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### ■ 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 – 2028 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  
Supervisors: Gunter Schubert, Thomas Heberer  
Thesis title: “*Constructing a New Socialist Countryside*” in Contemporary China – Analyzing  
*Policy Implementation in Four Counties*
- 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
- 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

- 2023 – Advisory board member, *Routledge Studies on Local China* series, Routledge
- 2022 – 2026 Scientific advisory board member, project *ReConnect China: Generating independent knowledge for a resilient future with China for Europe and its citizens* (Horizon Europe)
- 2022 Project advisory board member, *Research Cultures in Contemporary Germany*, Volkswagen Foundation
- 2021 – Editor, *Soziale Systeme: Zeitschrift für Soziologische Theorie* (De Gruyter)
- 2020 – Advisory board member, *Center for Cultural Studies on Science and Technology in China*, Technical University of Berlin
- 2020 – Editorial board member, *The Environments of East Asia* series, Cornell University Press
- 2020 – 2021 Board member, *Die Junge Akademie* (German Young Academy)
- 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), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), 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

Member of search committees: University of Bergen; University of Copenhagen; University of Oslo

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, 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, 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 COURSES (for complete list please see attached document)

- 2024 – Professor II – MA and PhD courses on “China: Features of A New Geopolitical Power”, 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), Annécý, 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: 1<sup>st</sup> supervisor of 1 Postdoctoral fellow (completed), 3 PhD candidates (2 completed), 14 Master students (completed)

University of Chicago: 1 Master student (completed)

University of Tampere: 2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (ongoing)

University of Wuerzburg: 2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (completed)

Humboldt University of Berlin: 2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor of 1 PhD candidate (ongoing)

### ■ INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2022/23 Organizer, Lecture series 2022/23 “China – The New Science Superpower?”, Berlin 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, 2018 – present)

##### *China's Science Script: Authoritarian Organization of Scientific Universalism*

Talk, International Workshop on 'Science Scripts and Contestations', SCRIPTS cluster & 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*

Talk, 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*

Talk, 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*

Talk, International Conference on 'The Chinese National Innovation and Techno-Industrial Eco-Systems', 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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: Solidarity in Turbulent Times?*

Keynote, Conference "China – Norms, Ideas, Practices", MPIILHT & Werner Reimers Foundation, Bad Homburg, October 10-11, 2022

##### *Recent Trends in Research Collaboration on Governance between China and Europe*

Talk, 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*

Talk, 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"*

Talk, 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*

Talk, European Network on "Ruling Through Division: Categorizing People and Resources in Contemporary China", Aalborg University, May 10, 2021

*Pandemic Politics: Science Governance in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes*

Talk, Colloquium of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, April 20, 2021

*Rekalibrierung der deutschen und europäischen Wissenschaftskooperation mit China* (Recalibrating research cooperation between Germany/Europe and China) – together with T. Heberer

Talk, 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

Talk, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, ROC Taiwan, December 11, 2020

*China's Scientific Ascent in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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*  
Talk, Harvard Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May 10, 2019

*China Blue: A Comparative Analysis of Ad-hoc Air Quality Governance for Mega Events in China*  
Talk, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, March 23, 2019

*China's "Airpocalypse" and its Political Impact*  
Talk, 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

*Authoritarian Inclusion? A Sociological Approach to the Study of Political Regimes*  
Short Note, Letten Price Days, Oslo, September 12, 2018

*Politische Verfahren in Demokratien und Autokratien des 21. Jahrhunderts* (Political Processes in Democracies and Autocracies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) – together with R. Stichweh  
Talk, Conference: Legitimation durch Verfahren. Rezeption, Kritik und Anschlüsse, University of Lucerne, February 15, 2018

# LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Anna L. Ahlers  
November 2023

## A. Books

- Ahlers, Anna L., Damien Krichewsky, Evelyn Moser and Rudolf Stichweh. 2021. *Democratic and Authoritarian Political Systems in 21st Century World Society. Vol. I.: Differentiation, Inclusion, Responsiveness*. Bielefeld: Transcript.
- Ahlers, Anna L., Mette Halskov Hansen and Rune Svarverud. 2020. *The Great Smog of China: A Short History of Air Pollution*. Ann Arbor: AAS Asia Shorts.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. *Rural Policy Implementation in Contemporary China: New Socialist Countryside*. London: Routledge. 2<sup>nd</sup> printing, paperback 2017.
- Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2012. *Participation and Empowerment at the Grassroots: Chinese Village Elections in Perspective*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

## B. Articles and book chapters

- Ahlers, Anna L. Forthcoming, 2024. Three Proposals for Broadening the Focus of Agnotology Studies – A Comment on Naomi Oreskes’ “Four Obstacles to the Embrace of Agnotology in History of Science”. In: Lukas Verburgt (ed.), *Debating New Approaches to the History of Science*. London: Bloomsbury.
- Ahlers, Anna L., Hennings, Jan and Fabian Schmidt. Forthcoming, 2023. Internationalisierung im Fokus: Innenansichten aus dem deutschen Wissenschaftssystem (Focus on internationalization: Inside views from the German science system). *Junge Akademie: Debattenbeitrag*.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2023. Technocracy on the Ground: Cadre Competence, Expert Involvement, and Scientific Advice in China’s Local Governance. In: Goodman, David and Ceren Ergenc (eds.), *Handbook on Local Governance in China: Structures, Variations, and Innovations*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 152-176.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Stephanie Christmann-Budian. 2023. The Politics of University Rankings in China. *Higher Education*, online first: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10734-023-01014-y>.
- Ahlers, Anna L., Uwe Schimank and Ulrich Schreiterer. 2023. Gefährdungen der Wissenschaftsfreiheit aus internationalen Verflechtungen – Institutionalisiertes Monitoring erforderlich (Threats to academic freedom via international interdependencies - Institutionalized monitoring is required). *Denkanstöße – Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften* 14, [file:///Users/alahlers/Downloads/BBAW\\_Denkanstoesse\\_14\\_2023.pdf](file:///Users/alahlers/Downloads/BBAW_Denkanstoesse_14_2023.pdf).
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2022. The Future of Global Science Relations (Letter). *Issues in Science and Technology* 39(1). <https://issues.org/scientific-collaboration-china-zhang-forum/>.
- Heberer, Thomas and Anna L. Ahlers. 2022. Wissenschaftskooperation mit der Volksrepublik China zwischen Moralisation und Idealisierung (Academic cooperation with the People’s Republic of China between moralization and idealization). *Forschung* 15(3/4), 87-93.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2022. Contextualizing and Conceptualizing Debates about Academic Freedom in Europe. *TraFo Blog for Transregional Research: Academic Freedom*, 28 April, <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/36096>.

- Ahlers, Anna L. and Rudolf Stichweh. 2022. Die Bipolarität von Demokratie und Autoritarismus und ihre gesellschaftlichen Ursprünge (The bipolarity of democracy and authoritarianism and its societal origins). *Soziale Systeme* 25, 377-417.
- Braun Střelcová, Andrea, Christmann-Budian, Stephanie and Anna L. Ahlers. 2022. The End of “Learning from the West”? Trends in China’s Contemporary Science Policy. *Observations: Short Papers on Science and Society in China and the World* 6, <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/observations/end-learning-west-trends-chinas-contemporary-science-policy>.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2022. Nothing New under ‘Top-Level Design’? A Review of the Conceptual Literature on Local Policy-Making in China. *Issues & Studies - A Social Science Quarterly on China, Taiwan, and East Asian Affairs* 58(1).
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. Auf Augenhöhe? Wissenschaftskooperationen mit der VR China. *Forschung & Lehre* 9, 740-742.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. Rekalibrierung der deutschen und europäischen Wissenschaftskooperation mit China: Mehr Augenhöhe und Austausch wagen (Recalibrating German and European science collaboration with China: Daring more eye level and exchange). *Berliner China-Hefte – Chinese History and Society* 53, 56–68.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Thomas Heberer. 2021. More Exchange at Eye-Level: European Research Cooperation with the People’s Republic of China. *Global Cooperation Research. A Quarterly Magazine* 2, 19-23.
- Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2021 (Forthcoming). Elections and Post-election Governance in China’s Villages and Townships. In: Heather Xiaoquan Zhang, and Qian Forrest Zhang (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Rural China*. London: Routledge.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2019. Political Inclusion in Contemporary China. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 4(3), 201-206. [as guest editor of special issue]
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Rudolf Stichweh. 2019. The Bipolarity of Democracy and Authoritarianism: Value Patterns, Inclusion Roles and Forms of Internal Differentiation of Political Systems. *Sociologia & Antropologia* 9(3), 819-846. [revised version of Ahlers and Stichweh 2017]
- Ahlers, Anna L., Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert. 2019. The Critical Role of Local Governance in China’s Political System. In: Yu Jianxing and Guo Sujian (eds), *The Palgrave Handbook of Local Governance in Contemporary China*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 73-93. [Revised version of Ahlers, Heberer and Schubert, 2016]
- Sagild, Rebekka Åsnes and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Honorary Intermediaries? The Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference in Theory and Practice. *China Perspectives/Perspectives Chinoises* 2, 9-16.
- Sagild, Rebekka Åsnes and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Working for Harmony and Innovation? Political Inclusion of Diversified Elites via the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. *FIW Working Paper* 10, University of Bonn.
- Shen, Yongdong and Anna L. Ahlers. 2019. Blue Sky Fabrication in China: Science-Policy Integration in Air Pollution Regulation Campaigns for Mega-Events. *Environmental Science and Policy* 94, 135-142.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2018. Introduction: Chinese Governance in the Era of “Top-level Design”. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 3(3), 263-267. [as guest editor of special issue]
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2018. 让蓝天重新绽放:德国鲁尔区的空气污染与治理 (Let a blue sky shine again: Air pollution governance in the German Ruhr area). In: Liu Zhaohui and Mette Halskov Hansen (eds), 仰望窗外的天空——中外科学家对话空气环境与治理 (*A Window on the Sky: Chinese and Foreign Scholars Discuss the Atmospheric Environment and Its Governance*). Hangzhou: Zhejiang University Press, 133-145.



- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2018. Local Cadre Elites and Policy Implementation in Contemporary China. In: Guo Yingjie (ed.), *Local Elites in Post-Mao China*, London: Routledge, 17-38.
- Shen Yongdong and Anna L. Ahlers. 2018. Local Environmental Governance Innovation in China: Staging 'Triangular Dialogues' for Industrial Air Pollution Control. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 3(3), 351-369.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Shen Yongdong. 2018. Breathe Easy? Local Nuances of Authoritarian Environmentalism in China's Battle Against Air Pollution. *The China Quarterly* 234, 299-319.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Shen Yongdong. 2018. 中国城市大气污染治理的政策与行动 (Policies and actions for air pollution control in Chinese cities). In: Liu Zhaohui and Mette Halskov Hansen (eds), 仰望窗外的天空——中外科学家对话空气环境与治理 (*A Window on the Sky: Chinese and Foreign Scholars Discuss the Atmospheric Environment and Its Governance*). Hangzhou: Zhejiang University Press, 145-154.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Mette Halskov Hansen. 2017. Air Pollution: How Will China Win its Self-Declared War Against it? In: Eva Sternfeld (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Policy in China*. London: Routledge, 83-96.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Rudolf Stichweh. 2017. The Bipolarity of Democracy and Authoritarianism: Value Patterns, Inclusion Roles and Forms of Internal Differentiation of Political Systems. *FIW Working Paper 9*, University of Bonn.
- Ahlers, Anna L., Thomas Heberer and Gunter Schubert. 2016. Whither Local Governance in Contemporary China? Reconfiguration for More Effective Policy Implementation. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 1(1), 55-77.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Matthias Stepan. 2016. Local Politics in Times of Political Centralisation: Top-level Design and Local-level Paralysis. In Sebastian Heilmann und Matthias Stepan (eds), *China's Core Executive: Policies, Structures and Processes Under Xi Jinping*. Berlin: MERICS Paper on China 1, 34-39.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Yu Jianxing. 2016. "What Does Xi Jinping's Top-Down Leadership Mean for Innovation in China?" In: Asia Society – New York (ed.) *ChinaFile Conversation*, October 26; online: <http://www.chinafile.com/conversation/what-does-xi-jinpings-top-down-leadership-mean-innovation-china>.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2015. Weaving the Chinese Dream on the Ground? Local Government Approaches to "New-Typed" Rural Urbanization. *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 20(2), 121-142.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2015. Effective Policy Implementation in China's Local State. *Modern China* 41(4), 372- 405.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. Lokales Regieren und administrative Interessenvermittlung in China (Local governance and administrative interest mediation in China). In: Hubert Heinelt (ed.), *Modernes Regieren in China* (Modern government in China). Baden-Baden: Nomos, 89-115.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2014. Kommunalpolitik in China. Warum wir chinesische Politik erst verstehen, wenn wir auch die lokale Ebene in den Blick nehmen (Local affairs in China: Why we have to take into account the local level in order to understand Chinese politics). *MERICS China Monitor* 10; online: [https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2017-09/China\\_Monitor\\_10\\_Kommunalpolitik\\_DE.pdf](https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2017-09/China_Monitor_10_Kommunalpolitik_DE.pdf).
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2013. Strategic Modelling: "Building of a New Socialist Countryside" in Three Chinese Counties. *The China Quarterly* 216, 831-849.
- Ahlers, Anna L., Mirjam Meissner and Yi Zhu. 2013. 3. ZK Plenum der KPCh: Was bewirkt der chinesische Reformbeschluss 2013? (3<sup>rd</sup> Plenum of the CCP: What will be the effect of the Chinese reform plan 2013?) *MERICS China Monitor* 3; online: [https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/China%20Monitor\\_3\\_Reformbeschluss-2013\\_gesamt.pdf](https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/China%20Monitor_3_Reformbeschluss-2013_gesamt.pdf).

- Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2013. 作为战略性群体的县乡干部。基于三个县推进社会主义新农村建设的分析 (County and township cadres as a strategic group: An analysis of three counties' implementation of the construction of a new socialist countryside). In: Thomas Heberer, Gunter Schubert and Yang Xuedong (eds), “主动”的地方政治 (“Active” local politics). Beijing: Central Compilation and Translation Press, 171-193. [Translation of a revised version of Schubert and Ahlers, 2012, *The China Journal*].
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2012. Björn Alpermann (ed.), Politics and Markets in Rural China. *ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* 123, 147-149.
- Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2012. County and Township Cadres as a Strategic Group: “Building a New Socialist Countryside” in Three Provinces. *The China Journal* 67, 67-86.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2011. “Adaptive Authoritarianism” in Contemporary China: Identifying Zones of Legitimacy Building. In: Deng Zhenglai and Guo Sujian (eds), *Reviving Legitimacy: Lessons for and from China*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 61-81.
- Schubert, Gunter and Anna L. Ahlers. 2011. “Constructing a New Socialist Countryside” and Beyond: An Analytical Framework for Studying Policy Implementation and Political Stability in Contemporary China. *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 16(1), 19-46.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2010. 新农村建设的政策实施绩效。对浙江省庆元县的印象 (The Consequences of implementing the policy of constructing a new socialist countryside. Impressions from Qingyuan County in Zhejiang Province). In: Chen Shengyong (ed.), 后金融危机的政府与市场 (Government and market in the era after the global financial crisis). Beijing: China Social Science Press, 261-279.
- Ahlers, Anna L. and Gunter Schubert. 2009. Building a New Socialist Countryside – Only a Political Slogan? *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 38(4), 35-62.
- Ahlers, Anna L. 2006. Environmental Mediation. In: Suwit Laohasiriwong and Ang Ming-Chee (eds), *Natural Resources Related Conflict Management in Southeast Asia*. Khon Kaen: Siriphan Press, 223-239.

### C. Commissioned reviews

- Ahlers, Anna L. Forthcoming. Commissioned book review: Yifei Li and Judith Shapiro, *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet*. *The China Quarterly*.
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