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## Research Interest

Political economy; comparative politics; applied statistics.

## Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Fellow, [Peking-Princeton Postdoctoral Program \(PPPP\)](#)

**Peking University**, Guanghua School of Management (Oct. 2019 - Aug. 2020)

**Princeton University**, Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China (Sept. 2020 - Aug. 2021)

## Education

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

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2019

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

Dissertation: *Private Benefits as Public Signals: Wealth into Politics and State-Business Exchanges in Contemporary China*

M.S. in Statistics, 2019

Thesis: *Modeling and Estimating Unpredictability with Applications in Political Economy*

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

M.Phil. in Social Science, 2012

### **Nankai University (Tianjin, China)**

B.M. in Corporate Finance & LL.B. in Political Science, 2010

## Research

### *Peer-reviewed Articles*

[Strategic Promotion, Reputation, and Responsiveness in Bureaucratic Hierarchies](#) (with Xinyu Fan; equal contributions), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2019, 31(3): 286-307.

[Organizational Structure, Policy Learning, and Economic Performance: Evidence from the Chinese Commune](#) (with Joshua Eisenman), *Socius*, 2018, doi:10.1177/2378023118757650.

[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: Theory and Evidence

Modeling and Estimating Unpredictability with Applications in Political Economy

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

Political Incorporation, Exchanges, and Government Subsidies (dissertation chapter)

*On-going Projects*

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

*\* indicates invited talks*

APSA annual conferences: 2013, 2015, and 2018.

MPSA annual conferences: 2012, and 2015.

Peking University, 2019.\*

Graduate Seminar on China, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2019.

EITM summer institute, University of Houston, 2017.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship (competitive), 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 summers, 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 Experience

### *Teaching Assistance*

Introduction to Data Analysis (UG level, 2015 Fall & 2016 Winter, UCLA)

Politics and Strategy (UG level, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Springs, UCLA)

Statistical Methods I (Graduate level, 2016 & 2017 Falls, UCLA)

Statistical Methods II (Graduate level, 2014 Fall & 2018 Winter UCLA)

Statistical Methods Laboratory III (Graduate level, 2017 Winter, UCLA)

The Chinese Cultural Revolution (UG level, 2010 Fall, HKUST)

Modern Dictatorship: West and East (UG 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*

Panel Chair/Discussant for: Annual Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics at UCLA, 2019; Princeton Research on Contemporary China (PRCC) Annual Conference at Princeton, 2019.

## Other Skills

Language: Chinese (native); English (fluent)

Software: R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python