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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 2015 - Present

Assistant Professor, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL 2014 - 2015

Rajawali Fellow, The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, HKS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY 2013 - 2014

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow, The Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

EDUCATION

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 2013

Ph.D., Political Science Major: Comparative Politics Minor: International Relations

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2006

Master of Arts, Political Science

PEKING UNIVERSITY 2004

Bachelor of Arts, School of International Studies

Bachelor of Economics, China Center for Economic Research

AFFILIATIONS

HARVARD UNIVERSITY 2019-Present

Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

BROWN UNIVERSITY 2010-2012

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Manipulating Globalization: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Business in China (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2018).

- Reviewed in *Choice*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *H-Net Review*; mentioned in *Axios*, *Washington Post*; translated into Hungarian

“Grounded Globalization: Foreign Capital and Local Bureaucrats in China’s Economic Transformation.” *World Development* 98 (2017): 381-399.

- Mentioned in *Washington Post*

“Varieties of Global Capital and the Paradox of Local Upgrading in China.” *Politics & Society* 42, no.2 (2014): 223-252.

- Reviewed in *CNPolitics* (Zhengjian)

“Playing the Market Reform Card: The Changing Patterns of Political Struggle in China’s Electric Power Sector,” *The China Journal*, no. 64 (2010): 69-95.

“Institutional Inertia, Adjustment, and Change: Japan as a Case of Coordinated Market Economy,” *Review of International Political Economy* 15, no. 3 (2008): 460-479.

“Preferences, Institutions and Politics: Re-Interrogating the Theoretical Lessons of Developmental Economies,” *New Political Economy* 13, no. 1 (2008): 89-102.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Capital Mobility and Taxation in Autocracies: Evidence from China.” with Florian Hollenbach (working paper)

"The Political Incentives of Strategic Taxation in China: Evidence from Firms and Cities" with Hao Zhang (Working paper)

"How Institutions Bounce Back: Implementing Difficult Reforms in China's State Sector" (in progress)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How this trade war could backfire — in China’s favor.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, June 25 (2018).

“More Centralized Control Threatens China's Economic model." *Axios*, expert voices, January 23 (2018).

“Dongya yu lamei guojia gongyehua de lujing” (The Paths of Industrialization in East Asia and Latin America). *Caijing Kexue (The Journal of Finance & Economics)*, no.1 (2003): 255-260 (In Chinese).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Catalyst Award, Johns Hopkins University 2019-2021

John Templeton Foundation Grant 2016-2017

Alcoa Foundation Research Grant 2016-2018

The Diversity Scholar Award, University of Michigan 2014

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Junior Scholar Grant 2014 – 2015

China National Social Science Foundation Grant (Co-recipient) 2014 – 2016

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellowship, Walter Shorenstein Center, Stanford University 2013 -2014

Hayek Funds for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies 2013

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Travel Grant 2012

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship 2010-2011

William A. Reinsch Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University 2011

Nicole Suveges Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University 2009-2010

Fei Xiaotong Research Fellowship, Fei Xiaotong Education Foundation 2008-2009, 2009-2010

OYCF-1990 Institute Joint Research Fellowship 2008-2009

The J. Brien Key Award, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University 2008

The East Asian Studies Program Research Grant, Johns Hopkins University 2008, 09, 10, 11, 12

Institute for Global Studies (IGS) Summer Research Grant 2008

Johns Hopkins University Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship 2006-2012

China Universities Overseas Alumni Fellowship for Outstanding Academic Achievement 2006

Peking University Award for Academic Achievement 2001, 02, 03, 04
Fei Xiaotong Social Science Fellowship for Academic Excellence 2003
The Award for Significant Contribution to International Communication, Peking University 2003
Mary Kay Scholarship 2002
Panasonic Scholarship 2001

TEACHING

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies
“China’s Political Economy in Transition” Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018
“Comparative Politics,” Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019
“Political Economy and Development Strategies in East Asia,” Spring 2016, Spring 2019

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Political Incentives of Strategic Taxation in China: Evidence from Cities and Firms.” Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, 2019
“Manipulating Globalization,” The Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance and the China Initiative, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2019
“Bureaucrats, Businesses, and the Manipulation of Capitalism in China,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2018.
“Manipulating Globalization,” Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, 2018.
“Manipulating Globalization: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Business in China,” Faculty Research Forum and the Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2018
Discussant, “Reform and Opening: 40 Years and Counting,” Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, 2018
“The Local Politics behind China’s Industrial Policies,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2015
Discussant, “China Environmental Governance” Workshop, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2015.
“Political Origins of Economic Policy Implementation in China,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2014
“Bureaucrats, Businesses, and Domestic Innovation in China,” McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston, 2014
“Bureaucrats, Businesses and Policy Implementation,” China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, 2014
“Globalization, Bureaucrats and Local Industrial Upgrading in China,” 21 Century China Speaker Series, University of California - San Diego, 2014.
“The Local Basis of Central Institutional Change: Foreign Capital and Bureaucratic Manipulation of Economic Policies in China,” New Faces in China Studies, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2013 (supported by the Tianjian Shi Memorial Fund and Mellon Foundation)
“Made in China: Global Production System and Local Innovation,” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) IDRF Workshop, Savannah, 2012.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Panel Speaker, “China’s Political System,” US-China Subnational Symposium, National Committee of US-China Relations (NCUSR) and University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, 2019
- Panel Speaker, “The new agenda in China’s Economic Development and the Belt and Road Initiative,” Brookings Institution (organized by Dr. David Dollar, featuring IMF, IFF, and China Development Bank President and Chief Economist), 2018.
- Commentator, “Economic Transformation across Asia,” Johns Hopkins SAIS Asia Conference, 2018.
- Event moderator, Yasheng Huang, “The State of State Capitalism in China”, Johns Hopkins SAIS Speaker Series on China’s Political Economy, 2017.
- Event moderator, Dali Yang, “The Politics of Regulatory State Building,” Johns Hopkins SAIS Speaker Series on China’s Political Economy, 2016.
- Panel moderator (with Nick Lardy and Yusuf and David Dollar), “China’s New Economics Plans: Implications for China, Asia and the Global Economy” conference, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2016.
- Participant, Roundtable with Dr. Hu Angang, Professor and Director of China Studies, Tsinghua University, “China’s 13th Five Year Plan,” Brookings Institution, 2016
- Participant and commentator, “The Chinese State and Market: Toward the 13th Five-Year Plan,” Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Conference, 2015.
- Participant, Panel on “Soft Power for Peace and Reconciliation” (Co-chaired by Joseph Nye and Michael Dukakis), Boston Global Forum "US-Japan-China Relations: Framework for Peace and Security in the Pacific," Harvard Faculty Club, Cambridge, MA, 2014.
- Discussant, Book launch roundtable for Deborah Brautigam, “Will Africa Feed China,” Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2015.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Interview by PBS Frontline on the China model, with Catherine Trautwein, May, 2019
- Interview by Rhodes Center of International Economics and Finance Podcast, “Ling Chen: New Insights on the “Made in China” Model,” with Mark Blyth, March, 2019
- Interview by BBC, “China’s Economic Challenges,” March, 2019
- Interview by *Aljazeera*, “Breakthrough, Escalation or Pause? Trump, Xi set to meet at G20.” with Patricia Sabga, Nov, 2018.
- Interview by *Foreign Policy*, “China Is Outsourcing Its Pollution,” with Kara Sherwin, 2016.
- Interview by Talk Media News, “The Chinese View on Donald Trump,” 2016.
- Interview by *SAIS Observer*, “New SAIS IPE Professor, Dr. Ling Chen, Talks Chinese Political Economy,” with Kaj Malden, 2015.
- Interview by China Central Television Station (CCTV), “President Xi’s visit to US and China’s Commitment to Peaceful Development,” 2015.
- Interview by Walter Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, "Stanford Postdoc Fellow Explores Patterns of Chinese Bureaucratic Competition and the Influence of Foreign Firms," Stanford University, 2014.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

- Harvard University, GIS Institute Workshop 2014
- University of California Berkeley, Causal Inference in the Social Sciences 2013
- University of Michigan & University of Massachusetts, Hierarchical Linear Models Workshop 2011
- University of Michigan & University of Maryland, Joint Program in Survey Methodology 2010
- Harvard University, Social Network Analysis Workshop and Conference 2009

Duke University, The Center on Globalization, Governance and Competitiveness Workshop 2009

CONFERENCES

- Discussant, “Chinese State Capitalism,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Washington DC, 2019.
- “When Institutions Bounce Back: Implementing Difficult Reforms in China,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Washington DC, 2019.
- Discussant, “China and the Challenges of Globalization,” International Studies Association (ISA) Meeting, Toronto, 2019.
- “Strategic Taxation in Local China: Evidence from Cities and Firms,” American Political Science Association (APSA) China Mini Conference, Boston, 2018
- “Capital Mobility and Taxation in Autocracies: Evidence from China,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Meeting, Washington DC, 2018.
- “Capital Mobility and Taxation in Autocracies: Evidence from China,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.
- Discussant, “Institutions and Institutionalization under Chinese Authoritarianism.” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.
- Chair and Discussant, “Political Economy of Public Goods Provision” and “Local Patterns and Puzzles”, American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Philadelphia, 2016.
- Discussant, “Business influence in Politics,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Washington, DC, 2014.
- “The Local Foundation for Central Institutional Change: Bureaucratic Manipulation of Economic Policies in a Globalized China,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Chicago, 2013.
- “The Breadth of Developmental Coalitions: Bureaucrats, Global Capital, and State-Mobilized Upgrading in China,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, New Orleans, 2012.
- “Local Bureaucrats, Varieties of Global Capital, and the Divergent Paths of Development in China’s Electronics Industry,” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, 2012.
- “National Policy Paradigms and Local Government Initiatives: The (Failed) Campaign of Industrial Upgrading in China’s Electronics Industry,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Conference, Toronto, 2012.
- Discussant, “China, the Idea of Neoliberalism and Illusions of Consensus,” workshop on “Dreaming with the BRICS: Neoliberal Ideas and Policy Change Outside the Core,” Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, 2010
- “Race to the Bottom Competition in an Era of Globalization: Cases from China's Export Zones," Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, 2009.
- “Global Capitalism and China’s Uneven Integration into the World Economy,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, New York, 2009.
- “FDI and the Politics of Export in China’s Manufacturing Industry,” and served as discussant for the panel “Political Economy of China in an Era of Globalization,” Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2008.
- Participant, Seminar on “The New Geography of Innovation—Asia’s Role in Global Innovation Networks,” East-West Center, Washington DC, 2008.
- “Rethinking the Role of the State: Power Sector Reforms in China and India,” China-India Development and Relations Symposium, Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, New York, 2007.
- “Towards a Process-Based Approach in Industrial Transformation: The Case of China,” Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS) Conference, Cambridge, 2007.
- “Taming the Electric Tiger: The Paradoxical Role of the State in China’s Power Sector,” The Association for Chinese Political Studies Annual Conference, San Francisco, 2007.

Discussant, “Privatization of Small and Medium Public Firms in China,” Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 2006.

Participant, Seminar on International Development, World Bank & Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Toronto, 2005.

Participant, “U.S. and East Asia in the Age of Economic Globalization,” Brookings Institution & Peking University, Beijing, China, 2002.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Senior Fellow, University of Massachusetts - Boston, McCormack Graduate School 2014 – 2015

Visiting Scholar, Peking University, School of Government 2009-2010

Research & Program Assistant, China Development Research Foundation, Development Research Center of the State Council of PRC, Beijing, 2006

Research Assistant, Center for Civil Society Studies, Peking University, Beijing, 2003-2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

-Anonymous Reviewer,

Books: Cambridge University Press, MIT Press

Articles: *Business & Politics*, *China Economic Review*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *World Development*, *World Politics*

- Coordinator, Politics and Political Economy (PPE) Research Seminar, 2018-2019

- Grant Recipient, Initiator and Organizer, Speaker Series on China’s Political Economy, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2016-2017

- Section Chair, International Political Economy, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference 2018

- Panel Organizer,

“Opportunities and Challenges in Studying China’s Political Economy,” APSA annual meeting, Washington, DC, 2019

“New Perspectives on Chinese Political Economy: Firms as Agents of Change,” AAS annual meeting, Washington, DC, 2018

“Staying in Power: Dynamic Political, Fiscal, and Informational Challenges in China,” APSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2013

- Co-Translator, *Qiang shehui yu ruo guojia* (Nanjing: Jiangsu Renmin Press, 2009)

[Joel S. Migdal, *Strong Societies and Weak States*, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1988]

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, SPSS, HLM, ArcGIS

Language: Mandarin Chinese (native), English