PhD studentship   (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	School of Film and TV Arts
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr Holger Briel (XJTLU, School of Film and TV Arts) Co-supervisor: Dr Yik Chan Chin (XJTLU, School of Film and TV Arts) Co-supervisor: Dr David Hil (UoL, Department of Media and Communications)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Big Data Ethics in China's Social media Sector(中国社交媒体行业的大数据伦理)
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Requirements:

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in Law/Sociology/Media and Communication/Digital Data Studies/Applied Ethics, Evidence of good spoken and written Chinese and English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above, if the first language is not English. This position is open to all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality.

Degree:

The student will be awarded a PhD degree from the University of Liverpool (UK) upon successful completion of the program.

Funding:

The PhD studentship is available for three years subject to satisfactory progress by the student. The award covers tuition fees for three years (currently equivalent to RMB 80,000 per annum) and provides a monthly stipend of 3500 RMB as a contribution to living expenses. It also provides up to RMB 16,500 to allow participation at international conferences during the period of the award. It is a condition of the award that holders of XJTLU PhD scholarships carry out 300-500 hours of teaching assistance work per year. The scholarship holder is expected to carry out the major part of his or her research at XJTLU in Suzhou, China. However, he or she is eligible for a research study visit to the University of Liverpool of up to three months, if this is required by the project.

Project Description:

This project investigates big data ethics in China's social media sectors. It examines the normative ethics of big data collection and process and studies the empirical norms and values of big data ethics practiced in China's social media sectors; it addresses the conceptual disjunctions between empirical and normative norms and proposes for improvements including both legal and non-legal, hard and soft measures for big data ethics in China's social media sector. Social science research methods applied include: a) documentary research; b) in-depth interviews; c) survey; and d) focus groups.

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How to Apply:
Interested applicants are advised to email to Dr. Yik Chan Chin   yik-chan.chin@xjtlu.edu.cn the following documents for initial review and assessment (please put the project title in the subject line).
- CV
- Two reference letters with company/university letterhead
- Personal statement outlining your interest in the position
- Proof of English language proficiency (an IELTS score of 6.5 or above)
- Verified school transcripts in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)
- Verified certificates of education qualifications in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr. Yik Chan Chin   (yik-chan.chin @xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below,
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