

# HEATHER LI

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## EDUCATION

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### **The London School of Economics**

September 2025 - September 2026

*MSc International Relations (Research)*

- Will begin a research-focused graduate-level programme on the politics of climate change, focusing on the climate-security nexus.

### **University of Oxford**

October 2021 - June 2025

*BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*

- Awarded Master's Book Prize for exceptional performance in Microeconomics and Quantitative Economics. Achieved a high first-class performance in Quantitative Politics Research Methods.
- Highlighted Courses: International Relations & Security, Middle East Politics, Environmental Economics, Thesis in Global Environmental Governance.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford**

September 2024 - October 2024

*Research Assistant*

- Assisted Dr. Farsan Ghassim with his book on public opinion on international organizations, global governance, and long-term visions of global democracy.
- Responsible for distilling survey responses in English to capture participant sentiments on a hypothetical global government.
- Collaborate with other research assistants to create consistency across languages (Portuguese, Japanese, and German) to ensure accurate representation of participant sentiment.

### **Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI)**

June 2024 - September 2024

*Research Assistant*

- Assisted with the human and climate security programming of a security and defense think-tank.
- Compiled qualitative research reports summarizing defense procurement policy and NATO operations.
- Authored policy briefs on critical mineral supply chains and international cooperation.
- Interviewed and developed questions for experts like Canada's Parliamentary Budgetary Officer [Yves Giroux](#) and Former Assistant Deputy Minister of Materiel Alan Williams.
- Spearheaded several novel podcast panels, including on [Arctic governance](#), [conflict-related sexual violence](#), and the role of the Canadian Armed Forces in humanitarian aid.
- Support mentorship and outreach efforts by the CDAI to encourage participation of women in security.
- Invited to return to rapporteur the Montreal Climate Security Summit, writing policy briefs on conversations featuring military, political, and industry leadership.

### **Department of Economics, University of Oxford**

April 2023 - August 2023

*Research Assistant*

- Worked under the supervision of Professor Alex Teytelboym on the Oxford Policy Engagement Network (OPEN) to catalogue the policy impact and engagement of the Department of Economics.
- Coded and tagged the work of over 30 academics to identify strengths and weaknesses in the policy engagement of the Department.
- Supported the creation of a dedicated [Impact & Engagement](#) page to display academics and their accomplishments, including tagging and re-designing individual webpages.

## Shake Up The Establishment

May 2021 - August 2021

*Project Administrative Officer*

- Spearheaded the creation of a research project ([Righting History](#)) for a non-profit dedicated towards educating on the history of underrepresented groups in Canadian history.
- Wrote detailed reports and summary guides on terms within decolonisation for a variety of audiences, including professional and the general public.
- Oversaw editing efforts of over 20 pages of content to be displayed on a website as a free public resource.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

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### G20 Research Group, University of Toronto

July 2024 - December 2024

*Research Compliance Analyst*

- Monitor the compliance of nations to commitments made in G20 Communiqués, focusing on commitments made on climate change and global environmental governance.
- Research and synthesize evidence of compliance from a diverse range of sources, including World Bank/IMF meeting minutes, bilateral meetings, and report sponsorship.
- Author reports that summarize the compliance of G20 nations on specific commitments, coding their performance using depth and breadth analysis.
- Support background research efforts to aid in-person teams in reporting and negotiations at G20 summits, particularly the G20 Rio Summit.

### Chatham House

January 2024 - July 2025

*Common Futures Conversation Member*

- Selected to participate in a dialogue cohort with the international affairs think tank Chatham House to represent the interests of those under 30 in international policy discussions in Africa and Europe.
- Engage in conferences with senior research fellows and industry experts on issues of climate change and energy usage to represent youth opinions.
- Collect data and write draft policy proposals to pitch to fellow CFC members on a variety of topics, including a just green transition.

### Debate Selection Committee, The Oxford Union

October 2022 - December 2023

*Chair of the Debate Selection Committee & Convenor of Oxford Schools' & Oxford WGM*

- Led a committee of 8 members responsible for the managing of the largest and most successful debate society in Europe with over 100+ active members and an annual budget of £45,000.
- Convened the largest high school debate tournament in the world (Oxford Schools') with over 1500 participants in the UK and Ireland to promote access to public speaking and debate to high school students.
- Convened the UK's largest women and gender minorities' debate (Oxford WGM) tournament to promote diversity within debating.
- Ranked 12th-best team in Europe at the European University Debating Championships in 2024.

### St. Catherine's College, Oxford

October 2022 - June 2023

*Ethics and Environment Representative*

- Represented the interests of a student body of over 400 students on environmental issues to the governing body of St Catherine's College.
- Collected data on student opinions on college climate action using surveys and focus groups to advocate for greater climate action and support for student environmental initiatives.