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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (postponed for postdoc; 2019-)
Lecturer and Postdoctoral Associate (Aug 2018- June 2019)
MacMillan Center & the Department of Political Science, Yale University

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Ph.D., Political Science, Aug 2018

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

M.A., Political Science and Asia-Pacific Studies, June 2010

B.A., Political Science and International Studies, June 2009

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Program Scholar, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation (Book Manuscript in Progress):

Building Markets within Authoritarian Institutions: The Political Economy of Banking Development in China *Winner of the BRICS Economic Research Award 2020 (Award amount: 21,000 USD)*

Journal Articles

- “Assessing Public Support for (Non-Peaceful) Unification with Taiwan: Evidence from a Nationwide Survey in China,” (with Xiaojun Li) *Journal of Contemporary China*, forthcoming. Covered by [The Economist](#), [South China Morning Post](#), [BBC](#), [Taipei Times](#), [Sunday Papers](#), [The Print](#), [Institute for National Defense and Security Research \(Taiwan\)](#), [B.T. \(Norway\)](#), [Koridor \(Indonesia\)](#), [Courrier International \(France\)](#), [Prohaba \(Indonesia\)](#), [CAN \(Taiwan\)](#), [RFA](#), [Radio Taiwan International](#), etc. TV shows covering the paper: [TVBS Situation Room](#), [CtiNews](#), [94politics](#), etc.
- “Beijing’s Banking Balloon: China’s Core Economic Challenge in the New Era” *Washington Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- “Unpacking ‘the West’: Divergence and Asymmetries in Chinese Public Attitudes towards Europe and the United States (with Songying Fang & Xiaojun Li) *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (forthcoming) Covered by [South China Morning Post \(Hong Kong\)](#), [Deutscher Welle \(Germany\)](#), [Politiken \(Denmark\)](#), [Le Grand Continent \(France\)](#), [PIME AsiaNews \(Vatican\)](#), [Huanqiu \(China\)](#), [Central News Agency of Taiwan](#), [The News Lens \(Taiwan\)](#), [China Press \(Malaysia\)](#)
- “Chinese Public Opinion about US-China Relations from Trump to Biden” (with Songying Fang & Xiaojun Li) *Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2022) Covered by [Bloomberg](#); [South China Morning Post](#); [Voice of America](#); [CGTN radio show \(Chat Lunge\) dedicated to this paper](#)
- “China’s Local Government Debt: The Grand Bargain” (with Jean Oi & Yi Zhang) *The China Journal* (2022) *Interviewed by the Economist*
- “Standing By: The Spatial Organization of Coercive Institutions in China (with Charles Chang), *Social Science Research* 94(2021) *Nominated by the journal editor for distinguished article award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*

- “Commanding Support: Values and Interests in the Rhetoric of Alliance Politics” (with Jonathan Chu and Jiyoung Ko) *forthcoming*, *International Interactions* (2021)
- “What Drives Consumer Activism During Trade Disputes? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Canada” (with Xiaojun Li), *International Journal* (2021), Volume 76, Issue 1, pp.68-84.
- “Business as Usual? Territorial Disputes and Economic Exchanges between China and Japan” (with Xiaojun Li), *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (2019), Volume 19, Issue 2, pp.213-236.

Completed working Papers

- “The Determinants of Credit Allocation in China: An Experimental Approach”
- “The Political Economy of Bank Proliferation in China”
- “China’s Government Performance Evaluation System: What Do We Know?”
- “The Political Economy of Banking Regulation in China”

Other writings

- “Making Markets: The Untold Story of Chinese Banking and Why It Matters.” *The China Story*
- “The Dual Commitment Problem in China’s Economic Development: The Case of Local Government Debt” *Global-is-Asian*, May 2022 *Quoted in the Economist (July 9, 2022)*
- “What Do Chinese People Think of the Developed Countries?” (with Xiaojun Li and Songying Fang) *The Diplomat*, December 2020
- “Singapore in the Eyes of the Chinese: Amity and Likability” (with Jian Qiang Kwek and Xiaojun Li) *FULCRUM: Analysis of Southeast Asia*, January 2021.
- “What Do Chinese People Think of the Developed Countries? 2021 Edition” (with Xiaojun Li and Songying Fang) *The Diplomat*, March 2021
Coverd by [global times and Pengpai](#) | [LKY school video](#)
- “The Political Origin and Firm-Level Consequences of Bank Proliferation in China” *EXIM Bank: Research Brief*, November 2020.

Book Reviews

- “Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution and Regime Survival in China,” by Jeremy L. Wallace. *Political Studies Review*, 14(1), 462-63.
- “Media Commercialization and Authoritarian Rule in China,” by Daniela Stockmann. *Political Studies Review*, 13 (3), 462

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants

2020	BRICS Economic Research Award, EXIM Bank of India (\$21,000)
2020	HSS Seed Fund, National University of Singapore (S\$ 20,000)
2019	Start-up Grant, National University of Singapore (S\$180,000)
2018	Yale MacMillan Postdoctoral Research Fund (\$5,000)
2017	Large Research Grant, FSI, Stanford (\$7,000)
2017	Association for Asian Studies Travel Grant (\$500)
2016	Stanford East Asian Studies Travel Fund (\$500)
2016	Stanford FSI Global Policy Fellows Small research grant (\$1,500)
2015	Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$4,900)
2015	Stanford Center for International Development Research Grant (\$6,900)
2014	John and Jackie Lewis Fund to Support Research on Asia (\$1,500)
2013	Stanford Center for East Asian Studies Summer Research Grant (\$5,000)
2010	University of Toronto Asian Institute Research Travel Fund (\$500)

Fellowships

2023	HSS Faculty Research Fellowship, NUS (one semester teaching release)
2017	Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Digital Humanities (\$36,000)
2017	Larry Yung Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford (\$33,000)
2016	Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) Fellowship (\$10,000)
2016	Larry Yung Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford (\$33,000)

2014 SCPKU Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, FSI, Stanford (\$7,300)
 2013 SCPKU Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, FSI, Stanford (\$7,500)

TEACHING

Instructor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
 PP5904 Research Methods for International Affairs
 PP5520 The Political Economy of Reform in China
 PP5408 Research Methods II for Public Policy
 PP5903 International Political Economy

Instructor, McMillan Center/Department of Political Science, Yale University
 The Political Economy of Reform in China (2019)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Stanford University
 The Rise of Asia (Fall 2014, Prof. Phillip Lipsky)
 The Political Economy of China's Reform (Winter 2014 & 2013, Prof. Jean Oi)
 China in World Politics (Fall 2014, Prof. Alice Miller)
 Democratic Development, a MOOC course (Spring 2013, Prof. Larry Diamond)
 Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (Fall 2012, Prof. Larry Diamond & Prof. Kathryn Stoner-Weiss)

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Toronto
 Introduction to Global Asia Studies (Winter 2011, Prof. Li Chen)

Teaching Fellow, University of Toronto Scarborough
 English Language Development Center (developed novel academic English lessons for undergraduate students, for which I received the Gordon Cressy Award 2009, the University's highest student service award)

RECENT INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

Invited Lecture and Talks

Policy Planning Department, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France, May 2023
 "Chinese Public Opinion on How to Resolve the Taiwan Issue"
 The Institute for Strategic Research at the Military School, France, May 2023
 "Chinese Public Opinion on How to Resolve the Taiwan Issue"
 Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin & Berlin Contemporary China Network, May 2023
 "Beijing's Banking Balloon: The Cause and Consequences of Bank Proliferation in China"
 DIW Berlin/The German Institute for Economic Research, April 2023
 "Varieties of Political Connections and Economic Resource Allocation" Evidence from China"
 Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies, April 2023
 "Varieties of Political Connections and Economic Resource Allocation" Evidence from China"
 Harvard/MIT/UBC Urban China lab, March 2023
 "Small Banks, Big Politics: The Cause and Consequences of Bank Proliferation in China"
 The China Program, Stanford University, October 2022
["Small Banks, Big Politics: The Cause and Consequences of Bank Proliferation in China"](#)
 Stanford China Social Science Workshop, March 2022
 "State-Owned Market: The Political Economy of Banking Development in China"
 East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, Nov 2021
 "Chinese Public Opinion about US-China Relations from Trump to Biden"
 Festival of Ideas, LKY, National University of Singapore, Nov 2019
 "The Spatial Organization of Coercive Institutions in Autocracy: Evidence from China"
 East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, Nov 2019
 "The Spatial Organization of Coercive Institutions in Autocracy: Evidence from China"

Leitner Political Economy Seminar Series, Yale University, Jan 2018
 “The Political Economy of Religion in China: A Spatial Approach”
 National University of Singapore, March 2017
 Public Lecture: “The Dual Commitment Problem in Development: Local Government Debt in China”
 Tsinghua University, June 2017
 “Political Science in North America: A Historiography”
 Yenching Academy, Peking University, March 2017
 “Designing Social Science Research”
 School of Education, Peking University, Jan 2016
 “Social Science Research Methods: An Introduction”
 School of Government, Peking University, Oct 2015
 “The Politics of Rural Development in China”

Recent Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2023
 “The Political Economy of Banking Regulation in China”
 Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2023
 “Assessing Public Support for (Non-)Peaceful Unification with Taiwan: Evidence from a Nationwide Survey in China”
 China in Contemporary International Relations, SWPS University, Poland, 2022
 “Unpacking the West: Chinese Public Attitudes towards Europe and the US”
 Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference, 2019
 “The Political Economy of Religion in China: A Spatial Approach”
 Inaugural Global Digital Humanities Conference, 2018
 “Using Spatial Data to Study Financial Development”
 Association of Asian Studies, 2018
 “The Determinants of Firm Credit in China: An Experimental Approach”
 APSA Conference, 2017
 “The Political Rhetoric of Alliance Maintenance: Evidence on the U.S., China and the Two Koreas”
 (with Jonathan Chu and Jiyoung Ko)
 ISA Asia Conference, 2017
 “The Political Rhetoric of Alliance Maintenance: Evidence on the U.S., China and the Two Koreas”
 (with Jonathan Chu and Jiyoung Ko)
 Midwest Political Science Association 2017
 “When Autocrats Compete: Firm-Level Effects of State Bank Competition in China”
 Association of Asian Studies, 2017
 “The Politics of Capital Allocation in China: A Spatial Approach”
 Association of Chinese Political Studies, 2016
 “Financial Decentralization in China: Firm-Level Consequences”
 American Association of Chinese Studies, 2016
 “Financial Decentralization in China: Firm-Level Consequences”
 Stanford-Berkeley Annual China Social Sciences Conference, 2016
 “Dual Commitment Problem in Development: Local Government Debt in China” (with Jean Oi)
 East Asia Studies Annual Conference, Stanford University, 2016
 “When Autocrats Compete: Firm-Level Effects of State Bank Competition in China”
 Graduate Conference on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong 2015
 “The Politics of Bank Proliferation in China”
 Midwest Political Science Association 2014
 “Local Leaders’ Time Horizon and Capital Allocation in China”

SKILLS AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

Research software
 ArcGIS, R, STATA
 Language Skills

Chinese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Editorial Service

Editor-in-Chief, Asia Pacific Reader, University of Toronto, 2010

Work Experiences

Language Development Coordinator, University of Toronto Scarborough, May-Sep 2009

Data Analyst, City Government of Toronto, May-Sep 2008

Junior Policy Analyst, Federal Government of Canada, Sep-Dec 2007

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Association of Chinese Political Science, Association of Asian Studies

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