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Research Areas

- Political Communication: Digital Media, Information Manipulation, Public Opinion, Comparative Politics
- Computational Social Science Methods: Automated Text Analysis, Visual Analysis, Deep Learning

EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA

Ph.D. in Communication, Advisor: Prof. Jennifer Pan 2017-2022

Stanford University Stanford, CA

M.A. in East Asian Studies, Advisor: Prof. Larry Diamond 2015 - 2017

Tsinghua University Beijing, China 2011 - 2015

B.A. in Journalism and Communication (graduated with honor)

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Certificate in Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Program

Burnaby, Canada

Full-Scholarship International Exchange Program

2013

2016

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Simon Fraser University

- [3] Lu, Yingdan* and Jennifer Pan. 2020. Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visiblity. Political Communication. Forthcoming. [*co-first author]
- [2] Reeves, Byron, Nilam Ram, Thomas N. Robinson, James J. Cummings, C. Lee Giles, Jennifer Pan [...] Yingdan Lu, et al. 2019, Screenomics: A framework to capture and analyze personal life experiences and the ways that technology shapes them, Human-Computer Interaction: 1-52.
- [1] Lu, Yingdan. 2015. Social Media Technology and Female Emancipation in China: Case Study in Sina-Weibo, Synergy: The Journal of Contemporary Asian Studies, University of Toronto, 12(1).

Selected working papers

- [5] Muise, Daniel, Yingdan Lu, Jennifer Pan, and Byron Reeves. Homogenized and Localized: A Comparison of Moment-by-moment Changes in Smartphone Use in Diverse Contexts (R&R)
- [4] Lu, Yingdan, Jennifer Pan, and Yiqing Xu. Online Criticism and Support for the Chinese Government in the Early Days of COVID-19 (Under review)
- [3] Video as Propaganda: Applying Video Analysis to Understand Political Propaganda (with Jennifer Pan) [extended abstract accepted]
- [2] Determinants of beliefs and behaviors toward misinformation (with Anfan Chen, Kaiping Chen, and Aaron Ng)
- [1] Fake News Detection: Combating Image Manipulation in Political News

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [7] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2020, September). Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visiblity. Presented at "Chinese Politics Mini-Conference" at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, virtual.
- [6] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2020, August). Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visibility. Presented at 6th International Conference on Computational Social Science, virtual.
- [5] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2020, May). Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visibility. Presented at *International Communication Association's 70th Annual Conference*, virtual.
- [4] Lu, Y., Muise D., Pan, J., & Reeves, B. (2018, May). Micro-Level Natural Interaction with Information Systems: An International Screenshot Comparison. Presented at *International Communication Association's 68th Annual Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic.
- [3] Lu, Y., & Yu, X. (2018, May). Beyond Left and Right: Ideology and Online Activism in China. Presented at 16th Chinese Internet Research Conference, Leiden, Netherlands.
- [2] Lu, Y., & Yu, X. (2016, November). Public Intellectuals Deliberation on Chinese Weibo: Case study of School-bus Safety Incident. Presented at *National Communication Association 2016 Annual Convention*, Philadelphia, PA.
- [1] Lu, Y. (2016, June). Reimagining Civility from Public and Media: Agendas in Chinese Haze Governance. Presented at Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast 2016 Conference, California State University, Northridge, CA.

Research Experience

Human Screenome Project, Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Student Affiliate

2017-present

- Led the local data collection in China and managed 8 million Chinese screenshot data
- Conducted the optical character recognition on 1.5 million Chinese screenshot data

Stanford Internet Observatory, Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Student Researcher

2019-2020

- Assisted in research in detecting disinformation and bots during the 2020 Taiwan Presidential Election

Institute of Contemporary China Studies, Tsinghua University

Beijing, China Summer 2018

Visiting Scholar

- Managed a team to collect government reports from online websites and analyzed by LDA2vec

- Mentored four local teams in Hunan and Hubei province to conduct field work

Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI)

Tokyo, Japan

Summer 2016

 Compiled household data and executed micro-data analysis for Morocco's rural roads improvement project to decide better assistance strategies

USC Annenberg Center for the Digital Future

Los Angeles, CA

Research Intern

Global Policy Intern

Summer 2014

- Managed World Internet Project files from 39 countries and analyzed differences in Internet use

Kerry Group Kuok Foundation

Guizhou, China

Research Intern

2012 - 2013

- Investigated NGO poverty alleviation in rural area by in-field interviews and observations

TEACHING

COMM 1: Introduction to Communication, Stanford University Fall 2019-2020 Instructor: Professor Jeff Hancock - Independently taught weekly tutorial sessions - Managed online quizzes and exams on Canvas COMM 206: Communication Research Methods, Stanford University Winter 2019-2020 Instructor: Professor Anna Gibson - Independently taught weekly lab sessions in R Invited Talks • UW-Madison, Social Media Analytics (Guest lecture) Nov 2020 University of San Francisco, Natural Language Processing (Guest lecture) Nov 2020 Tsinghua University, Comparative Journalism Studies (Guest lecture) Nov 2020 Stanford University, Data Science Lab Feb 2020 United Nations University on Computing and Society, Conversation Series July 2019 Tsinghua University, Political Methodology Workshop Jan 2018 Awards and grants Awards and Fellowships • Stanford Center for Computational Social Science Fellowship Award 2020-2021 • Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering 2017 - 2021Stanford Asia Pacific Scholar Fellowship 2016 Beijing Distinguished Graduate Student Award 2015 • People.cn Best Paper Award (First Prize) 2015 Bronze Medalist in TECO Green Tech Contest 2014 Evergrande Comprehensive Scholarship 2014 • Hang Seng Bank Mainland Scholarship 2013 Research Grants • The Program on Democracy and the Internet, \$10,000, PI 2020-2021 Magic Grant from Brown Institute for Media Innovation, \$10,0000, co-PI 2019-2020 Google Cloud Credit Grant, \$250, PI 2020 Stanford Global Studies (SGS) Global Perspectives Travel Grant, \$3500, Sole-PI 2016 Center For East Asian Studies (CEAS) Summer Grant, \$3900, Sole-PI 2016 Hoover Institution Library & Archives Silas Palmer Research Fellowship, \$2000, Sole-PI 2015

• Tsinghua Undergraduate Overseas Research Training Fellowship, \$1500, Sole-PI

2014

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

Co-chaired panel "Propaganda in the computational age: disinformation and beyond"

International Communication Association's 70th Annual Conference

May 2020

- Proposed this panel with Prof. King-wa Fu from The University of Hong Kong
- Invited international scholars from seven institutions to present their latest works in computational propaganda and disinformation.

Ad-hoc Reviewer (by alphabetical order)

Chinese Journal of Communication, Journal of Politics, PLoS ONE, Political Research Quarterly

Chair, Tsinghua-Huawei New Media Association

Tsinghua University

2014 - 2015

DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL SERVICES

Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University

Department Liaison 2019 - present

Department of Communication, Stanford University

International Student Chair 2020 - present

Professor Jennifer Pan's Lab, Stanford University

Group Coordinator 2018 - present

Digital Humanities Asia 2018 Summit, Stanford University

Conference Assistant 2017 - 2018

State of the Field in Chinese Politics Conference, Stanford University

Rapporteur December 2018

Professional Experiences

Bloomberg Businessweek China Beijing, China

Journalist Intern 2014

Bayer China
Beijing, China

CSR Intern 2014 - 2015

Ruder Finn Asia

Beijing, China

Public Relations Intern 2013

China News Agency
Beijing, China

Journalist Intern, Political News Department 2013

SKILLS

- Statistical Programming/Markup Languages: R, Python, Stata, SPSS, LATEX, SQL, Java
- Languages: Mandarin(Native), English(Proficient), Korean(Intermediate), Japanese(Elementary)
- Applications: Tableau, Adobe Creative Suite, Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro