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EMPLOYMENT

Ford Foundation Professor of Modern China Studies, Department of Government, **Harvard University** (July 2024 to present)

PREVIOUS
APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Department of Government, **Harvard University** (July 2022 to June 2024)
Frederick S. Danziger Associate Professor, Department of Government, **Harvard University** (July 2020 to June 2022)
Associate Professor, Department of Government, **Harvard University** (July 2019 to June 2020)
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, **Harvard University** (July 2015 to June 2019)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **University of Pennsylvania** (July 2011 to June 2015)

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2011

- Dissertation Title: “When Do Authoritarian Rulers Tie Their Hands: The Rise of Limited Rule of Law in Sub-National China”
- Dissertation Committee: Mary Gallagher (Chair), Bill Clark, Rob Franzese, Nico Howson, and Ken Lieberthal
- Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Methods

M.A., Political Science, December 2009

Peking University

M.A., Political Science, July 2006

B.A., Political Science and Public Administration, July 2003

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Yuhua Wang. 2022. *The Rise and Fall of Imperial China: The Social Origins of State Development*. Princeton University Press (Princeton Studies in Contemporary China).

- Luebbert Best Book Award in Comparative Politics (American Political Science Association, 2023)
- First Prize of the Inaugural Chenghai Historical Political Science Research Award (Renmin University of China, 2024)
- Translated into traditional Chinese

Yuhua Wang. 2015. *Tying the Autocrat's Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China*. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics).

EDITED VOLUME

Melanie Manion and **Yuhua Wang** (guest co-editors). 2021. "China in the World." Special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Juan Chen, Mengyu Liu, Charles Chang, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2025. "State Infrastructure and Neighborhood Well-Being in Urbanizing China." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 47(1): 142-158.

Charles Chang and **Yuhua Wang**. 2024. "The Reach of the State." *Comparative Political Studies* 57(8): 1243-1275 (Lead Article).

Hao Chen, Saul Wilson, Changxin Xu, Cheng Cheng, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2024. "Dethroning the Mao-Era Elite, Clearing the Way for Reform." *The China Quarterly* 258, 346-366.

Pamela Clouser McCann, Charles Shipan, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2023. "Measuring the Legislative Design of Judicial Review of Agency Actions." *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 39(1): 123-159.

Yuhua Wang. 2022. "Blood Is Thicker Than Water: Elite Kinship Networks and State Building in Imperial China." *American Political Science Review* 116(3): 896-910.

- Honorable Mention for the Political Ties Award

Yuhua Wang and Bruce Dickson. 2022. "How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China." *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(1): 33-48.

Yuhua Wang. 2021. "State-in-Society 2.0: Toward Fourth-Generation Theories of the State." *Comparative Politics* 54(1): 175-198.

Yuhua Wang. 2021. "The Political Legacy of Violence during China's Cultural Revolution." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 463-487.

M. Taylor Fravel, Melanie Manion, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2021. "A 'China in the World' Paradigm for Scholarship." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56 (1): 1-17.

Yuhua Wang. 2018. "Relative Capture: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Chinese Judiciary." *Comparative Political Studies* 51(8): 1012-1041.

Mark Dincecco and **Yuhua Wang**. 2018. "Violent Conflict and Political Development over the Long Run: China versus Europe." *Annual Review of Political Science* 21: 341-358.

Yuhua Wang. 2017. "Betting on a Princeling." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 52 (4): 395-415.

Yuhua Wang. 2016. "Beyond Local Protectionism: China's State-Business Relations in the Last Two Decades." *The China Quarterly* 226: 319-341.

Yuhua Wang and Carl Minzner. 2015. "The Rise of the Chinese Security State." *The China Quarterly* 222: 339-359.

Yuhua Wang. 2015. "Politically Connected Polluters under Smog." *Business & Politics* 17(1): 97-124.

Matthew Light, Mariana Mota Prado, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2015. "Policing Following Political and Social Transitions: Russia, Brazil, and China Compared." *Theoretical Criminology* 19(2): 216-238.

Yuhua Wang. 2014. "Empowering the Police: How the Chinese Communist Party Manages its Coercive Leaders." *The China Quarterly* 219: 625-648.

Yuhua Wang. 2014. "Institutions and Bribery in an Authoritarian State." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 49(2): 217-241.

Yuhua Wang. 2014. "Coercive Capacity and the Durability of the Chinese Communist State." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 47(1): 13-25.

Yuhua Wang. 2013. "Court Funding and Judicial Corruption in China." *The China Journal* 69: 43-63.

Mingming Shen and **Yuhua Wang**. 2009. "Litigating Economic Disputes in Rural China." *China Review* 9(1): 97-121.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Mark Dincecco and **Yuhua Wang**. 2024. "State Capacity in Historical Political Economy." In *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, Jeff Jenkins and Jared Rubin, eds., Oxford University Press.

Yuhua Wang. 2023. "The Sovereign's Dilemma: State Capacity and Ruler Survival in Imperial China." In *The Long East Asia: The Premodern State and Its Contemporary Impacts*, Zhengxu Wang, eds., Springer, 69-98.

Yuhua Wang. 2017. "Can the Chinese Communist Party Learn from Chinese Emperors?" In *The China Questions*, Jennifer Rudolph and Michael Szonyi, eds., Harvard University Press, 58-64.

Gallagher, Mary, and **Yuhua Wang**. 2011. "Users and Non-Users: Legal Experience and its Effect on Legal Consciousness." In *Chinese Justice: Civil Dispute Resolution in Contemporary China*, Margaret Woo and Mary Gallagher, eds., Cambridge University Press, 204-233.

CHINESE PUBLICATIONS

王裕华 (杨端程译): "血浓于水: 精英亲缘网络与古代中国的国家建设" 《经济社会体制比较》2022年第6期, 第151-163页。

王裕华 (刘燧飞译): "社会中的国家 2.0: 迈向第四代国家理论" 《国家研究》2022年第一辑, 第212-242页。

王裕华: "中国的国家兴衰: 从盛唐到晚清" 《中国政治学》2020年第4辑, 第6-16页。

沈明明与王裕华: "中国农民经济纠纷解决偏好分析" 《北京大学学报(哲学社会科学版)》2007年第44卷第3期, 第120-130页

OTHER WRITING

Yuhua Wang. 2023. Review of Chin-Hao Huang and David C. Kang, *State Formation through Emulation: The East Asian Model*. *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3): 1045-1047.

Yuhua Wang. 2023. Response to Chin-Hao Huang and David C. Kang's Review of *The Rise and Fall of Imperial China: The Social Origins of State Development*. *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3): 1049-1050.

Yuhua Wang. 2023. "The Curse of Long-Ruling Autocrats." Princeton University Press Ideas, January 18, 2023.

Yuhua Wang. 2022. "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China." VoxChina, December 21, 2022.

Yuhua Wang. 2020. "Asians are stereotyped as 'competent but cold.' Here's how that increases backlash from the coronavirus pandemic." Monkey Cage blog at the *Washington Post*, April 6, 2020.

Yuhua Wang. 2019. "China's State Development in Comparative Historical Perspective." *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association*, 29(2).

Yuhua Wang. 2019. "How Has Tiananmen Changed China?" Monkey Cage blog at the *Washington Post*, June 3, 2019.

Yuhua Wang. 2018. Review of Rory Truex, *Making Autocracy Work*, *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4): 1208-1209.

Yuhua Wang. 2013. "Bo Xilai and the Dilemma of China's Anti-Corruption Campaign." CNN Op-ed, September 25, 2013.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Power of Limits: Executive Constraints and State Evolution in China and the West," with Gary Cox (Stanford University) and Mark Dincecco (University of Michigan). Book manuscript.

"The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China," with Cheng Cheng (New York University) and David Stasavage (New York University).

"The Social Foundations of Credible Commitment in Early Modern Venice," with Caterina Chiopris (Harvard University).

AWARDS & GRANTS

Harvard College Professorship (named professorship for commitment to undergraduate teaching), 2025-2030

First Prize of the Inaugural Chenghai Historical Political Science Research Award (for *The Rise and Fall of Imperial China*), awarded by Renmin University of China, 2024

Co-Organizer, Harvard University Center for European Studies Seminar Grant, \$12,000, 2024-26

The Lee Lecture at All Souls College, University of Oxford, 2024

Star Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, 2023

Luebbert Best Book Award in Comparative Politics (for *The Rise and Fall of Imperial China*), awarded by the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 2023

Honorable Mention for the Political Ties Award (for "Blood Is Thicker Than Water"), awarded by the Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association, 2023

The Walter Channing Cabot Fellowship, Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2023

Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Community Renew Fund (with Elizabeth Perry and Nara Dillon), \$12,000, 2022

Harvard China Fund, Research Assistant Employment Grant, \$5,000, 2021

Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Clark Award, \$6,000, 2019

Principal Investigator, "Elite Social Network and State Capacity Development," funded by the Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship, Harvard University, \$41,280, 2019-20

Principal Investigator, "Elite Social Network and State Capacity Development: England, China, and Italian City States," funded by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, \$25,000, 2019-20

Principal Investigator, "Social Origins of China's State Development," funded by the Asia Center, Harvard University, \$10,000, 2019-20

Conference Co-Organizer (with Elizabeth Perry), Chinese Politics Workshop, funded by the Asia Center, Harvard University, \$30,000, 2017-18

Principal Investigator, "The Origins of State Capacity in China," funded by the Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship, Harvard University, \$12,000, 2016-17

Conference Organizer, State Capacity in Comparative Perspective, funded by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, \$28,000, 2016-17

Principal Investigator, "The Origins of State Capacity in China," funded by the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, \$6,000, 2016-17

Principal Investigator, "The Origins of State Capacity in China," funded by the Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, Harvard University, \$4,200, 2015-16

Principal Investigator, "Connected Polluters," funded by the University Research Foundation, University of Pennsylvania, \$38,328, 2014

Henry Teune Award, given annually by the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society to honor a faculty member recognized as particularly effective or energetic in advancing undergraduate education in Political Science, 2013

Principal Investigator, "Politically Connected Firms in China," funded by the Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania, \$5,000, 2013

Principal Investigator, "Politically Connected Firms in China," funded by the Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, \$2,000, 2013

Principal Investigator, "Leaders Matter," funded by the Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania, \$6,100, 2012

Winner of Transparency International's Anti-Corruption Research Paper Competition for the paper "Does Foreign Direct Investment Curb Judicial Corruption in an Authoritarian State?" 2011

Principal Investigator, One-Term Dissertation Grant, University of Michigan, \$7,500, 2011

Co-Principal Investigator, China Environmental Awareness Program, funded by the United Nations Development Programme, \$50,000, 2010

Principal Investigator, Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: The Development of the Rule of Law in China, funded by the National Science Foundation (ID: SES-0921614), \$12,000, 2009

Principal Investigator, Center for Chinese Studies Field Research Support, University of Michigan, \$7,500, 2009

John W. Kingdon Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of Michigan, 2009

Honor's Distinction on the American Politics Preliminary Exam, University of Michigan, 2009

Honor's Distinction on the Comparative Politics Preliminary Exam, University of Michigan, 2008

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited speaker, "Preserving Empire: How Exams Held China Together," The Origins of State Strength and Economic Development, MIT, May 2025

Invited speaker, "Resisting the Party Line: How Chinese Scholars Navigate Ideological Control", Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia, New York University, May 2025

Invited speaker, "Is China a Stability-Maximizing State?", Chinese Politics, Past and Present, University of Pennsylvania, April 2025

Invited speaker, "Resisting the Party Line: How Chinese Scholars Navigate Ideological Control", SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, March 2025

Invited speaker, book launch organized by Tyler Jost, Brown University, November 2024

Invited discussant, book workshop organized by Francisco Garfias and Emily Sellars, Yale University, October 2024

Invited speaker, "The Longevity of Power," The Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions, October 2024

Invited speaker, Book Symposium organized by Taisu Zhang, Yale University, September 2024

Keynote speaker, "Can Western Theories Explain China?" 17th Joint Conference on Political Science and International Relations, July 2024

Invited speaker, "The Institutional Foundation of Unification in Imperial China," School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, July 2024

Invited speaker, "The Institutional Foundation of Unification in Imperial China," Yuanpei College, Peking University, July 2024

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), June 2024

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Sun Yat-sen University, June 2024

Invited speaker, Xiaohong Xu Memorial Conference, University of Michigan, May 2024

Invited speaker, "How Did China Become Big and Autocratic?" The Lee Lecture, All Souls College, University of Oxford, May 2024

Invited discussant, China and International Politics Conference, Yale University, May 2024

Invited speaker, “Institutional Analysis of the CCP and its Implications for China’s Economic Prospects,” Conference on China’s Economic Prospects, The Stanford Center on China’s Economy and Institutions, May 2024

Invited speaker, “Organizational Histories: Promises and Pitfalls,” Data Underground: Telling China Stories through Grassroots Sources, Harvard-Yenching Institute, April 2024

Invited speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” National University of Singapore, March 2024

Invited speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China, Princeton University, February 2024

Invited speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, December 2023

Invited speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, October 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” China Foreign Affairs University, September 2023

Invited speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” China Europe International Business School, July 2023

Keynote speaker, “The Written Word and the Development of the State in Europe and China,” The Ninth Annual Symposium on Quantitative History, July 2023

Keynote speaker, “That’s Interesting,” 16th Joint Conference on Political Science and International Relations, July 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities, Sun Yat-sen University, April 2023

Invited speaker, Conference on Bridging Social Sciences and Humanities, Peking University, March 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Institute for Advanced Historical and Social Research, Renmin University, March 2023

Invited discussant, The New Economic History of China Conference, Northwestern University, March 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Rutgers Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University, February 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” The School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, February 2023

Invited speaker, “Has American Engagement with China Failed?” Hamilton Hall Lecture Series, February 2023

Keynote speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” 2023 Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, January 2023

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” The Government and Public Policy Think Tank (South Africa), November 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and En-

agement, November 2022

Invited speaker, Roundtable discussion on the social origins of China's state-business relations, Council on Foreign Relations, November 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Department of Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, November 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Peking University and Princeton University Press Beijing Office, November 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Yale Law School, November 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Quantitative History Webinar Series, International Society for Quantitative History, October 2022

Invited presenter, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Yale University, Conference on State Capacity in Comparative and International Perspective, October 2022

Invited speaker, "Has American Engagement with China Failed?" London School of Economics and Political Science, Phelan US Centre at LSE, October 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," the College of William & Mary, Government Colloquium Series, October 2022

Invited mentor, Frances McCall Rosenbluth Junior Workshop, APSA Political Economy Section, September 2022

Keynote speaker, "Chinese Politics and Comparative Politics," 15th Joint Conference on Political Science and International Relations, Tsinghua University, July 2022

Invited participant, Getting China Right: Studying China in the (Post) Covid Era, University of Michigan, June 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," School of Public Administration, Jilin University, May 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," School of Economics and Management, East China Normal University, May 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," School of International Studies, Nanjing University, May 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," 21st Century China Center, School of Global Policy & Strategy, UCSD, May 2022

Invited speaker, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," School of Government, Nanjing University, May 2022

Invited presenter, "The Rise and Fall of Imperial China," Workshop on Historical Comparative Political Analysis/Political Economy, Duke University, April 2022

Invited speaker, "Has US's Engagement with China Failed?" Brad Morse Speaker Series, University of Massachusetts Lowell, April 2022

Invited presenter, “The Security Imperative and Paths to Modern Development,” Conference on War and Economic History, the Northwestern Center of Economic History, Northwestern University, March 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” the Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, March 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” the Centre for Chinese Research, University of British Columbia, February 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” The Lieberthal and Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, February 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, University of Oxford, February 2022

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Virtual Lecture Series: Historical Political Economy of Bureaucracy & State Building, University of Konstanz, December 2021

Invited speaker, “Xi for Life? Understanding China’s Leadership Politics,” The Center for Strategic and International Studies, December 2021

Invited speaker, panel chair, and discussant, Conference on the Future of the Communist Party of China, National University of Singapore East Asian Institute, November 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” School of Government, Peking University, October 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Korea University, September 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, September 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Huazhong University of Science and Technology, School of Sociology, May 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” New York University in Abu Dhabi, Political Science Seminar Series, April 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” the University of Virginia, the Lansing Lee Speaker Series in Global Politics, April 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Penn State University, the Colloquium Series, March 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” University of Southern California, The East Asian Studies Center Guest Speaker Series, March 2021

Invited speaker, “How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China,” McGill University, Workshop on the Politics of Corruption Prosecutions Workshop, February 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” University of Southern California, Marshall China Research Group Seminar, February 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” University of Southern California, Comparative Politics Workshop, February 2021

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Johns Hopkins University, SAIS China Studies Happy Hour, January 2021

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” University of Oxford, Comparative Politics Colloquium, January 2021

Invited speaker, “Will China Overtake the U.S.?”, Initiating Mutual Understanding Through Student Exchange, January 2021

Invited speaker, “Doing Business in China,” Yale University, MacMillan Center, September 2020

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Yale University, Law, Economics, and Organization Workshop, September 2020

Invited discussant, The Chinese Communist Party at 100: Assessing Its Roles, University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China Annual Conference, September 2020

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Zoom in China: A Webinar Series, August 2020

Invited speaker, “Social Cleavages and War Mobilization in Qing China,” People’s University, Qing History Webinar Series, July 2020

Invited keynote speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” People’s University, Conference on Comparative Historical Analysis, July 2020

Invited presenter, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” China Conference, the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, April 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19)

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” George Mason University, Public Choice Center Seminar Series, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Invited discussant, The Repression in China and the World Conference, Yale University, March 2020

Invited presenter, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, February 2020

Invited key speaker, Working Group on the Future of U.S.-Russia Relations, National Research University - Higher School of Economics (Moscow), December 2019

Invited participant, Getting China Right: China in the World Conference, Duke University, December 2019

Invited discussant, China Law Conference, University of Michigan, October 2019

Invited speaker, “The Rise and Fall of Imperial China,” Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, September 2019

Invited presenter, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Princeton University, The Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China, Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China, August 2019

Invited panel chair and presenter, “How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China,” Hertie School of Governance, Conference on Digital Governance in China, June 2019

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Seminar, May 2019

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” Harvard Kennedy School, Applied History Network Meeting, May 2019

Invited presenter, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, April 2019

Invited presenter, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Princeton University, Conference on State Capacity and Public Goods Provision, April 2019

Invited speaker, “Internal Conflict and State Development: Evidence from Imperial China,” University of Michigan, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, March 2019

Invited discussant, Sustainability of Government Innovation: An International Conference, Duke University, January 2019

Invited speaker, “Elite Kinship Networks and State-Building Preferences in Imperial China,” Stanford University, Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2018

Invited speaker, “How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China,” Stanford University, China Program, November 2018

Invited speaker, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Yale University, MacMillan Center, September 2018

Invited speaker, “How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China,” Nanjing University, School of Government, June 2018

Invited speaker, “Natural Experiments with Observational Data,” Peking University, School of Government, June 2018

Invited speaker, “Historical Institution, Social Esteem, and Bureaucratic Capacity in China,” University of Michigan, Political Economy Workshop, April 2018

Invited presenter, “The Political Legacy of Violence during China’s Cultural Revolution,” New York University in Abu Dhabi, Legacies of Violence Workshop, April 2018

Invited speaker, “Social Cleavages and War Mobilization in Qing China,” Princeton University, Comparative Politics Seminar, March 2018

Invited speaker, “Social Cleavages and War Mobilization in Qing China,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Comparative Politics Seminar, February 2018

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan China Seminar, February 2018

Invited speaker, “Historical Institution, Social Esteem, and Bureaucratic Capacity in China,” Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2017

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” New York University, Comparative Politics Seminar, October 2017

Invited speaker, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Yale University, MacMillan Center, September 2017

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” National Taiwan University, Division of Social Sciences, May 2017

Invited speaker, “How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China,” National Chengchi University, Graduate Institute of East Asia Studies, May 2017

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” Tsinghua University, Department of Sociology, May 2017

Invited presenter, “The Political Legacy of Violence during China’s Cultural Revolution,” University of Pittsburgh, Conference on Political Memory, May 2017

Invited speaker, “Sons and Lovers: Political Stability in China and Europe before the Great Divergence,” University of Michigan, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, April 2017

Invited speaker, “Relative Capture: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Chinese Judiciary,” University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, November 2016

Invited presenter, “Relative Capture: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Chinese Judiciary,” Emory University, Conference on Law and Social Order: The Politics of Property, September 2016

Invited speaker, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Yale University, MacMillan Center, September 2016

Invited presenter, “Historical Institution, Social Esteem, and Bureaucratic Capacity in China,” New York University in Shanghai, Conference on Integrating Global China Studies with Computational Social Science Research, March 2016

Invited presenter, “Relative Capture: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Chinese Judiciary,” Florida State University, Political Economy Workshop, February 2016

Invited speaker, “Do Colleges Breed Revolutionaries? Education and Political Engagement in China after Tiananmen,” University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Seminar and East Asia Workshop, January 2016

Invited speaker, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Yale University, MacMillan Center, November 2015

Invited presenter, “Corruption Networks and Anti-Corruption Campaigns,” University of California, San Diego, Conference on Quantitative Studies of the Chinese Elite, February 2015

Invited speaker, “The Agricultural Roots of Market Economy,” Princeton University, The Contemporary China Colloquium, February 2015

Invited speaker, West Point, Student Conference on United States Affairs, “Keeping the Peace in the Taiwan Strait,” November 2014

Invited presenter, “The Agricultural Roots of Market Economy,” University of Michigan, Conference on State Capacity, September 2014

Invited presenter, “The Rise of the Chinese Security State,” University of California, San Diego, Conference on Chinese State Responses to Rising Social Conflicts, August 2014

Invited speaker, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Columbia University, Seminar on Law and Politics, April 2014

Invited presenter, “Institutions and Bribery in an Authoritarian State,” Cornell University, Conference on Studying China from the Outside In and Inside Out, May 2013

Invited presenter, “Coercive Capacity and the Durability of the Chinese Communist State,” University of Pittsburgh, Conference on Chinese Local Governance, November 2012

Invited presenter, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” Duke University, New Faces in China Studies, April 2012

Invited presenter, “Tying the Autocrat’s Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China,” University of Michigan, A CCS 50th Anniversary Conference: In Honor of Professor Kenneth Lieberthal, October 2011

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association annual meetings (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings (2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
European Political Science Association annual meetings (2016)
Association for Asian Studies annual meetings (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)
Law and Society Association annual meetings (2013, 2014)
Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (2021)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HARVARD

Foundations of Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Comparative Political Development (undergraduate seminar), Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Comparative Politics: Field Seminar (graduate seminar), with Torben Iversen, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Historical Political Economy (graduate seminar), Spring 2025

Research Workshop in Comparative Politics (graduate workshop), with Torben Iversen and Melani Cammett, Fall 2015–Spring 2016; with Gwyneth McClendon, Fall 2016–Spring 2017; with Daniel Ziblatt, Fall 2018–Spring 2019; with Torben Iversen, Fall 2019–Spring 2020; with Alisha Holland, Fall 2020–Spring 2021

Government & Politics of China (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2023, Fall 2024

Political Economy of East & Southeast Asia (undergraduate lecture), Spring 2017

PENN

Authoritarian Politics (graduate seminar), Spring 2012, Spring 2014

Survey of American Political Institutions (graduate seminar), Spring 2013

East Asian Political Economy (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

China's Domestic Politics (undergraduate lecture), Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014

STUDENT ADVISING

HARVARD PH.D. STUDENTS

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Dissertation Committee Member, Chris Carothers (Deputy Chair of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute)
Dissertation Committee Member, Yichen Guan (Political Analyst, IHS Markit)
Dissertation Committee Member, Huan (Jany) Gao (Assistant Professor, Carleton College)
Dissertation Committee Member, Matthew Reichert (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University)
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Dissertation Committee Chair, Chengyu Fu (expected Summer 2026)
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First-Year Advisor, Hanning Luo (expected Summer 2027)
Third-Year Advisor, Sima Biondi (expected Summer 2027)
First-Year Advisor, Kaixiao Liu (expected Summer 2028)
First-Year Advisor, Zheng Ma (expected Summer 2028)
First-Year Advisor, Yuyang Shi (expected Summer 2029)

HARVARD M.A. STUDENTS

Advisor, Shiqi Ma (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at Cornell University, Assistant Professor at Colorado College)
Advisor, Jialu Li (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at Harvard University)
Advisor, Nora Chen (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at Harvard University)
Advisor, Tao Lin (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at University of Washington)
Advisor, Cheng Cheng (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at New York University)
Advisor, Yuyang Shi (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at Harvard University)
Advisor, Yongkang Tai (Regional Studies East Asia, enrolled in Ph.D. program at Stanford University)

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Dissertation Committee Member, Katharin Tai (expected Summer 2026)
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NORTHWESTERN PH.D. STUDENT

Dissertation Committee Member, Qin Huang (expected Summer 2026)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*, July 2024 to present

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2025 to present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, January 2024 to present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Law & Courts*, January 2021 to present

Editor, *Broadstreet Blog*, November 2020 to present

Editorial Collective, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, July 2018 to June 2021

Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Division, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025

Member, Lubbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2024

Member, McGillivray Best Paper Award Committee, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE Title IX Liaison, Department of Government, Harvard University, Fall 2022 to present

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Government, Harvard University, Spring 2019, Spring 2022

Member, Targeted Tenure-Track Search Committee, Department of Government, Harvard University, Spring 2020

Member, Open Junior Search Committee, Department of Government, Harvard University, Spring 2018

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2015–2016, 2016–2017, 2017–2018, 2018–2019, 2019–2020, 2020–2021

Coordinator, Graduate Student Poster Session, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2015–2016, 2016–2017, 2019–2020

Senior Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2022 to present

Member, Digital China Initiative, Harvard University, Fall 2023 to present

Member, Standing Committee on the A.M. Degree in Regional Studies–East Asia, Harvard University, July 2024 to present

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Regional Studies–East Asia, Harvard University, Spring 2025

Member, Harvard-Yenching Library Advisory Committee, July 2024 to present

Member, Steering Committee, Harvard China Fund, Harvard University, Spring 2024 to present

Member, Advisory Committee, The Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2022 to present

Director of Undergraduate Student Programs, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2021–2022

Member, Executive Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Fall 2021 to present

Member, Steering Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Fall 2022 to present

Faculty affiliate, Weatherhead Research Cluster on Business and Government, Harvard University, Fall 2022 to present

Member, Tenure-Track Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, Fall 2024

Member, Tenure Promotion Committee, Department of Economics, Harvard University, Fall 2022

Committee Member, Council on Asian Studies, Harvard University, 2016–2017, 2017–2018, 2018–2019, 2020–2021, 2021–2022

Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Seminar, Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, Harvard University, 2015–2016, 2016–2017

Chair, Lecture Series on Contemporary East Asia, University of Pennsylvania, 2013–2014, 2014–2015

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Seminars and Workshops, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2013–2014, 2014–2015

Member, Comparative Politics Field Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2012, 2013

Member, Undergraduate Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2012–2013, 2013–2014, 2014–2015

Member, Comparative Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2010

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MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Association for Asian Studies
Midwest Political Science Association
Law and Society Association
European Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

The New York Times, *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, Reuters, *The Economist*, *The New Republic*, Danish Broadcasting Corp., *South China Morning Post*, *Ei Pais*, CNPolitics.org, CGTN, Philly.com

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *American Sociological Review*, *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China: An International Journal*, *China Perspectives*, *China Quarterly*, *Cities*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics, Economics & Politics*, *European Journal of Sociology*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Governance*, *International Organization*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Issues and Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Governance*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Law and*

Society Review, Modern China, Nationalities Papers, Nature Human Behaviour, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Research and Politics, Review of International Political Economy, Socio-Economic Review, Studies in Comparative International Development, Theory and Society, World Development, World Politics, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Stanford University Press, National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.