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• research areas •

society and politics in modern China; political sociology; sociology of science; comparative study of political regimes

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POSTAL ADDRESS

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG)

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■ CURRENT POSITION

2020 – 2025 Lise Meitner Research Group leader (equivalent to a W2 professorship in Germany)
Research group “[China in the Global System of Science](#)”
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany

■ PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2014 – 2020 Associate professor (tenured)
“Modern Chinese Society and Politics”
China studies section, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS)
University of Oslo, Norway

2013 *offered*: Assistant professorship (W1, tenure track) – *declined*
“Transcultural Studies (Sinology) – Chinese and East Asian Economics and Society”
University of Heidelberg, Germany

2013 – 2014 Deputy director
Research group “Politics and International Affairs”
Mercator Institute for China Studies (Merics), Berlin, Germany

2013 Postdoctoral research fellow
Department of Comparative Research on Democracies, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft (FIW)
University of Bonn, Germany

2008 – 2013 Lecturer and research fellow
Chair for Greater China Studies, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies
University of Tübingen, Germany

2007 – 2008 Assistant to the CEO for the Greater China region
RSBK GmbH strategy consultancy, Frankfurt/M., Germany

■ EDUCATION

2013 Dr. phil. (PhD)
China studies, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI), University of Tübingen, Germany;
Supervisors: Gunter Schubert, Thomas Heberer
Thesis title: “*Constructing a New Socialist Countryside*” in Contemporary China – Analyzing Policy Implementation in Four Counties

2007 Magister Artium (Master)
Sinology (1st major) and Political Science (2nd major)
Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI) & Institute of Political Science (IfP),
University of Tübingen, Germany

■ FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2020 – 2021 Academic fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute of Advanced Study), Germany
- 2018 – 2019 One-year visiting associate professor (Wigeland fellow), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations (EALC), University of Chicago, USA
- 2017 – 2022 Elected member (incl. project grant), *Die Junge Akademie*, German Young Academy of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- 2016 – 2019 Selected member, Young Talent Career Development Program (incl. project grant), Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2015 – Visiting research fellow, Environmental and Energy Policy Center, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, PR China
- 2015 Visiting researcher (2 months), China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics (CCCPE), Beijing, PR China
- 2014 – 2019 Senior policy fellow for “Chinese domestic politics”, Mercator Institute for China Studies (Merics), Berlin, Germany
- 2013 – Permanent visiting fellow, Department of Comparative Research on Democracies, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft (FIW), University of Bonn, Germany
- 2013 Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Award, Faculty of Humanities, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2011 – 2012 One-year doctoral fellowship, Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica (IPSAS), Taipei, ROC Taiwan
- 2010 – 2016 Associated member, research network “Governance in China”, funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- 2009 Visiting researcher (1 month), China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics (CCCPE), Beijing, PR China
- 2006 – 2007 Hermann Hesse scholarship for a one-year stay at Renmin University, Beijing, PR China
- 2005 Visiting researcher (3 months), King Prajadhipok’s Institute (KPI), Nontaburi, Thailand
- 2003 Exchange student (7 months), European Center for Chinese Studies (ECCS), Peking University, Beijing, PR China
- 1998 – 1999 AFS exchange student (high school, 1 year), Kanchanaburi and Bangkok, Thailand

■ COMMISSIONS OF TRUST & OTHER FUNCTIONS

- 2021 – Editor, *Soziale Systeme: Zeitschrift für Soziologische Theorie* (De Gruyter)
- 2020 – Advisory board member, Center for Cultural Studies on Science and Technology in China, Technische Universität Berlin
- 2020 – Editorial board member, *The Environments of East Asia* series, Cornell University Press
- 2020 – 2021 Board member, *Die Junge Akademie* (German Young Academy)
- 2019 – Executive committee member, *European Journal of East Asian Studies* (Brill)
- 2017 – Associate editor-in-chief, *Journal of Chinese Governance* (Taylor & Francis)
- External reviewer: European Research Council (ERC); Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), University of Duisburg-Essen; Royal Society of New Zealand; UK Arts and Humanities Research Council; Volkswagen Stiftung
- Member of search committees: University of Bergen; University of Copenhagen; University of Oslo
- Peer reviewer: *Asian Survey*, *Asiatische Studien/Etudes Asiatiques*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *China Information*, *Chinese Journal of Communication*, *Cities*, *Environmental History*, *Environmental Science and Policy*, *EPA: Economy and Space*, *Governance*, *Journal of Chinese Governance*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*, *Journal of Social Policy*, *Problems of Post Communism*, *Public Administration, Regulation and Governance*, *Sustainability Science*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *The China Review*, *World Development* Cambridge University Press, Energy Program Asia (Leiden University), Michigan University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge

■ TEACHING

- 2021 Guest lecturer – Undergraduate/graduate seminar “Chinas Aufstieg zur globalen Wissenschaftsmacht” (China’s rise to a global science power status), Technical University of Berlin
- 2018 – 2019 Visiting associate professor – Undergraduate/graduate courses, University of Chicago
- 2018 Guest lecturer – “Advanced Social Science Summer School” for pre- and post-doctoral researchers from the PR China and ROC Taiwan, Zhejiang University, PR China
- 2017, 2021 Guest lecturer – Summer school for lecturers of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn, Germany
- 2014 – 2020 Associate professor – Courses at BA and MA level, China studies section, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS), University of Oslo, Norway
- 2015 Guest lecturer – “Akademie der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes” (summer school of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation), Annécý, France
- 2014 Guest lecturer – University of Lucerne, Switzerland
- 2008 – 2013 Full-time lecturer – Courses at BA and MA level, China studies section, University of Tübingen, Germany

■ SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS, PRE- & POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (complete list available upon request)

- University of Oslo: 1 Postdoctoral fellow (completed)
3 PhD candidates (2 completed, 1 ongoing)
14 Master students (completed)
- University of Chicago: 1 Master student (completed)
- University of Tampere: co-supervision of 1 PhD candidate (ongoing)

■ INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2020/21 Co-organizer, Institute’s Colloquium “Trusting Science”, MPIWG Berlin, Germany
- 2015 – 2016 Organizer, “East Asian Lunch Seminar” series, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS), University of Oslo, Norway
- 2008 – 2011 ERASMUS MUNDUS academic exchange coordinator, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI) – China studies section, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2008 – 2011 Board member, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI), University of Tübingen, Germany

■ INVITED TALKS (selection 2015 – 2022)

- China zwischen Expansion und Abschottung* (China between expansion and isolation)
Round table, Max-Weber-Stiftung & Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities & Alliance of the German Academies of Sciences & the European Research Centre for Chinese Studies (Beijing), Munich, March 10, 2022
- Globale Wissenschaft und chinesischer Autoritarismus – ein Widerspruch?* (Global science and Chinese authoritarianism – A contradiction?)
Max Planck Society („Tag mit Wissenschaft“), Schloss Ringberg, October 15, 2021
- Research Workshop on “Global China” and Book Discussion of “A. Rippl (2020) Borderland Infrastructures: Trade, Development, and Control in Western China”*
LMU Center for Advanced Studies, Munich, September 15-16, 2021
- Chinas Aufstieg im globalen Wissenschaftssystem* (China’s rise in the global system of science)
Wissenschaftshistorisches Seminar, Leopoldina – Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften, July 6, 2021
- Building A „World Class Science System” in Xi Jinping China*
Colloquium Greater China, University of Tübingen, July 1, 2021

The Changing Role of Categorizations in the Science System of the PRC

European Network on "Ruling Through Division: Categorizing People and Resources in Contemporary China", Aalborg University, May 10, 2021

Pandemic Politics: Science Governance in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes

Colloquium of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, April 20, 2021

Rekalibrierung der deutschen und europäischen Wissenschaftskooperation mit China (Recalibrating research cooperation between Germany/Europe and China) – together with T. Heberer

Workshop organized by the Confucius Institute at the Free University of Berlin and the Center for International Higher Education at Peking University, Berlin, February 25-26, 2021

Local Governance in China: A Critical State-of-the-Art Review – together with G. Schubert

Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, ROC Taiwan, December 11, 2020

China: The New Science Superpower?

Max Planck Lecture, Berlin Science Week, November 9, 2020

China's Scientific Ascent in the 21st Century – National and Global Implications

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Science Talks, Berlin, June 25, 2020

Governing the Airpocalypse – Insights from China's 'War on Smog'

Cornell Contemporary China Initiative lecture series, Cornell University, March 9-10, 2020

Air-Cushioned: How Local Governments Strategically Bundle Policies in China's War Against Smog

Harvard Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May 10, 2019

China Blue: A Comparative Analysis of Ad-hoc Air Quality Governance for Mega Events in China

Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, March 23, 2019

China's "Airpocalypse" and its Political Impact

East Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, February 6, 2019

China's Migrant Workers: Social, Economic, and Political Implications

Chicago Society, University of Chicago, January 17, 2019

Authoritarian Inclusion? A Sociological Approach to the Study of Political Regimes

Short Note, Letten Price Days, Oslo, September 12, 2018

Politische Verfahren in Demokratien und Autokratien des 21. Jahrhunderts (Political Processes in Democracies and Autocracies in the 21st Century) – together with R. Stichweh

Conference: Legitimation durch Verfahren. Rezeption, Kritik und Anschlüsse, University of Lucerne, February 15, 2018

Asymmetries in World Society? Chinese Notions of National Citizenship

International Workshop: Comparing Migration Management, International Law and Identity in East Asia, Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS), Free University of Berlin, October 19-20, 2017

Autoritarismus und Wissenschaft, sowie universitäres Arbeiten in der VR China (Authoritarianism and science; universities and research in the PR China)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn, July 17, 2017

Rechtsherrschaft mit chinesischen Besonderheiten? (Rule by/of law with Chinese characteristics)

4th Sino-German Academic Forum (sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Chinese Academy for Social Science (CASS) and the Social Sciences in China Press), Berlin, November 10-11, 2016

Luftverschmutzung in China: "Airpocalypse" oder Auslöser einer grünen Wende? (Air pollution in China: "Airpocalypse" or trigger of a green shift?)

Freiburg China Talks, University of Freiburg, July 14, 2016

Local State Politics in China: Continuities and Changes Over the Last Decade

Institute of Political Science, East China Normal University, Shanghai, March 28, 2016

地方政府治理的延续与变迁对政策的影响 (*Effects of continuity and changes in Chinese local governance on policy implementation*)

Workshop 中国治理：过去，现在与未来 (Governance in China: Past, present, and future), Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, November 1, 2015

Making Sense of Bureaucracy and Local Policy Implementation Effectiveness in China

Quality of Governance (QoG) Institute's Lunch Seminar, University of Gothenburg, June 2, 2015

Inklusion süß-sauer? Chinas große "neue Urbanisierung" (Sweet & sour inclusion? China's great "new urbanization")

Perspectives of Modernity lecture series, FIW, University of Bonn, May 27, 2015

MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS)

European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)

German Association for Social Science Research on China (ASC)

German Association for Asian Studies (DGA)

Hong Kong Studies Association

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: German (native)

English (fluent)

Chinese [Mandarin] (fluent)

Norwegian [Bokmål] (fluent)

French (intermediate)

Thai (basic knowledge)

Completed advanced training in Academic Development (two-year course, 2016-2018) and in Research Leadership (half-year course, 2017), University of Oslo



LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Anna L. Ahlers – February 2022

(ten most important publications highlighted by an asterisk)

A. Books

*Ahlers, Anna L., Damien Krichewsky, Evelyn Moser, and Rudolf Stichweh. 2021. *Democratic and Authoritarian Political Systems in 21st Century World Society. Vol. I.: Differentiation, Inclusion, Responsiveness*. Bielefeld: Transcript.

*Ahlers, Anna L., Mette Halskov Hansen and Rune Svarverud. 2020. *The Great Smog of China: A Short History of Air Pollution*. Ann Arbor: AAS Asia Shorts.

*Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. *Rural Policy Implementation in Contemporary China: New Socialist Countryside*. London: Routledge. 2nd printing, paperback 2017.

Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2012. *Participation and Empowerment at the Grassroots: Chinese Village Elections in Perspective*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

B. Articles (incl. book chapters and reviews)

Christmann-Budian, Stephanie, Andrea Braun Střelcová, and Anna L. Ahlers. Forthcoming. China's Contemporary Science Policy: The End of Learning from the West? *Observations: Short Papers on Science and Society in China and the World* 6.

Ahlers, Anna L. Forthcoming. Commissioned book review: Joshua Hill, *Voting as a Rite. A History of Elections in Modern China*. *Journal of Contemporary History*.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. Forthcoming. Nothing New under 'Top-Level Design'? A Review of the Conceptual Literature on Local Policy-Making in China. *Issues & Studies - A Social Science Quarterly on China, Taiwan, and East Asian Affairs*.

Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. Forthcoming. Elections and Post-election Governance in China's Villages and Townships. In: Heather Xiaoquan Zhang, and Qian Forrest Zhang (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Rural China*. London: Routledge.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. Rekalibrierung der deutschen und europäischen Wissenschaftskooperation mit China: Mehr Augenhöhe und Austausch wagen. *Berliner China-Hefte – Chinese History and Society* 53, 56–68.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. Auf Augenhöhe? Wissenschaftskooperationen mit der VR China. *Forschung & Lehre* 9, 740-742.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. More Exchange at Eye-Level: European Research Cooperation with the People's Republic of China. *Global Cooperation Research. A Quarterly Magazine* 2, 19-23.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. Wissenschaftsaustausch auf Augenhöhe bleibt unabdingbar. *Brennpunkt Tibet* 2, 16.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2019. Commissioned book review: Sebastian Heilman, *Red Swan: How Unorthodox Policy-Making Facilitated China's Rise*. *The China Review* 19(2), 177-179.

*Ahlers, Anna L. 2019. Political Inclusion in Contemporary China. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 4(3), 201-206. [as guest editor of special issue]

Ahlers, Anna L. and Rudolf Stichweh. 2019. The Bipolarity of Democracy and Authoritarianism: Value Patterns, Inclusion Roles and Forms of Internal Differentiation of Political Systems. *Sociologia & Antropologia* 9(3), 819-846. [revised version of Ahlers and Stichweh 2017]

Ahlers, Anna L., Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert. 2019. The Critical Role of Local Governance in China's Political System. In: Yu Jianxing and Guo Sujian (eds), *The Palgrave Handbook of Local Governance in Contemporary China*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 73-93. [Revised version of Ahlers, Heberer and Schubert, 2016]

Sagild, Rebekka Åsnes and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Honorary Intermediaries? The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Theory and Practice. *China Perspectives/Perspectives Chinoises* 2, 9-16.

*Sagild, Rebekka Åsnes and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Working for Harmony and Innovation? Political Inclusion of Diversified Elites via the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. *FIW Working Paper* 10, University of Bonn.

*Shen, Yongdong and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Blue Sky Fabrication in China: Science-Policy Integration in Air Pollution Regulation Campaigns for Mega-Events. *Environmental Science and Policy* 94, 135-142.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2018. Introduction: Chinese Governance in the Era of "Top-level Design". *Journal of Chinese Governance* 3(3), 263-267. [as guest editor of special issue]

Ahlers, Anna L. 2018. 让蓝天重新绽放: 德国鲁尔区的空气污染与治理 (Let a blue sky shine again: Air pollution governance in the German Ruhr area). In: Liu Zhaohui and Mette Halskov Hansen (eds), *仰望窗外的天空——中外科学家对话空气环境与治理 (A Window on the Sky: Chinese and Foreign Scholars Discuss the Atmospheric Environment and Its Governance)*. Hangzhou: Zhejiang University Press, 133-145.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2018. Local Cadre Elites and Policy Implementation in Contemporary China. In: Guo Yingjie (ed.), *Local Elites in Post-Mao China*, London: Routledge, 17-38.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Shen Yongdong. 2018. Local Environmental Governance Innovation in China: Staging 'Triangular Dialogues' for Industrial Air Pollution Control. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 3(3), 351-369.

*Ahlers, Anna L. and Shen Yongdong. 2018. Breathe Easy? Local Nuances of Authoritarian Environmentalism in China's Battle Against Air Pollution. *The China Quarterly* 234, 299-319.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Shen Yongdong. 2018. 中国城市大气污染治理的政策与行动 (Policies and actions for air pollution control in Chinese cities). In: Liu Zhaohui and Mette Halskov Hansen (eds), *仰望窗外的天空——中外科学家对话空气环境与治理 (A Window on the Sky: Chinese and Foreign Scholars Discuss the Atmospheric Environment and Its Governance)*. Hangzhou: Zhejiang University Press, 145-154.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2017. Commissioned book review: Ma Jun, *The Economics of Air Pollution in China: Achieving Better and Cleaner Growth*. *The China Quarterly* 231, 814-815.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Mette Halskov Hansen. 2017. Air Pollution: How Will China Win its Self-Declared War Against it? In: Eva Sternfeld (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Policy in China*. London: Routledge, 83-96.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Rudolf Stichweh. 2017. The Bipolarity of Democracy and Authoritarianism: Value Patterns, Inclusion Roles and Forms of Internal Differentiation of Political Systems. *FIW Working Paper* 9, University of Bonn.

Ahlers, Anna L., Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert. 2016. Whither Local Governance in Contemporary China? Reconfiguration for More Effective Policy Implementation. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 1(1), 55-77.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2015. Weaving the Chinese Dream on the Ground? Local Government Approaches to "New-Typed" Rural Urbanization. *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 20(2), 121-142.

*Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2015. Effective Policy Implementation in China's Local State. *Modern China* 41(4), 372-405.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. Lokales Regieren und administrative Interessenvermittlung in China (Local governance and administrative interest mediation in China). In: Hubert Heinelt (ed.), *Modernes Regieren in China (Modern government in China)*. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 89-115.

*Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2013. Strategic Modelling: "Building of a New Socialist Countryside" in Three Chinese Counties. *The China Quarterly* 216, 831-849.

Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2013. 作为战略性群体的县乡干部。基于三个县推进社会主义新农村建设的分析 (County and township cadres as a strategic group: An analysis of three counties' implementation of the construction of a new socialist countryside). In: Thomas Heberer, Gunter Schubert and Yang Xuedong (eds), “主动” 的地方政治 (“Active” local politics). Beijing: Central Compilation and Translation Press, 171-193. [Translation of a revised version of Schubert and Ahlers, 2012, *The China Journal*].

Ahlers, Anna L. 2012. Björn Alpermann (ed.), Politics and Markets in Rural China. *ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* 123, 147-149.

Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2012. County and Township Cadres as a Strategic Group: “Building a New Socialist Countryside” in Three Provinces. *The China Journal* 67, 67-86.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2011. Swee-Hock, Saw and John Wong (eds), Regional Economic Development in China. *ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* 121, 110-112.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2011. Khai Leong Ho (ed.), Connecting and Distancing: Southeast Asia and China. *ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* 119, 99-100.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2011. “Adaptive Authoritarianism” in Contemporary China: Identifying Zones of Legitimacy Building. In: Deng Zhenglai and Guo Sujian (eds), *Reviving Legitimacy: Lessons for and from China*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 61-81.

Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2011. “Constructing a New Socialist Countryside” and Beyond: An Analytical Framework for Studying Policy Implementation and Political Stability in Contemporary China. *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 16(1), 19-46.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2010. 新农村建设的政策实施绩效。对浙江省庆元县的印象 (The Consequences of implementing the policy of constructing a new socialist countryside. Impressions from Qingyuan County in Zhejiang Province). In: Chen Shengyong (ed.), 后金融危机的政府与市场 (Government and market in the era after the global financial crisis). Beijing: China Social Science Press, 261-279.

*Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2009. Building a New Socialist Countryside – Only a Political Slogan? *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 38(4), 35-62.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2006. Environmental Mediation. In: Suwit Laohasiriwong and Ang Ming-Chee (eds), *Natural Resources Related Conflict Management in Southeast Asia*. Khon Kaen: Siriphan Press, 223-239.

C. Media contributions and public dissemination activities

Ahlers, Anna L. 2020. (Interview). Can We Trust Chinese Covid-19 Science? *The Observer*. October 11; online: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2020/oct/11/china-coronavirus-covid-19-medical-research>.

Ahlers, Anna L., Mette Halskov Hansen and Rune Svarverud 2020. ASIA SHORTS: The Great Smog of China: An Interview with Anna L. Ahlers, Mette Halskov Hansen, and Rune Svarverud. *Education About Asia* 25(2); online: <https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/eaa/archives/asia-shorts-the-great-smog-of-china-an-interview-with-anna-l-ahlers-mette-halskov-hansen-and-rune-svarverud/>.

(Interview and research profile) Thiel, Thomas. 2020. Chinas Wissenschaft: Der diskrete Charme der Technokratie. *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. August 26; online: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/karriere-hochschule/hoersaal/chinas-wissenschaft-der-diskrete-charme-der-technokratie-16919771.html>.

Ahlers, Anna L., Bittner, Martin-Immanuel, El-Mecky, Nausikaä, Farahat, Anuscheh and Fabian Schmidt. 2018/19. *Sechs Minuten für die Wissenschaftsfreiheit/Six Minutes for Academic Freedom*. Short Film Project of Die Junge Akademie at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina; <https://www.diejungeakademie.de/en/activities/projects/academic-freedom/>.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Lena Henningsen. 2018. Was liest China; was schreibt China? (What is China reading; what is China writing?) In: Peters, Jonas, Ulrike Endesfelder, and Miriam Akkermann (eds), *Ich frag' ja nur - Grenzen unseres Wissens. Kalender 2019*. Ostfildern: Jan Thorbecke Verlag.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2017. (Interview). Something's in the Air as Environment Becomes New Battleground for China's Cadres. *South China Morning Post*. December 3; online: <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2122612/somethings-air-environment-becomes-new-battleground>.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2017. (Interview). Kina rangerer borgere i nytt overvåkningssystem. (China ranks citizens with new surveillance system). *Vårt Land*. December 28; online: <https://www.vl.no/nyhet/kina-rangerer-borgere-i-nytt-overvakningssystem-1.1076908?paywall=true>.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Yu Jianxing. 2016. Comment on "What Does Xi Jinping's Top-Down Leadership Mean for Innovation in China?" In: Asia Society – New York (ed.) *ChinaFile Conversation*, October 26; online: <http://www.chinafile.com/conversation/what-does-xi-jinpings-top-down-leadership-mean-innovation-china>.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Mette Halskov Hansen. 2016. Kinas Luftforurensning – Kimen til sosial og politisk forandring? (China's air pollution: Seed of social and political change?) In Norsk Klimastiftelse (Norwegian Climate Foundation) (ed.), *Kinas Grønne Revolusjon* (China's green revolution). Report no. 4, 23-26; online: <http://klimastiftelsen.no/kinas-gronne-revolusjon/>.

Ahlers, Anna L. and Matthias Stepan. 2016. Local Politics in Times of Political Centralisation: Top-level Design and Local-level Paralysis. In Sebastian Heilmann und Matthias Stepan (eds), *China's Core Executive: Policies, Structures and Processes Under Xi Jinping*. Berlin: MERICS Paper on China 1, 34-39.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2015. 鲁尔区《变回蓝天》对北京的启示 (How the sky over the Ruhr became blue again: A vision for Beijing). 小康 (*Insight China*) 23, November 8; online: <http://news.hexun.com/2015-11-08/180421063.html>.

Ahlers, Anna L. (Interview). 2014. Beijing strammer grepet (Beijing tightens its grip). *Dagsavisen* (Norwegian newspaper). September 30; online: <http://www.dagsavisen.no/verden/beijing-strammer-grepet-1.289344>.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. Kommunalpolitik in China. Warum wir chinesische Politik erst verstehen, wenn wir auch die lokale Ebene in den Blick nehmen (Local affairs in China: Why we have to take into account the local level in order to understand Chinese politics). *MERICS China Monitor* 10; online: https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2017-09/China_Monitor_10_Kommunalpolitik_DE.pdf.

Ahlers, Anna L. (Interview) 2014. Krever å få møte Kinas statsminister. I et hav av paraplyer ble det i dag servert et nytt krav fra demonstrantene i Hongkong: Samtaler med Li Keqiang (Asking to meet China's prime minister. From an ocean of umbrellas protesters in Hong Kong today delivered a new request: A talk with Li Keqiang). *NRK* (Norwegian broadcasting corporation). October 28; online: <https://www.nrk.no/urix/krever-a-fa-mote-kinas-statsminister-1.12010340>.

Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. Staat – Gesellschaft – Markt in China: Plädoyer für Analysen im kommunalen Raum (State – society – market: Making a case for analyses at the local level). *Zweites Deutsch-Chinesisches Akademisches Forum 2014 – Tagungsband*, 32-33; online: <http://bit.ly/2cKOsMb>.

Ahlers, Anna L., Mirjam Meissner and Yi Zhu. 2013. 3. ZK Plenum der KPCh: Was bewirkt der chinesische Reformbeschluss 2013? (3rd Plenum of the CCP: What will be the effect of the Chinese reform plan 2013?) *MERICS China Monitor* 3; online: https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/China%20Monitor_3_Reformbeschluss-2013_gesamt.pdf.

Ahlers, Anna, Roland Feicht and Mirko Zürker. 2007. VI. Deutsch-Chinesischer Sicherheitsdialog "Sicherheitspolitik Chinas und der EU: Vergleich und Kooperationsperspektiven" (VI. Sino-German Security Dialogue). *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung*; online: http://www.fes.de/aktuell/focus_europa/7/Docs/FES_Bericht_Sicherheitspolitik_Peking.pdf.

Ahlers, Anna and Viktoria König. 2006. Widerstand und Loyalität im ländlichen China (Voice and loyalty in rural China). *Greater China Occasional Paper* 4; online: <https://bit.ly/2Lw7eg3>.