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### Education

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- 2019 - 2022 ***Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Inquiry***  
University of Wollongong (Australia)  
Titled, ‘‘Bottomline of Law’ Meets ‘Higher Moral Aspiration’: A Qualitative Analysis of State and Citizen Interpretations and Engagements with China’s Social Credit System Project’
- 2018 ***Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) – First Class Thesis***  
University of Wollongong (Australia) Titled, ‘From Non-intervention to Flag-draped Caskets: China and Peacekeeping 1971-2017’
- 2013 - 2017 ***Bachelor of International Studies***  
Major: Chinese Mandarin  
Minors: Peace and Security Studies, Global Environment and Development Studies  
University of Wollongong (Australia)  
Receiving High Distinctions and Distinctions in:
- Advanced Chinese (MAND351)
  - Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities (ARTS470)
  - A History of Modern China (HIST252)
  - Complex Peace Operations (POL303)
- 2014 - 2016 ***Bachelor of International Studies***  
Shanghai International Studies University, China  
University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
High Distinction Average with four High Distinctions and two Distinctions

### Publications

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Trauth-Goik, Alexander. 2023, ‘‘Civilized cities or social credit? Overlap and tension between emergent governance infrastructures in China’’, *Global Media and China*, <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/20594364231163444>

Trauth-Goik, Alexander, and Pierre S. ‘‘What’s New about the New Social Credit (Draft) Law?,’’ *9Dash*, December 21, 2022. Available: <https://www.9dashline.com/article/whats-new-about-chinas-new-draft-social-credit-law>

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China pp. 1–17. Available:

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Trauth-Goik, Alexander, and Ausma Bernot. 2021. “Decentralising Data Collection and Centralising Information in the People’s Republic of China: Decentralise Manage and Service Reforms.” *Surveillance & Society*. Available:

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Trauth-Goik, Alexander. 2020. “Repudiating the Fourth Industrial Revolution Discourse: A New Episteme of Technological Progress.” *World Futures* 1–24. doi: 10.1080/02604027.2020.1788357. Available: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02604027.2020.1788357>

Trauth-Goik, Alexander. 2019. “‘Constructing a Culture of Honesty and Integrity’: The Evolution of China’s Han-Centric Surveillance System.” *IEEE Technology and Society Magazine* 38(4):75–81. doi: 10.1109/MTS.2019.2948444. Available: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8924737/>

### **Presentations and Guest Lectures**

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Trauth-Goik, A. 2022. ‘Civilised cities or social credit? Overlap and tension between digital governance systems in China’, *Categories, Digital Reconfiguration and Mobility in China Conference*, May 2022, University of Copenhagen

Trauth-Goik, A. 2022, ‘Black or fifty shades of Grey: The power and limits of the Social Credit Blacklist system in China’, *Griffith Asia Institute Seminar Series*, March 2022, Griffith University, Available: <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/griffith-in-asia/2022-alex-trauth-goik-Q-SljEheu64/>

Trauth-Goik, A. & Hutchinson, J. 2021. ‘Disruptive Technology: How Social Media Is Reshaping Identity, Relationships and Community’, April 2021, Nan Tien Institute of Higher Education. Available: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CmHA3\\_8TAM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CmHA3_8TAM)

Trauth-Goik A. 2019. ‘Reconceptualising China’s ‘Social Credit System’: From ‘Social Credit’ to ‘Social Trust’?’, *Twelfth Workshop on the Social Implications of National Security*, May 2019, University of Arizona, Available: <http://www.katinamichael.com/sins19/2019/5/1/alex-trauth-goik>

### **Professional Experience**

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## **Politics and International Studies Tutor**

**Feb 2019 - Present**

*Faculty of Law, Humanities, and the Arts - University of Wollongong*

As a politics and social science tutor, I have experience teaching the following subjects:

POL150 – Government, Power and Political Systems (Autumn 2019, 2020)

HAS 234 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences (Spring 2019)

INTS206 – Methods in International Studies and Politics (Spring 2020, 2021)

INTS200 – Model United Nations (Autumn 2019)

## **Government Media Analyst**

**June 2018 – Dec 2018**

*Meltwater*

Meltwater provides the NSW government data reports, media analyses and AI sentiment reports. My role involved:

- Collaborating with client experience managers, senior account managers, engineers, account directors and other key members of the team to facilitate best practice of the software.
- Insights reporting on media trends
- Expert on Meltwater's SaaS (Software as a service) platform.
- Tailored client engagement including technical troubleshooting to reporting and analytics best practices

## **Volunteer Experience**

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- 2020-Present – #TalkToMeBro (A Men's Mental Health Organisation)
- 2014-2015 – Mission Australia Refugee Support
- 2013-2020 – Volunteer Firefighter NSW Rural Fire Service

## **Referees**

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### **Dr Christoph Steinhardt**

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