

# Benjamin J. Toettoe

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## EDUCATION

- University of Montreal**, Montreal Canada Sep 2021 - Present  
Ph.D. Political Science
- University College of London**, London UK Sep 2020-Sep 2021  
M.A. Comparative Economics and Policy
- New York University**, New York NY Sep-2015-Dec 2018  
B.A. Quantitative Economics and Political Science

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- China's Economic Influence
- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Methods
- Canada-China Relations
- Foreign Influences on Foreign Policy

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Montreal**, Montreal QC Jan 2024 - Present  
*Lecturer*
- Lecturer for POL1600: Introduction to International Relations
  - Developed curriculum, conducted lectures, and supervised teaching assistants for first-year undergraduate course with approximately 480 students
- University of Montreal**, Montreal QC Sep 2021 – Present  
*Teaching Assistant*
- Teaching assistant for "Research Methods in Political Science", "Foundations of Political Science", and "Survey Methods in Political Science"
  - Helped mentor students in the comprehension and application of quantitative research methods

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- CEIAS** Jan 2023 – Present  
*Research Fellow*
- Research on international public opinion toward China's international presence and the US-China rivalry
  - Participation in outreach and fundraising activities
- New York University Department of Economics**, New York NY May 2018 – Aug 2018  
*Research Assistant*
- Assisted in quantitative and qualitative research dealing with historical trends in federal and state fiscal policy

- Developed advanced fluency of methods and practices in social science research
- Became acquainted with common methods of economic analysis using

**New York University Department of Politics**, New York NY

May 2018 – Sep 2018

*Research Assistant*

- Assisted in large-scale research projects on environmental policy and its economic repercussions
- Developed deep knowledge of statistical research methods using STATA
- Gained practice in presenting complex conclusions gained from data in a succinct and audience-friendly manner

**Center for The National Interest**, Washington DC

Sep 2016 - Dec 2016

*Research Intern*

- Performed research on topics related to international security and foreign policy
- Developed a focus on the Middle East and Caspian Basin regions
- Assisted in writing and editing large papers, as well as presenting projects to grantors in order to secure funding
- Helped organize panels and outreach efforts aimed at increasing the Center's visibility

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Moffatt & Nichol**, New York NY

Jan 2019 – Aug 2020

*Analyst*

- Responsible for conducting market research and economic analyses using SQL, Excel and R
- Became familiar with economic benefit-cost analysis methodology
- Worked with clients to identify economic and market trends relevant to their businesses

**CompStak**, New York NY

Aug 2018 – Dec 2018

*Data Analyst Intern*

- Assisted in data analysis tasks and identified relevant industry trends
- Helped analyze local markets and identify erroneous data
- Developed advanced Excel skills and acquired familiarity with SQL

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Diya Jiang, Benjamin Toettoe, & Richard Turcsanyi (2024). Allies at Heart? A Study of Ideational Continentalism in Canadians' Foreign Policy Attitudes. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming.
- Benjamin Toettoe. (2023). Chinese Development Aid and Finance: Effective Soft Power Tool or Public Diplomacy Liability? A Spatial Study of Project Influence. *International Journal of China Studies* 14(1): 49-77.
- Benjamin Toettoe & Diya Jiang (2022). Foreign contributors to democratic backsliding: the effects of linkages with China on media self-censorship in transitional regimes. *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* 29(1):18-35. DOI: 10.1080/11926422.2022.2106501.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *China's challenge to the Western-led international order: Insights from public opinion surveys in 56 countries worldwide*. With Richard Turcsanyi, James Iocovozzi, Kristina Kironka. CEIAS Policy Report. 2024.
- *Public Attitudes in Taiwan-V4 Relations: Solid basis, Space for Improvement*. With Richard Turcsanyi, James Iocovozzi, Kristina Kironka. CEIAS Policy Report. 2023.

- *Trans-Atlantic Public Opinion on China: Great Power Competition Amidst Russian Invasion of Ukraine*. With Richard Turcsányi, Alfred Gerstl, Kristina Kironská, Klára Dubravčíková, James Iocovozzi, Peter Gries, Matej Šimalčík, Konstantinos Tsimonis José Magano, Erhan Doğan, Jony Essa, Tim Ruehlig, Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Diya Jiang, Hermann Aubie. CEIAS Policy Report. 2022.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Material and Ideational Factors in Foreign Policy: A Cross-National Analysis of Public Attitudes Toward China. With Richard Turcsanyi. Stage: Revised and Resubmitted to *International Interactions*.
- Building Canada's Resilience Against China's State-Sponsored Disinformation: Insights from Australia. Stage: Revised and Resubmitted to *UT Press*.
- European identity and its geopolitical implications: An analysis of alignment between public attitudes and contested visions of strategic autonomy. With Florent Guntz and Richard Turcsanyi. Stage: Under revision at *European Politics and Society*.
- Do Affected Populations React to Economic Statecraft in Line with their Economic Interests? Evidence from Australia. Stage: Data analysis.

### CONFERENCE APPEARANCES

- European identity and its geopolitical implications: An analysis of alignment between public attitudes and contested visions of strategic autonomy. **CPSA 2024**. June 2024. Montreal, QC.
- Do Affected Populations React to Economic Statecraft in Line with their Economic Interests? Evidence from Australia. **ISA 2024**. April 2024. San Francisco, CA.
- Canada's Liberal Internationalism in the 21st Century: The Impact of China's Rise on the Strategy's Continued Political Viability. **CPSA 2023**. May 2023. York, ON.
- Building Canada's Resilience Against China's State-Sponsored Disinformation: Insights from Taiwan. **The Weaponization of Digital Disinformation in Canada**. April 2023. Waterloo, ON.
- An Identarian Divide Between Allies? An Investigation of National Identity as a Determinant of Canadians' Foreign Policy Preferences on Alignment with the United States. With Diya Jiang. Presented at **ISA 2023**. March 2023. Montreal, QC.
- China's Economic Might: Hard Fact or Illusory Perception? A statistical analysis on the determinants of perceived economic importance. Presented at **Sinophone Borderlands Survey Conference 2022**. September 2022. Olomouc, Czech Republic.
- Taiwan – China Relations: Changing Competition in the Global Arena. Presented at **ACFAS 2022**. April 2022. Montreal, QC.

### SERVICE TO FIELD

- Pannel Chair and Discussant. "Follow the Money: Development and Funding in a Post-Covid World". **CPSA 2023**. May 2023. York, ON.

### AWARDS

- University of Montreal Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. \$10,000.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Studies Association
- American Political Science Association
- Canadian Political Science Association

## **SKILLS**

### **Languages**

- Fluent English, French, Danish and Hungarian
- Limited proficiency in German
- Beginner Japanese.

### **Other**

- Advanced knowledge of econometric data analysis using R, STATA and Excel