave Macmillan UK [Google Scholar: 21]
- Invited Talks**
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (28.04.2020): Big Data Analysis? Two Examples, Research Methods in Public Policy, **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong Kong SAR
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (23.09.2019): Positions of Power. Uncovering hierarchies using career paths and network measures, [Network Perspectives on the Study of Chinese History](#), **ICSCC Fudan University**, Shanghai, China
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (19.10.2018): Political Astroturfing during Elections. The case of South Korea 2012, Sociology Seminar, **Hong Kong Baptist University**
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (30.04.2018): The Politics of Paying A Visit: A Network Analysis of Provincial Leadership Visits, **USC Marshall China Research Day, University of Southern California**, USA
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (12.01.2018): Shaking Hands in Public Co-appearances of political elites in China and the Soviet Union, [China Research Workshop](#), **Fudan-UC Center on Contemporary China, UC San Diego**, USA
- Keller, Franziska Barbara** (14.11.2017): Applications of Social Network Analysis in

Chinese Politics, **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (14.11.2017): Chinese Politics and Social Network Analysis and "Creating Aristocracy - Networking in the Central Party School", **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (23.04.2016): Networks of Power. Using Social Network Analysis to Analyze Chinese Informal Politics, **Hong Kong Baptist University**, Hong Kong, China

Keller, Franziska Barbara (11.03.2016): Networks of Power: How Social Network Analysis can tell us who will rule and who is really in charge in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), **Digital Media, Networks, & Political Communication, University of Pennsylvania**, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (17.03.2016): Networks of Power. Using Social Network Analysis to better understand who will rule China, and who is actually in charge, Division of Social Science, **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong Kong SAR

Keller, Franziska Barbara (9.02.2016): Networks of Power: who will rule, who will be purged, and who is really in charge in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), **INCITE – Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University**, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (25.09.2015): Moving Beyond Factions: Using Social Network Analysis to Uncover Patronage Networks Among Chinese Elites, **HKUST-HSE Workshop on Comparative Studies of Regional Governance in China and Russia, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong Kong SAR

Keller, Franziska Barbara (23.06.2015): Introduction to Social Network Analysis. With focus on elites and bureaucracies, **International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) at the Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia

Keller, Franziska Barbara (26.05.2015): Shaking Hands in Public. What elite co-appearances tell us about the politics behind the scenes, **International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) at the Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia

Keller, Franziska Barbara (07.02.2015): Networks of Power. Social Network Analysis and Chinese Elites: Conceptualizing and Measuring Informal Institutions, **Quantitative Studies of the Chinese Elite, UC San Diego**, USA.

Keller, Franziska Barbara (16.01.2015): Networks of Power. Using Social Network Analysis to predict who will rule China, (who will get purged,) and who is actually in charge, **Fachbereich Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft, University of Konstanz**, Germany.

Keller, Franziska Barbara (17.05.2014): Networks of Power Informal Networks in the Chinese Central Committee 1982-2006, **School of International Relations & Public Affairs, Fudan University**, China

Keller, Franziska Barbara (20.11.2014): Looking Beyond Patrons. Using Social Network Analysis to identify current and future leaders among the Chinese elite, **U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission**, Washington DC, USA

Talks at conferences and workshops

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.05.2023): Do China Experts influence each other? Evidence from their online writings, ICMB workshop, University of Bern, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (03.11.2022): Watching the China Watchers – who are the individuals that shape our understanding of Chinese politics, colloquium "Most recent topics in political communication", ICMB, University of Bern, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (27.10.2022): Wolf Warriors and their pups: China's presence on Twitter, [Digital Democracy Workshop](#), DigDemLab, University of Zürich, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.05.2022): Wolf warriors and their followers - the Chinese government's presence on Twitter, colloquium "Most recent topics in political communication", ICMB, University of Bern, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (08.09.2021): Astroturfing in Hong Kong and elsewhere: patterns of coordination in hidden Twitter campaigns, 8th European Communication Conference (online), European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)

Keller, Franziska Barbara (28.05.2021): Wolf Warriors and their pups: China's presence on Twitter, Empirical Political Science Working Group in Hong Kong (EPSinHK), City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

Keller, Franziska Barbara (30.02.2019): Uncovering Bureaucratic Hierarchies Using Career Paths, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Washington DC, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (29.08.2019): The Trump White House Network and How We Get to Know it, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Washington DC, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (20.06.2019): Political Astroturfing in Electoral Campaigns: a comparison between the South Korean and the US presidential election, European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Belfast, UK

Keller, Franziska Barbara (16.06.2019): Extracting Political Elite Networks from Unstructured Text: the Case of the Steele Dossier, Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (04.04.2019): Political Astroturfing in Electoral Campaigns: A comparison between the South Korean and the US presidential election, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (22.03.2019): Positions of Power. Uncovering hierarchies using career paths and network measures, [Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference](#), Denver, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (17.01.2019): Political Astroturfing in Electoral Campaigns: a comparison between the South Korean and the US presidential election, Advanced SNA Seminar, University of Bern, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara & Ma, Xiao (31.08.2018): How Do Autocrats Signal Loyalty?: Inter-Provincial Visits of Chinese Elites, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Boston USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (30.08.2018): Purges, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Boston, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (21.06.2018): Political Networks and Competition: Sharing the spoils or building partisanship? Political party development and defections in hybrid regimes, European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria

Keller, Franziska Barbara (07.04.2018): Uncovering Authoritarian Hierarchies Using Career Paths and Network Measures, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.01.2018) Shaking hands in public: Co-appearances of political elites in opaque regimes, [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), New Orleans, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (31.01.2018): Political Astroturfing during Elections. The case of South Korea 2012, HNG retreat UC San Diego, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (31.08.2017): The secret service's twitter campaign to influence South Korean public opinion, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), San Francisco, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (23.06.2017): Public appearances of political elites in opaque

regimes – the cases of China and the Soviet Union, European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Milan, Italy.

Keller, Franziska Barbara (09.04.2017): Manipulating Online Public Opinion during a Presidential Election: Political Astroturfing in South Korea, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (06.04.2017): Public Appearances of Political Elites in Opaque Regimes: The Cases of China and the Soviet Union, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (11.01.2017): Manipulating Online Public Opinion during a Presidential Election - Political Astroturfing in South Korea, Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (02.09.2016): The Ties that Kill: Informal Networks and Purges, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Philadelphia, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (01.09.2016): Uncovering Hierarchies Using Career Paths and Network Measures, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), Philadelphia, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (23.06.2016): Who is really running the show? Uncovering hierarchies using career paths and network measures, European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium

Keller, Franziska Barbara (15.06.2016): Who is really running the show? Uncovering hierarchies using career paths and network measures, 2nd European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN), SciencesPo, France

Keller, Franziska Barbara (27.04.2016): Coalition formation along informal ties: a network model, ECPR Joint Session Workshop [“The Informalization of Global Governance”](#), Pisa, Italy

Keller, Franziska Barbara (16.04.2016): How many hands must a Kazakh shake until she reaches the President? A replication of Milgram’s “small world” experiment in Kazakhstan, World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara and Truex, Rory (08.04.2016): Anti-Corruption and Growth, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (07.04.2016): “Appropriating” Democracy: A Comparison between Argumentative Strategies for Confucian and Islamic Democracy, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (02.04.2016): “Degrees of separation: How many hands must a Kazakh citizen shake until she reaches the president?” North East Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (22.01.2016): “Appropriating” Democracy. A Comparison between Argumentative Strategies for Confucian and Islamic Democracy, Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, University of Basel, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (22.01.2016): Farewell Comrades! Struggle and Elite Removal during Leadership Succession in Authoritarian Regimes, Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, University of Basel, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.09.2015): Moving beyond Factions Using Social Network Analysis to uncover patronage networks among Chinese elites (changed title), [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), San Francisco, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.09.2015): The corruption Network of Zhou Yongkang, [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#), San Francisco, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (27.12.2015): Social Network Analysis and the Study of Chinese Elites: A New Approach for Conceptualizing and Measuring Informal

Institutions, [General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research](#), University of Montreal, Canada

Keller, Franziska Barbara (29.06.2015): Networks of Power: Using Social Network Analysis to understand who will rule and who is really in charge in the Chinese Communist Party, 4th International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development Conference, Higher School of Economics, Russia.

Keller, Franziska Barbara & Jérôme Doyon (17.04.2015): Creating Aristocracy: Social Networking in the Central Party School of the Chinese Communist Party, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (17.04.2015): How to Recognize an Informal Elite Network From Quite a Long Way Away: An Appraisal of Different Approaches, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (11.12.2014): Appearing in public together. Can elite public co-appearance tell us something about behind-the-scene politics? New Generation China Scholars Program, Beijing, China

Keller, Franziska Barbara (04.09.2014): Networks of Power. Coalition Formation in Networks, [General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research](#), Glasgow, UK

Keller, Franziska Barbara (28.08.2014): [Networks of Power. Informal networks in the Chinese Central Committee 1982-2012](#), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (04.07.2014): Networks of Power. Coalition Formation in Networks, 1st European Conference on Social Networks, Barcelona, Spain

Keller, Franziska Barbara (05.04.2014): Getting the Message Across - Informal Communication Networks between the Government and Citizens in Kazakhstan, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (04.04.2014): Networks of Power – a Social Network Analysis of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee, [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (22.02.2014): Networks of Power. Informal Networks in the Chinese Central Committee 1982-2006, [Sunbelt XXXIV](#), St. Pete Beach, US

Keller, Franziska Barbara (30.01.2014): Networks of Power. Informal Networks in the Chinese Central Committee 1982-2006, Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, University of Bern, Switzerland

Keller, Franziska Barbara (13.04.2013): "Yes, Emperor" - Controlling the Bureaucracy in an Authoritarian Regime. On the Appointment of Qing Dynasty Provincial Governors, 1644-1912, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (13.04.2013) Finding Support Elsewhere - Elections and Coup Deterrence, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, USA

Keller, Franziska Barbara (01.02.2013): Finding Support Elsewhere. Elections and Coup Deterrence, Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, University of Zurich, Switzerland

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