

Current Position

PhD Student
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

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Education

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
PhD Student, 2021 - Present
Field specializations: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
Master of Global Affairs, 2018
Capstone project: Artificial Intelligence and Global Governance

Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Commerce, with Honours, 2008
Specialization: Finance

Research Interests

- International relations
- Security studies
- Information technology
- Civil society and social movements

Publications

Book Chapters

- Alexei Abrahams and Gabrielle Lim, "Hierarchy Over Diversity: Influence and Disinformation on Twitter," in [Cyber-Threats to Canadian Democracy](#), eds. Holly Ann Garnett and Michael Pal (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2022).
- Gabrielle Lim, Alexei Abrahams, Joan Donovan, "[Make it Trend! Setting Right Wing Media Agendas Using Twitter Hashtags](#)," in *The Social Media Debate: Unpacking the Social, Psychological, and Cultural Effects of Social Media*, ed. Devan Rosen (Routledge, 2021).
- Gabrielle Lim and Joan Donovan, "[Detect, Document, and Debunk: Studying Media Manipulation and Disinformation Campaigns](#)," in the *Oxford Handbook of Sociology and Digital Media*, eds. Deana Rohlinger and Sarah Sobieraj (Oxford University Press, 2021).
- Gabrielle Lim, "[Attributing Endless Mayfly](#)," in *Verification Handbook: For Disinformation And Media Manipulation*, ed. Craig Silverman (European Journalism Centre, 2020).

White Papers and Reports

- Gabrielle Lim, "[Frustrating the State: Surveillance, Public Health, and the Role of Civil Society](#)," in *Watching the Watchers: The New Frontier of Privacy and Surveillance under COVID-19*, Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy, McGill University, 2020.
- Brian Friedberg, Gabrielle Lim, and Joan Donovan, "[Space Invaders: The Networked Terrain of Zoom Bombing](#)," Harvard Shorenstein Center, 2020.
- Gabrielle Lim, "[Securitize/Counter-Securitize: The Life and Death of Malaysia's Anti-Fake News Act](#)," Data and Society Research Institute, 2020.

- Gabrielle Lim, Etienne Maynier, John Scott-Railton, Alberto Fittarelli, Ned Moran, and Ron Deibert, "[Burned After Reading: Endless Mayfly's Ephemeral Disinformation Campaign](#)," Citizen Lab, University of Toronto, 2019.
- Gabrielle Lim, "[Disinformation Annotated Bibliography](#)," Citizen Lab, University of Toronto, 2019.

Conference Papers

- Samantha Bradshaw and Gabrielle Lim, "Unpacking the Effect of Regime Types on Responses to Misinformation," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2021.
- Gabrielle Lim, Irene Poetranto, Justin Lau, "Populist Politics and the Securitization of COVID-19 in the Philippines: Outcomes and Risks," Re:Locations Symposium - Resilience & Disaster: The Global South during COVID-19, University of Toronto, November 23, 2020.
- Matt Goerzen, Elizabeth Anne Watkins, and Gabrielle Lim, "[Entanglements and Exploits: Sociotechnical Security as an Analytic Framework](#)," USENIX Workshop on Free and Open Communications on the Internet, Santa Clara, CA, 2019.

Popular Articles and Commentary

- Gabrielle Lim and Lotus Ruan, "[Balancing Reality and Fear: Why An Alarmist Take on Chinese Influence Operations Is Counterproductive](#)," *Just Security*, July 21, 2021.
- Joan Donovan and Gabrielle Lim, "[The Internet Is a Crime Scene](#)," *Foreign Policy*, January 20, 2021.
- Joan Donovan, Emily Dreyfuss, Brian Friedberg, and Gabrielle Lim, "[A Blueprint for Documenting and Debunking Misinformation Campaigns](#)," *Nieman Reports*, October 20, 2020.
- Gabrielle Lim, "[The Risks of Exaggerating Foreign Influence Operations and Disinformation](#)," *Centre for International Governance Innovation*, August 7, 2020.
- Alexei Abrahams and Gabrielle Lim, "[Repress/Redress: What the 'War on Terror' Can Teach Us about Fighting Misinformation](#)," *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review* 1, no. 5 (July 22, 2020).
- Gabrielle Lim, Brian Friedberg, and Joan Donovan, "[3 Ways To Counter Authoritarian Overreach During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)," *Nieman Reports*, April 22, 2020.
- Brian Friedberg, Joan Donovan, and Gabrielle Lim, "[Vote and Die: Covering Voter Suppression during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)," *Nieman Reports*, April 14, 2020.
- Gabrielle Lim and Joan Donovan, "[Republicans Want Twitter to Ban Chinese Communist Party Accounts. That's a Dangerous Idea](#)," *Slate*, April 3, 2020.

Presentations

Academic Presentations

- "Unpacking the Effect of Regime Types on Responses to Misinformation," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2021.
- "Great Power Competition for Geographic and Strategic Reach," Department of Defense Symposium on Information Strategy and Political Warfare, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, June 22, 2021.
- "The Securitization of 'Fake News' in Malaysia and Beyond," Exploring Media Ecosystems Conference, M.I.T., Cambridge, MA, March 2, 2020.
- "Data and Democracy: Post-Cold War Cyber Ethics," Tech Ethics and Governance: Conference on the Ethics of Emerging Tech, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, April 19, 2019.
- "AI Governance," Student Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, April 2018.

Select Public and Professional Presentations and Appearances

- Expert witness for the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics Regarding Foreign Interference and Threats to the Integrity of Democratic Institutions, Intellectual Property and the Canadian State, March 10, 2023
- “How to Research Media Manipulation,” Big If True Seminar Series, Harvard Shorenstein Center, October 29, 2020.
- “Media Manipulation: Life Cycle and Interventions,” United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, October 22, 2020.
- “Election Security and Integrity,” Institute for Technology Law and Policy at Georgetown Law, October 14, 2020.
- “Fighting a Two-Front War: Censorship and Disinformation in Southeast Asia,” Big If True Seminar Series, Harvard Shorenstein Center, July 10, 2020.
- “Covid-19 Pandemic, The Media, Social Networks, Misinformation & Fake News: Lessons Learnt,” Red de Acción Política (Political Action Network), July 2, 2020.
- “Protecting Digital Communities in Democracies from the Global Reach of Authoritarian Countries,” Rightscon, Tunis, June 14, 2019.
- “How Small Countries Survive: A Human Rights Dilemma With Respect To Asymmetrical Disinformation War,” Rightscon, Tunis, June 13, 2019.
- “Combating Fake News: Exploring Approaches For Protecting The Messenger And The Message,” Rightscon, Tunis, June 12, 2019.
- “Disinformation, Fake News, and Violent Extremism,” Canadian Cyber Dialogue, Ottawa, November 8, 2018.

Selected Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

- SSHRC Canada (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) Doctoral Fellowship, 2022 - present, \$80,000
- MINDS (Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security) Scholarship Initiative supplement, 2023, \$10,000
- Open Technology Fund Information Controls Fellowship, 2019, \$55,400
- Open Society Foundations Internship for Rights and Governance, 2017, \$8,560
- Master of Global Affairs Scholarship, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, 2017, \$5,000

Service

- Reviewer - *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*
- Program Committee - Rightscon, 2020
- Program Committee - International Workshop on Cyber Social Threats, co-located with the International Conference on Web and Social Media, 2020
- Reviewer - *Journal of International Law and International Relations*, 2016 - 2017
- Planning Committee - Decoding the Digital Debate Conference, Munk School, University of Toronto, 2017
- Panel Organizer and Moderator - “Global Security,” Munk Global Affairs Career Week, October 18, 2017
- Research Analyst - G7 Research Group, University of Toronto, 2016 - 2017
- Director of Communications - Munk Global Conversations, 2016 - 2017

Select Media Coverage

- Quoted by Chun Han Wong, "[China Is Now Sending Twitter Users to Prison for Posts Most Chinese Can't See](#)," *The Wall Street Journal*, January 29, 2021.
- Research featured by Valerie Strauss, "[New 'Media Manipulation Casebook' from Harvard teaches how to detect misinformation campaigns](#)," *The Washington Post*, October 28, 2020.
- Interviewed on *The Lawfare Podcast*, "[The Life and Death of Malaysia's Anti-Fake News Act](#)," 2020.
- Quoted by Emily Birnbaum and Chris Mills Rodrigo, "[Reddit enlists users to combat coronavirus misinformation](#)," *The Hill*, February 7, 2020.
- Quoted by Scott Shane and Ronen Bergman, "[New Report Shows How a Pro-Iran Group Spread Fake News Online](#)," *The New York Times*, May 14, 2019.
- Research featured by Alexis C. Madrigal, "[The Telltale Signs of a Fake Atlantic Article](#)," *The Atlantic*, May 15, 2019.
- Quoted by Roberto Rocha, "[Fears of election meddling on social media were overblown, say researchers](#)," *CBC*, November 3, 2019.

Relevant Professional Experience

- Researcher - Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School, January 2020 - May 2023
- Research Fellow - The Citizen Lab, January 2019 - Present
- Information Controls Program Fellow - Open Technology Fund, 2019
- Research Assistant - The Citizen Lab, February - December 2018
- Newsroom Intern - Global Coalition Against Daesh, British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, April - August 2017

References

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