

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 2015 - Present

Associate Professor and William L. Clayton Chair 2024- Present

Assistant Professor, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) 2015-2024

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL 2014 - 2015

Rajawali Fellow, The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation

STANFORD UNIVERSITY 2013 - 2014

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow, Walter Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

EDUCATION

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 2013

Ph.D., Political Science Major: Comparative Politics

Committee: Kellee Tsai, Mark Blyth, Peter Evans (Berkeley), Erin Chung, Ho-fung Hung, Margaret Keck

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2006

Master of Arts, Political Science

PEKING UNIVERSITY (with distinction) 2004

Bachelor of Arts, School of International Studies

Bachelor of Economics, China Center for Economic Research

AFFILIATIONS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 2022- present

Affiliated Faculty, SNF Agora Institute, Center for Economy and Society

HARVARD UNIVERSITY 2019-2023

Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

BROWN UNIVERSITY 2010-2012

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of China; Comparative Politics of China; State-Business Relations; State-Market Relations; Comparative Political Economy; Economic Policies, Tax Policies, and Industrial Policies; Authoritarian Capitalism

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Ling Chen. 2018. *Manipulating Globalization: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Business in China*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

- Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Series edited by Andrew Walder
- Reviewed by *Choice*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *China Quarterly*, *China Journal*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *H-Net Review*, *China International Strategy Review*, U.S.–China Institute at USC, *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations*, *Business Tianjin* and *Polgári Szemle*
- Mentioned in *Axios*, *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage; Featured in ChinaTalk Podcast, Rhodes Center Podcast at Brown University; Presented at Harvard University, University of Michigan, Brown University, and University of Pennsylvania
- Hungarian translation published in 2019; Ukrainian translation forthcoming
- Adopted by [957 libraries](#) worldwide

Journal Articles:

Ling Chen. 2023. "Institutional Rebound: Why Reforming China's State-Owned Enterprises Is So Difficult." *Comparative Politics* 56 (2): 173-195.

Ling Chen and Miles Evers. 2023. "'Wars without Gun Smoke': Global Supply Chains, Power Politics, and Economic Statecraft." *International Security* 48 (2): 164-204.

- Featured in [Drezner's World](#) by Daniel Drezner
- Translated into Chinese; mentioned in *Lawfare*

Ling Chen. 2022. "Getting China's Political Economy Right: State, Business and Authoritarian Capitalism." *Perspectives on Politics* 20 (4): 1397 – 1402.

- [Top 5% attention score](#) by Altmetric

Ling Chen and Florian Hollenbach. 2022. "Capital Mobility and Taxation: State-Business Collusion in China." *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1).

- [Best Comparative Policy Paper Award](#), American Political Science Association
- Featured in CSIS "Pekingology" Podcast with Freeman Chair in China Studies

Ling Chen and Hao Zhang. 2021. "Strategic Authoritarianism: The Political Cycles and Selectivity of China's Tax Break Policy." *American Journal of Political Science* 65(4):845-861.

- [2021-2022 Top Cited Articles of AJPS](#)
- [Wiley Certificate](#) of Top Downloaded Article

Ling Chen. 2017. "Grounded Globalization: Foreign Capital and Local Bureaucrats in China's Economic Transformation." *World Development* 98: 381-399.

- Mentioned in *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage; Featured in *Political Science Review* (in Chinese)

Ling Chen. 2014. "Varieties of Global Capital and the Paradox of Local Upgrading in China."

Politics & Society 42 (2): 223-252.

- Reviewed in *CNPolitics* (Zhengjian)

Ling Chen. 2010. "Playing the Market Reform Card: The Changing Patterns of Political Struggle in China's Electric Power Sector," *The China Journal* 64: 69-95.

Ling Chen. 2008. "Institutional Inertia, Adjustment, and Change: Japan as a Case of Coordinated Market Economy," *Review of International Political Economy* 15(3): 460-479.

Ling Chen. 2008. "Preferences, Institutions and Politics: Re-Interrogating the Theoretical Lessons of Developmental Economies," *New Political Economy* 13 (1): 89-102.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books:

Ling Chen. *Ambivalent Capitalism and the Authoritarian State in China* (book project in progress)

- Johns Hopkins Catalyst Award

Ling Chen, Xiuyu Li, and Kellee Tsai. *Authoritarian Capitalism: Economic Pathways and Social Foundations*. (under contract with Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements Series on the Politics of Development)

Articles:

Ling Chen, Xiuyu Li, and Kellee Tsai. "Pathways to Authoritarian Capitalism." (working paper)

Ling Chen and Qi Zhang. "The Concentration of Political and Economic Power." (research in progress)

Ling Chen and Ning Leng. "Interviewing Bureaucrats and Businesses," (draft in progress)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ling Chen. 2022. "Changing State-Business Relations under the US-China Tech War." Wilson China Fellowship Paper.

Ling Chen. 2021. "Congressional Testimony: State and Business Players in the Evolution of China's Industrial Development." Congressional Testimony before the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Ling Chen. 2018. "How this Trade War Could Backfire — in China's Favor." *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, June 25 (2018).

Ling Chen. 2018. "More Centralized Control Threatens China's Economic Model." *Axios*, expert voices, January 23.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) Fellow, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations 2023-2025
- Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, American Political Science Association 2022
- The Hewlett Foundation Grant for establishing the Center for Economy and Society (co-PI) 2021-present (\$10 million)
- SAIS Political Economy Grant, Center for Economy and Society (\$30,000 obtained for SAIS Political Economy Speaker Series) 2022-2023; 2023-2024
- The Wilson China Fellowship, The Woodrow Wilson Center 2021-2022 (\$20,000)
- The Catalyst Award, Johns Hopkins University 2019-2021 (\$75,000)
- John Templeton Foundation Grant 2016-2017 (\$3,100)
- Alcoa Foundation Research Grant (co-PI) 2016-2018 (\$10,000 subgrant of \$ 500,000 total grant)
- The Emerging Diversity Scholar Award, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan 2014
- Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Junior Scholar Grant 2014 – 2015 (\$22,000)
- China National Social Science Foundation Grant (co-PI) 2014 – 2016 (RMB 10,000 out of RMB 200k)
- Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellowship, Walter Shorenstein Center, Stanford University 2013-2014 (\$53,000)
- 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 (\$20,500)
- William A. Reinsch Fellow, Johns Hopkins University 2011
- Nicole Suveges Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University 2009-2010 (\$8,000)
- Johns Hopkins University Department of Political Science Fieldwork Fellowship 2009-2010 (\$16,500)
- Fei Xiaotong Research Fellowship, Fei Xiaotong Education Foundation 2008-2010
- OYCF-1990 Institute Joint Research Fellowship 2008-2009 (\$5,000)
- The J. Brien Key Award, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University 2008
- The East Asian Studies Program Travel 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 Academic Achievement 2006

- Peking University Award for Academic Achievement 2002, 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

SELECTED INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS

- “Strategic Authoritarianism: The Political Incentives of China's Tax Break Policy,” Department of Political Science, University of California Berkeley, 2023
- “How Institutions Rebound: Untangling Difficult Reforms in China’s State-Owned Enterprises,” China Colloquium Speaker Series, Yale University, 2022
- “Weaponizing the Supply Chain: State-Business Relations in the US-China Tech War,” After Ideas Conference, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2022
- “Interviewing Bureaucrats and Business Before and After Covid,” “Getting China Right” Conference, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2022
- “Digital China: Big Tech and the State,” Stigler Center series on China’s Political Economy, Booth Business School, University of Chicago, 2022
- “Tech War, Supply Chains, and China’s Bifurcated Strategy,” Digital Economy and Security Collaborative Workshop, Mortara Center, Georgetown University, 2022
- “Counterproductive Tech War: Why State-Business Relations Matter in China and the U.S.,” 21st Century China Center, University of California San Diego, 2022
- “Strategic Authoritarianism: The Political Cycles and Selectivity of China's Tax Break Policy,” Political Economy Research Workshop, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2021
- Discussant, Conference on Chinese Bureaucratic Politics in the New Era, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 2021
- “Gaming the System: The Political Calendar and Selectivity of China's Tax Break Policy,” Center for Asian Legal Studies Speaker Series, University of British Columbia, 2021.
- “Getting China Right: China in the World” Conference, Duke University (co-organized by Harvard University, MIT, Stanford University, and University of Michigan), 2019
- “The Political Incentives of Strategic Taxation in China: Evidence from Cities and Firms,” Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, 2019
- “Manipulating Globalization: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Business in China,” 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: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Business in China,” Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, 2018.
- Discussant, “Reform and Opening: 40 Years and Counting,” Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, 2018
- 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 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.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- American Political Science Association (APSA) meeting, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2018, 2023
- Association for Asia (AAS) conference, 2012, 2013, 2018, 2023
- International Studies Association (ISA) Meeting, 2009, 2019, 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference, 2009, 2021
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economic (SASE) Conference, 2012, 2021
- Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, 2007
- Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS) Conference, Cambridge, 2007
- Association for Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) Annual Conference, 2007, 2008
- World Bank & Center for International Governance Innovation, 2005

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

- Interview by NPR News, “The Mixed Message About China's Economy.” January, 2024
- Interview by Washington Post, “China’s Xi Fights Fires at Home and Abroad.” September, 2023
- Interview by Washington Post, “As China’s Economy Slows, the Buck Stops with Leader Xi Jinping.” August, 2023
- Interview by New York Times, “Yellen Calls for ‘Constructive’ China Relationship,” April, 2023
- Interview by Wall Street Journal, on Identity Politics and Tech Competition with China, July, 2023
- Interview by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), “Pekingology” Podcast with Freeman Chair Jude Blanchette, “Capital Mobility and Taxation: State-Business

- Collusion in China. Assistant Professor of Political Economy," August, 2022
- Interview by *Fortune*, "The U.S. Wants to Spend \$52 Billion to Become a Chips Powerhouse. Experts Say that Hundreds of Billions—and Decades—Is Needed to Crack its Reliance on Asia," July, 2022
- Interview by *The Hundred*, "What Impact will Zero-Covid have on China's Economy?" May, 2022
- Interview by *South China Morning Post*, "China Tech crackdown: in 2021, Technology Giants Came under Intense Scrutiny after Sleeping Watchdogs Awakened." December, 2021
- Interview by *South China Morning Post*, "China's Big Tech Crackdown: Will Beijing's Efforts Kill the Country's Most Vibrant Economic Sector?" July, 2021
- Interview by *New York Times*, "As China Scrutinizes Its Entrepreneurs, a Power Couple Cashes Out," with Raymond Zhong, June, 2021
- Interview by *Financial Times*, "Biden's 100 days: Hawkish Approach to China Stokes Beijing Frictions" with Demetri Sevastopulo, April, 2021
- Interview by *Washington Post*, "Female Professors Have Less Time to Research in the Pandemic," with Caroline Kitchener, April, 2021
- Interview by *Financial Times*, "Grey Rhinos in China," March, 2021
- Interview by Stephen Orlins (video and podcast), President of China Committee on U.S.-China Relations (NCUSR). "What Lies Ahead? The Fifth Plenum of the 19th Communist Party Congress." October, 2020
- Interview by *Wallethub*, "How will Racial Minorities Shape Future Elections?" October, 2020
- Interview by *Voice of America*, "US-China Relations" and "Trump's China Policy." August, 2020
- Interview by *Duke University*, "The Study of Chinese Politics." December, 2019
- Interview by *Foreign Affairs*, "Who is Winning the Trade War?" December, 2019
- Interview by *PBS Frontline* on the China model, with Catherine Trautwein, May, 2019
- Podcast, China Talk, *SupChina*, "Exploring the Links Between Business and the Chinese Bureaucracy," with Jordan Schneider, May, 2019
- Podcast, Rhodes Center of International Economics and Finance, *Brown University*, "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 *Caixin*, "ZTE case has Increased China-US Economic and Trade Tension," in Chinese, with Qi Zhang, April, 2019
- Interview by *Aljazeera*, "Breakthrough, Escalation or Pause? Trump, Xi set to meet at G20." with Patricia Sabga, November, 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* (CCTV), "President Xi's Visit to the US and China's Commitment to Peaceful Development," Sep, 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.

INVITED TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Participant, “The Chinese Economy after the End of Zero-Covid,” Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and China Leadership Monitor, 2023

Panel Speaker, “The U.S.-China Trade War, Multinationals, and China’s Economy,” Wilson China Fellowship Conference, The Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, 2022

Panel Speaker, “Emerging Technologies: Innovation & Governance Symposium,” School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, 2023

Congressional Testimony before the US-China Economic & Security Review Commission (USCC) for Congressional Hearing on “An Assessment of the CCP’s Economic Ambitions, Plans, and Metrics of Success.” Panel on “Understanding China’s Economic Drivers and Ecosystem,” 2021

Speaker, “Transitioning from a graduate student to a faculty member,” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2021

Speaker, “US-China Trade Tensions: Economic, Technology and Political Impacts,” mini Ted-talks for JHU SAIS Alumni Events, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 2020

Moderator, “U.S. Election Impact in China/on U.S.-China Relations,” Post-Election Debrief, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2020

Commentator, roundtable on US-China Relations, with China Public Diplomacy Association and the Chinese Embassy and Consulates, Brookings Institute, 2019

Presenter, “China’s Political System,” US-China Subnational Symposium, National Committee of US-China Relations (NCUSR) and the University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, participated by government officials from 25 states in the U.S., 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.

Moderator for Yasheng Huang, “The State of State Capitalism in China”, Johns Hopkins SAIS Speaker Series on China’s Political Economy, 2017.

Moderator for Dali Yang, “The Politics of Regulatory State Building,” Johns Hopkins SAIS Speaker Series on China’s Political Economy, 2016.

Panel Moderator (for David Dollar, Nick Lardy, and Shahid Yusuf), “China’s New Economics Plans: Implications for China, Asia and the Global Economy” conference, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2016.

Discussant, Roundtable with Dr. Hu Angang, Professor and Director of China Studies, Tsinghua University, “China’s 13th Five Year Plan,” Brookings Institution, 2016

Presenter and commentator, “The Chinese State and Market: Toward the 13th Five-Year Plan,” Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Conference, 2015.

Discussant, Book launch roundtable for Deborah Brautigam, “Will Africa Feed China,” Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2015.

Participant and commentator, 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, 2014.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses at SAIS, Johns Hopkins

“China’s Political Economy in Transition” Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

“Comparative Politics,” Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2024

“Core Exam: Comparative Politics” Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2022

“Political Economy and Development Strategies in East Asia,” Spring 2016, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Selected Research Assistants and Students Supervised

Hao Zhang (SAIS 2018), PhD Candidate, Political Science, MIT

Yujin Zhang (SAIS 2018), PhD Candidate, Political Science, Columbia University

Yufan Huang (SAIS 2019), PhD Candidate, Government, Cornell University

Yue Lin (SAIS 2020), PhD Student, Political Science, UC Berkeley

Yinxuan Wang (SAIS 2022), PhD Student, Political Science, NYU

Xiuyu Li (SAIS 2022), PhD Student, Political Science, NYU

Yunyi Huang (SAIS 2023), PhD Student, Political Science, UT-Austin

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Theodore Kahn, "Elusive Alliances: Local Governments, Transnational Capital, and Regional Development in Post-Reform Mexico," PhD, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2017

Soojin Park, "First SEZs in Transition Economies: China, Russia, and Vietnam," Doctoral of International Affairs, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2023

Shengqiao Lin, "Political Origin of Firms' Participation in Governance," PhD candidate, University of Texas Austin, 2024 (expected)

Elly Rostoum, "Diagnosing Chinese Investment Strategy: Implications and Opportunities for Global Governance Structures." PhD Candidate, University of Massachusetts Boston, managing director, Alperovitch Institute for Cybersecurity Studies, SAIS, 2024 (expected)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Anonymous Reviewer:

Books: Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press

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

Reviewer, IDRf Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), 2020

Grant Recipient, Political Economy Speaker Series at SAIS, 2022-2024

Coordinator, Political Economy Speaker Series at SAIS, 2023-2024

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

Coordinator, Politics and Political Economy Research Seminar at SAIS, 2018-2019

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

Conference Panel Organizer:

"Opportunities and Challenges in Studying China's Political Economy," APSA meeting, 2019

"New Perspectives on Chinese Political Economy: Firms as Agents of Change," AAS meeting, 2018

"Staying in Power: Dynamic Political, Fiscal, and Informational Challenges in China," APSA meeting, 2013

Chair/Discussant for Conference Panels:

"Localized Bargaining": Rethinking Chinese Subnational Political Economy," "The Political Economies of Post-Communism," APSA Meeting, 2022

"Public Opinions in Asia," MPSA Meeting, 2021

"Chinese State Capitalism," APSA Meeting, 2019

"China and the Challenges of Globalization," ISA Meeting, 2019

"Institutions and Institutionalization under Chinese Authoritarianism," APSA Meeting, 2017

"Political Economy of Public Goods Provision" and "Local Patterns and Puzzles," APSA Meeting, 2016

"Business Influence in Politics," APSA Meeting, 2014

"China, the Idea of Neoliberalism and Illusions of Consensus," Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2010

Co-Translator, *Qiang shehui yu ruo guojia* (Nanjing: Jiangsu Renmin Press, 2009 and 2022)

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

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, SPSS, HLM, ArcGIS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English