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Personal information

Swiss national
Married
2 children (DoB: 10.08.2017, 21.12.2022)

Research interests:

authoritarian regimes, network analysis, elite politics, social media, information campaigns

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*

Employment history:

01/2022 – : Advanced PostDoc, Institute for Communication and Media Studies, University of Bern
teaching: Applied social research project (Forschungspraktikum)
research topics: COVID-19 conspiracies, misinformation, Chinese Twitter accounts, China experts

5/2020 – : non-resident fellow at the Digital Democracy Lab, University of Zurich
research topics: Chinese Twitter accounts

9/2019 – 12/2021: Faculty Associate, HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies
research topics: China experts

7/2016 – 12/2021: Assistant Professor (tenure track), Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
research topics: patronage networks in China, Astrourfing

6/2017 – 5/2018: SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellow at the University of California, San Diego
research topics: patronage networks in Communist and Post-Communist regimes

9/2015 – 5/2016: Postdoctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York
research topics: patronage networks in Communist and Post-Communist regimes

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
research topics: patronage networks in Communist and Post-Communist regimes

Institutional responsibilities

Member of faculty search committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST
Member of faculty search committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST
Member of the postgraduate student admission committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST
Member of the postgraduate student admission committee, Division of Social Science, HKUST
Member of the subcommittee for Digital Society, HKUST Guangzhou Campus
Interviews of prospective students for the Global China Studies and the Quantitative Social Analysis major

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?

Supervision of students / junior researchers

Christophe Hutmacher (2022, BA student, ICMB, University of Bern): I supervised his BA-thesis "Wahlvorhersage mit Twitter-API-Daten: ein retrospektiver Versuch im Kontext der Bundestagswahl 2021."

Hangying Wei (MPhil student, Division of Social Science, 2020-2022): I was a reader of her MPhil thesis "How Do Domestic Events in the U.S. Affect Young and Educated Chinese Netizens' Attitudes toward Democracy? Evidence from Zhihu." She was part of our research project on the spread of rumors during the protests in Hong Kong. [She is now a PhD student at Columbia University.](#)

Ruilin Lai (MPhil student, 2018-2021, Division of Social Science, HKUST): I supervised his research as undergraduate and MPhil student and wrote letters of recommendation for his successful applications to HKUST's MPhil program, the 2019 ICPSR Summer School, and an application to work as research assistant at NYU Abu Dhabi in 2021 to gain additional research experience. He supervised some of my UROP students (see below), and presented joint research at the MPSA Annual Conference 2019. [He entered the PhD program in Political Science at the Washington University of St. Louis in 2022.](#)

Ting Yin (Tammy) Ng (MPhil student, 2018-2021, Division of Social Science, HKUST): I supervised her Honour's thesis "The Effectiveness of the Great Firewall in a New Perspective: Chinese Studying Abroad" and encouraged her to apply to and wrote a letter of recommendation for HKUST's MPhil program, which she completed successfully in 2021. During that time, she participated in our research projects on China experts and the spread of rumors during the protests in Hong Kong.

Hojun Lee (UG student, Division of Social Science, 2018-2020): I supervised his Honour's thesis and he participated in several of my UROP projects, for one of which he received the Mr Armin and Mrs Lillian Kitchell Undergraduate Research Award in 2019. [He entered the PhD program in the Washington University of St. Louis' Division of Computational and Data Science in 2020.](#)

Yanbang Wang (UG student, Computer Science and Engineering 2019): I was a reader

of his final year project “Analyzing Career Trajectories of Qing Dynasty Civil Servants with Data Mining and Machine Learning.”

Qingyan Wang (MPhil student, 2016-2018, Division of Social Science, HKUST): I was a reader of her MPhil thesis “The Controversial Role of Online Charitable Crowdfunding in China” and wrote letters of recommendation for a scholarship to successfully present her research at the PolNet conference 2017 and for her PhD admission. [She entered the PhD program of the School of Public & International Affairs of the University of Georgia in 2018.](#)

In addition, between 2016 and 2021 I offered 6 different [Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program](#) projects, providing a total of 35 undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in Academic research projects.

Teaching activities

Practical training in research I and II: Fake and genuine grassroots movements on social media (University of Bern, UG course 2022)

The World of Politics (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, UG course, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20, Fall 2021)

The World of Politics (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, UG online course 2020/21)

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, UG and PG online course, 2020/21)

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, joint UG and PG course, 2018/19, 2019/20)

Introduction to Social Network Analysis at the Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology, July 2019

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, UG course, 2016/17)

Who profits from the current anti-corruption campaign in China? Examining who replaces the fallen tigers and flies (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Spring 2017)

Changing Alliances in Trump’s White House: Networks and Elite Politics (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Fall 2018 – Summer 2021)

State visits and international get-togethers: studying the meetings of state leaders worldwide (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Summer 2020 – Fall 2020)

Political Astroturfing worldwide: how to manipulate public opinion on Twitter (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Summer 2019 – Fall 2022)

Political astroturfing in South Korea: examining how the secret service manipulated twitter during the 2012 presidential election (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Spring 2019 – Spring 2020)

The spread of rumors on and across social media platforms during Hong Kong's anti-extradition-law-protests (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project, Spring 2020 – Summer 2020)

Introductory course to Social Network Analysis and related statistical programs, Higher School of Economics, Moscow and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2015

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

Reviews for scientific journals

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

Active memberships in scientific societies

Swiss Political Science Association, 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

- Prizes and Awards**
- 2020:** [UROP Faculty Research Award](#) (HDK 20,000 for supervising Mr Armin and Mrs Lillian Kitchell Undergraduate Research Awardee Hojun Lee)
 - 2019:** [Top Paper Award](#) 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
- Fellowship and grants (as principal investigator)**
- 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)
 - 2021:** **Funds** to hire research assistant under the Hong Kong Government's **Anti-epidemic Fund 2.0 Job Creation Scheme**. Received HKD 340,779 for the project "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** of the [Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office](#), Hong Kong Government. Received HKD 441,600 for the project "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](#) of the University Grants Committee's Research Grants Council, Hong Kong. Received HKD 60,000 for the project "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](#) through HKUST's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program's Collaboration Funding Scheme. Received HKD 97,151 for the project "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** of HKUST's Institute for Emerging Markets. Received 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. Received HKD 20,000 for the project "Comparing hidden propaganda campaigns during democratic elections: Presidential elections in South Korean 2012 and the United States 2016" (February 2019 – August 2020)
 - 2019:** **APSA Travel Grant**, American Political Science Association, USD 400.
 - 2016:** **Start-up Grant**, HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science. HKD 100,000.
 - 2015:** **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, [Harriman Center](#), Columbia University, USD 50,000
 - 2015:** **Early PostDoc.Mobility stipend**, Swiss National Science Foundation, 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 for completing the dissertation “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)

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

2015: APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, USD 165.

2015: Student Senator’s Council Conference Funding, New York University, USD 850

2015: Travel Grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 350

2014: Global Research Initiative Fellowship, New York University, Washington, DC, USD 4500 (Fall Academic Year 2014).

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

2014: National Science Foundation Political Networks Fellowship, Political Networks Conference, USD 1000

2014: Conference Travel Award, NYU Center for Social and Political Behavior, USD 1000

2014: Travel Grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 350

2014: Summer Research Assistantship, NYU Department of Politics, USD 4000

2013: Global Research Initiative Fellowship, New York University, NYU Shanghai, USD 4500 (Spring Academic Year 2014).

2013: Research grant, NYU Center on U.S.-China Relations, USD 10,000 for the project “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 for the project “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 for the project “Exploring the informal network between government and citizens in Kazakhstan” (June 2013 – May 2014)

2013: Dean’s Travel Grant, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science, USD 500.

2013: National Science Foundation Political Networks Fellowship, Political Networks Conference, USD 1000

2013: Conference Travel Award, NYU Center for Social and Political Behavior, USD 2000

2013: Travel Grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 350

2013: Summer Research Assistantship, NYU Department of Politics, USD 4000

2012: Teaching Assistantships, NYU Department of Politics, USD 10,000

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

2012: SAGW Travel Grant, Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, CHF 400

2012: Travel Grant, NYU Department of Politics, USD 250

2012: Summer Research Assistantship, NYU Department of Politics, USD 4000

2011: Teaching Assistantships, NYU Department of Politics, USD 10,000

2011: Dean's Travel Grant, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science, USD 500

2011: Summer Research Assistantship, NYU Department of Politics, USD 4000

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

2002: Full Scholarship to study at Renmin University 2002-2003, Chinese Scholarship Council

2001: Partial Scholarship to study at Wuhan University 2001-2002, Chinese Scholarship Council

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. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-08404-9>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2019.1661888>

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. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0032321719888854>

Keller, Franziska Barbara (2020): Appropriating Democracy: A Comparison between Argumentative Strategies for Confucian and Islamic Democracy, **Journal of Intercultural Studies** 41:2, 180-196. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07256868.2020.1724903>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jea.2015.3>

Peer-reviewed books/monographs

Yang, Song, **Keller, Franziska Barbara** and Zheng Lu (2017): Social Network Analysis: Methods and Examples, SAGE Publications

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. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/fullHtml/10.1145/3485447.3512268>

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**

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

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): 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, China

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

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, 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, University of Konstanz, Switzerland.

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 (05.05.2022): 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.

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Outreach activities

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Reports

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