Anna Lisa Ahlers (*1982)

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT POSITIONS

2020 – Lise Meitner Research Group leader (German W2 rank, tenure track)

Research group "China in the Global System of Science"

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany

2023 – Professor II

Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS) & Norwegian Research

Centre on Geopolitics, University of Oslo, Norway

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

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 Thesis title: "Constructing a New Socialist Countryside" in Contemporary China – Analyzing

Policy Implementation in Four Counties (summa cum laude)

2007 Magister Artium (Master)

Sinology (1st major) and Political Science (2nd major)

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

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2017 – 2022 Elected member, *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, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo, Norway
2015 – 2018	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, 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

2024 –	Member, Gemeinsamer Ausschuss zum Umgang mit sicherheitsrelevanter Forschung [Joint committee on the handling of security-relevant research] of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
2023 —	Advisory board member, Routledge Studies on Local China series, Routledge
2022 – 2026	Scientific advisory board member, project <i>ReConnect China: Generating independent knowledge for a resilient future with China for Europe and its citizens</i> (Horizon Europe)
2022	Project advisory board member, <i>Research Cultures in Contemporary Germany</i> , Volkswagen Foundation
2021 – 2024	Editor, Soziale Systeme: Zeitschrift für Soziologische Theorie (De Gruyter) [discontinued]
2020 –	Member, Presidential China Round Table, Max Planck Society
2020 –	Advisory board member, <i>Center for Cultural Studies on Science and Technology in China</i> , Technical University of Berlin
2020 –	Editorial board member, The Environments of East Asia series, Cornell University Press
2020 – 2023	Member, Working Group <i>IAG Wandel der Universitäten und ihres gesellschaftlichen Umfelds</i> [Change in universities and their social environment], Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW) [discontinued]
2020 –2021	Board member, Die Junge Akademie (German Young Academy, BBAW & Leopoldina)
2019 –	Executive committee member, European Journal of East Asian Studies (Brill)
2017 – 2023	Associate editor-in-chief, Journal of Chinese Governance (Taylor & Francis)

External reviewer: European Research Council (ERC), Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study, Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Royal Society of New Zealand, Swedish Research Council, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK Economic and Social

Research Council, University of Duisburg-Essen, Volkswagen Foundation, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Member of search committees: University of Bergen; University of Copenhagen; University of Oslo; Max Planck Society (e.g. for the MPG Research Groups and the Minerva Fast-Track program)

Peer reviewer: Anthropological Theory, 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, Higher Education, 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, Journal of Studies in International Education, Minerva, Open Education Research, Problems of Post Communism, Public Administration, Regulation and Governance, Sociology of Development, 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 & OTHER INSTRUCTION WORK (complete list available upon request)

2024 –	Professor II – MA and PhD courses on China & Geopolitics, University of Oslo
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
2017/21/22	Guest lecturer – Summer school for lectors 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], Annécy, 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 WORK (complete list available upon request)

MPIWG: please see the complete team at https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/LMRGChina/people

University of Oslo: 1st supervisor of 1 Postdoctoral fellow (completed), 3 PhD candidates (all completed),

14 Master students (completed)

University of Chicago: 1 Master student (completed)

University of Wuerzburg: 2nd supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (completed)

University of Tampere: 2nd supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (ongoing)

Humboldt University of Berlin: 2nd supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (ongoing)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Organizer, Lecture series 2022/23 "China – The New Science Superpower?", Berlin 2022/23 Contemporary China Network

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, 2019 – present)

China als neue Wissenschaftsmacht – soziologische Annäherungen [China as a new science power – sociological approaches]

Talk, Robert K. Merton Center for Science Studies Jour Fixe, Humboldt University Berlin, January 22, 2025

Governing China: Between National Legitimacy and International Reputation Management
Panel debate, Reputation Symposium 2024, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, August 28, 2024

Mission Impossible? Die Planung wissenschaftlicher Innovationen in der Volksrepublik China [Mission impossible? Planning scientific innovations in the People's Republic of China]

Lecture, China Institute, University of Frankfurt, June 3, 2024

Science Made in China and the Liberal Script of Science in the 21st Century

Presentation, Panel "Liberal Script of Science, its Alternatives and Contestations" by the SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, April 3, 2024 [cancelled due to a medical emergency]

How Does Beijing Make and Change Policies?

Panel debate, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, March 8, 2024

Forschungskooperationen mit China im Wandel [Research cooperation with China in transition]
Keynote, Forschungsforum China – China Competence Training Center, Humboldt University of Berlin,
January 31, 2024

China's Science Script: Authoritarian Organization of Scientific Universalism
Presentation, International Workshop on 'Science Scripts and Contestations', SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence & WZB Berlin, December 7, 2023

Current Shifts in the Global System of Science - A European Perspective

Lecture, School of Health Humanities, Peking University, Beijing, September 22 & Institute of China's Science, Technology and Education Policy, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, September 27, 2023

Forms of Scientific Policy Advice in China

Presentation, Internal Scholarly Roundtable on 'Trends in Chinese Politics', School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, Beijing, September 21, 2023

Can Young and Educated Chinese Help Mend the Growing East-West Divide? Book talk: Xiang Biao's 'Self as Method'

Comment, Panel at the Frankfurt Bookfair, SpringerNature, Frankfurt, October 20, 2023

Communication and Ethics in the Study of Autocracies

Presentation, International Workshop, 'Studying Contestations to the Liberal Script in Authoritarian Contexts in Times of Crisis: Methodological Challenges', SCRIPTS cluster, Free University Berlin, October 13, 2023

The Significance of EU Directions and National Considerations for China-related Collaboration in Selected Countries: The Case of Germany

Round table, International Conference on 'Trends in Knowledge Relations Between Europe/EU and China and the Significance for Norwegian-Chinese Collaboration within Higher Education and Research', Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, September 11, 2023

- Party Does as Party Is: Aspirations and Practices of Political and Ideological Steering in China's STI System
 Presentation, International Conference on 'The Chinese National Innovation and Techno-Industrial EcoSystems', UC San Diego Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) & Merics, Berlin, September 5,
 2023
- Wissenschaftskooperation mit der VR China im Wandel [Scientific cooperation with the PRC in transition] Lecture, German Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik (GfA; Foreign Affairs society), Munich, July 11, 2023
- Governing Science in 21st Century China
 - Lecture, International Research Webinar, China Studies Centre, University of Sydney, March 24, 2023
- China die grüne Technokratie des 21. Jahrhunderts? [China the 21st century's green technocracy?]

 Keynote, Annual conference of the German Association for China Studies (DVCS), Kiel, December 9, 2022
- Protests in China Why Now and What Does It Mean?

 Panel debate, Berlin Contemporary China Network (BCCN), November 30, 2022
- Chinese-German Scientific Relations: Solidity in Turbulent Times?
 - Keynote, Conference "China Norms, Ideas, Practices", MPILHLT & Werner Reimers Foundation, Bad Homburg, October 10-11, 2022
- Recent Trends in Research Collaboration on Governance between China and Europe
 Presentation, Global Higher Education Leaders' Forum, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, Beijing, September 30, 2022
- Wissenschaftsdiplomatie und China [Science diplomacy and China]
 Panel debate, Ruhr University Bochum & Mercator Foundation, September 20, 2022
- How to Make the 'China Story' of Science and Innovation More Informative?

 Round table, BioGovernance Commons Initiative, University of Arizona & University of Kent, September 6, 2022
- Recent Trends in European Approaches to Research Collaboration with China Presentation, China-Europe Innovation Forum, China-Europe Research Network for Innovation and Sustainable Development (CERNISD), June 7, 2022
- Understanding China: Current Political Development in China and Implications for Academic Cooperation Panel debate, International Symposium "Engaging China", University of Bergen, May 10-12, 2022
- Academic Freedom Revisited
 - Panel and workshop, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW), THE NEW INSTITUTE, Hamburg, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, BBAW, April 20-21, 2022
- Wissenschaft und Modernisierung in China [Science & scholarship and modernization in China]
 Panel discussion, Friedrich Naumann Foundation and CASSIS University of Bonn, March 24, 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?]
 - Lecture, Max Planck Society ("Tag mit Wissenschaft"), Schloss Ringberg, October 15, 2021
- Research Workshop on "Global China" and Book Discussion of "A. Rippa (2020) Borderland Infrastructures: Trade, Development, and Control in Western China"
 - Presentation, LMU Center for Advanced Studies, Munich, September 15-16, 2021
- Chinas Aufstieg im globalen Wissenschaftssystem [China's rise in the global system of science]
 Lecture, Wissenschaftshistorisches Seminar, Leopoldina Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften, July 6, 2021

- Building A "World Class Science System" in Xi Jinping China Lecture, Colloquium Greater China, University of Tübingen, July 1, 2021
- The Changing Role of Categorizations in the Science System of the PRC

 Presentation, European Network on "Ruling Through Division: Categorizing People and Resources in Contemporary China", Aalborg University, May 10, 2021
- Pandemic Polities: Science Governance in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes
 Presentation, Colloquium of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, April 20, 2021
- Rekalibierung der deutschen und europäischen Wissenschaftskooperation mit China [Recalibrating research cooperation between Gemany/Europe and China] together with Thomas Heberer

 Presentation, Workshop organized by the Confucius Institute at the Free University of Berlin and the
 - Presentation, 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
 Presentation, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, ROC Taiwan, December 11, 2020
- China's Scientific Ascent in the 21st Century National and Global Implications
 Lecture, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Science Talks, Berlin, June 25, 2020
- Governing the Airpocalypse Insights from China's 'War on Smog' Lecture, 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 Presentation, Harvard Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May 10, 2019
- China Blue: A Comparative Analysis of Ad-hoc Air Quality Governance for Mega Events in China Presentation, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, March 23, 2019
- China's "Airpocalypse" and its Political Impact
 Lecture, East Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, February 6, 2019
- China's Migrant Workers: Social, Economic, and Political Implications Lecture, Chicago Society, University of Chicago, January 17, 2019

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