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## Research Interest

Political economy; comparative politics; applied statistics.

## Education

### University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, expected 2019

Committee: Barbara Geddes (chair), Chad Hazlett, Michael Thies, James Tong, Daniel Treisman, Barry Naughton (UCSD)

M.S. in Statistics, expected 2019

### The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

M.Phil. in Social Science, 2012

### Nankai University (Tianjin, China)

B.M. in Financial Management & LL.B. in Political Science, 2010

## Research

### *Dissertation Project*

Business Politicians under Authoritarian Rule: Explaining the State's Embrace of Private Entrepreneurs in Reform China

### *Peer-reviewed Articles*

Strategic Promotion, Reputation, and Responsiveness in Bureaucratic Hierarchies (with Xinyu Fan), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, forthcoming.

Organizational Structure, Policy Learning, and Economic Performance: Evidence from the Chinese Commune (with Joshua Eisenman), *Socius*, 2018, 4(1): 1-18.

### **Pre-PhD:**

Overseas Students, Returnees and the Diffusion of International Norms into Post-Mao China (with David Zweig), *International Studies Review*, 2014, 16(2), 252-263.

Authoritarian Orientations and Political Trust in East Asian Societies (with Deyong Ma), *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, 2014, 31(4), 323-41.

*Working Papers*

The Rise of the Super Rich and Authoritarian Survival, 1987-2007

Political Incorporation, Taxation, and Corruption: A Simple Model (dissertation chapter)

Officials' Rotation, Bureaucratic Control and Corruption in an Authoritarian State

Learn from the Visible: Return to Political Offices and Political Strategy of Chinese Private Entrepreneurs (dissertation chapter)

Political Incorporation, Exchanges, and Government Subsidies: Evidence from Chinese Firms (dissertation chapter)

*On-going Projects*

Political Incorporation, Taxation, and Corruption: Theory and Evidence

Elites, Networks, and Reforms (with Ting Chen)

Taming Local Agents in a Non-democratic State: Experimental Evidence from China (with Chao-yo Cheng and Tao Lin)

**Selected Conference Presentations**

Are Formal and Informal Political Connections Complements or Substitutes?: New Survey Evidence from China (dissertation chapter)

Scheduled presentation at the 15th Graduate Seminar on China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Jan. 2019.

Learning from Peers: Returns to Political Office and Political Strategies of Chinese Business Elites (dissertation chapter)

Presented at the 2018 APSA annual conference

Taming Local Agents in a Non-democratic State: Experimental Evidence from China (with Chao-yo Cheng and Tao Lin)

Experimental design presented at the 2018 MPSA annual conference

Political Incorporation, Taxation, and Corruption: A Simple Model (dissertation chapter)

Presented at the 2016 EITM summer institute, University of Houston

Officials' Rotation, Bureaucratic Control and Corruption in an Authoritarian State

Presented at the 2015 APSA annual conference

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019, UCLA.

Doctoral Fellowships, 2018-2019, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (declined).

Duthie-Secchia Fellowship, 2018 summer, UCLA Center of Chinese Studies.

China Times Young Scholar Award, 2017, China Times Cultural Foundation.

EITM Summer Institute Fellowship, 2017, University of Houston.  
Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, 2017, UCLA International Institute.  
Departmental Summer Research Fellowships, 2014-2017, UCLA.  
Departmental Fellowships, 2013-2014, UCLA.  
Research Travel Grant for Research Postgraduate Students, 2012, HKUST.  
Research Postgraduate Studentship, 2010-2012, HKUST.  
National Scholarship, 2009, Ministry of Education of China.  
Merit Student Awards, 2008 and 2009, Nankai University.

## Teaching Assistance

### 1. Statistics and Game Theory

PS 6: Introduction to Data Analysis (Undergraduate level, 2015 Fall & 2016 Winter, UCLA)  
PS 30: Politics and Strategy (Undergraduate level, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Springs, UCLA)  
PS 200A: Statistical Methods I (Graduate level, 2016 & 2017 Falls, UCLA)  
PS 200B: Statistical Methods II (Graduate level, 2014 Fall & 2018 Winter UCLA)  
PS 200C: Statistical Methods Laboratory III (Graduate level, 2017 Winter, UCLA)

### 2. Comparative Politics

The Chinese Cultural Revolution (Undergraduate level, 2010 Fall, HKUST)  
Modern Dictatorship: West and East (Undergraduate level, 2011 Spring, HKUST)

## Additional Training and Service

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), University of Houston, Summer 2017  
Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*

## Other Skills

Language: Chinese (native); English (fluent)  
Software: R, Stata,  $\LaTeX$ , Python