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Research Areas

- Political Communication: Digital Media, Misinformation and Disinformation, Propaganda, Authoritarian Politics
- Computational Social Science Methods: Automated Text Analysis, Computer Vision, Deep Learning

EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA

Ph.D. in Communication, Advisor: Prof. Jennifer Pan 2017–2023

Ph.D. Minor in Political Science

Committee: Jennifer Pan, Jeffrey T. Hancock, Angèle Christin, Andrew G. Walder

Stanford University Stanford, CA

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

Tsinghua University

Beijing, China

B.A. in Journalism and Communication (graduated with honor) 2011–2015

University of Michigan

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

2016

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [6] Muise, Daniel, **Yingdan Lu** (corresponding author), Jennifer Pan, and Byron Reeves. 2022. Selectively Localized: Comparing Temporal and Visual Structure of Screen Interactions across Media Environments. *Mobile Media & Communication*. Forthcoming.
- [5] Lu, Yingdan and Jennifer Pan. 2021. The Pervasive Presence of Chinese Government Content on Douyin Trending Videos. Computational Communication Research. Forthcoming.
- [4] Lu, Yingdan, Jennifer Pan, and Yiqing Xu. 2021. Public Sentiment on Chinese Social Media during the Emergence of COVID-19. Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media. 1, 1-47
- [3] Lu, Yingdan and Jennifer Pan. 2021. Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visiblity. *Political Communication*, 38(1-2), 23-54
- [2] Reeves, Byron, Nilam Ram, Thomas N. Robinson, James J. Cummings, C. Lee Giles, Jennifer Pan [...] **Yingdan** Lu, et al. 2021. Screenomics: A framework to capture and analyze personal life experiences and the ways that technology shapes them. *Human-Computer Interaction*, 36(2), 150-201.
- [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

- [6] Lu, Yingdan, Jack Schaefer, Kunwoo park, Jungseock Joo, and Jennifer Pan. Information Flows Between Global and Chinese Social Media (R&R, The International Journal of Press & Politics)
- [5] Chen, Anfan, **Yingdan Lu**, Kaiping Chen, and Aaron Ng. Pandemic Nationalism: Use of Government Social Media for Political Information and Belief in COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories in China (R&R, *The International Journal of Press & Politics*)
- [4] Lu, Yingdan and Cuihua Shen. Unpacking multimodal fact-checking: Features and engagement of fact-checking videos on Chinese TikTok (Douyin) (Under review)
- [3] Kaiping Chen, **Lu**, **Yingdan**, and Yiming Wang. Toward an Evidence-Driven Understanding of China Digital Trace Research and Quality Criteria in Chinese Communication Research (Under review)
- [2] Lu, Yingdan, Jennifer Pan, Yiqing Xu, and Xu Xu. Evolution of Propaganda on Video-sharing Platforms in China (Manuscript in preparation)
- [1] Angèle Christin & **Yingdan Lu**. The Influencer Pay Gap: Platform Labor Meets Racial Capitalism (Manuscript in preparation)

Selected Conference Presentations

- [17] Lu, Y., Schaefer, J., Joo, J., Park, K. & Pan, J. (2022, May). Information Flows Between Global and Chinese Social Media. Scheduled at *International Communication Association's (ICA) 72nd Annual Conference*, Paris, France
- [16] Lu, Y. & Shen, C. (2022, May). Unpacking multimodal fact-checking: Features and engagement of fact-checking videos on Chinese TikTok (Douyin). Scheduled at *International Communication Association's (ICA) 72nd Annual Conference*, Paris, France
- [15] Lu, Y., Liu, S., & Hancock, J. (2022, May). Computational Approaches to Understanding Credibility in Video-Based Misinformation: An Analysis of Covid-19 Content on TikTok. Scheduled at *International Communication Association's (ICA) 72nd Annual Conference*, Paris, France
- [14] Chen, K., Zou, S. & Lu, Y. (2022, May). Thanks to My Country's Love!: Examining Nationalist Narratives in COVID vaccine-related Videos on Douyin Through Large-Scale Visual and Textual Analysis. Scheduled at International Communication Association's (ICA) 72nd Annual Conference, Paris, France
- [13] Chen, A., Lu, Y., Chen, K., & Ng, A. (2022, May). Pandemic Nationalism: Use of Government Social Media for Political Information and Belief in COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories in China. Scheduled at *International Communication Association's (ICA) 72nd Annual Conference*, Paris, France
- [12] Lu, Y., Pan, J., Xu, X. & Xu, Y. (2022, April). The Evolution of Propaganda in the Digital Age. Scheduled at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- [11] Lu, Y. & Shen, C. (2021, September). Unpacking multimodal fact-checking: features and engagement of fact-checking videos on Chinese TikTok. Presented at *The 3rd Multidisciplinary International Symposium on Disinformation in Open Online Media (MISDOOM)*, virtual
- [10] Lu, Y., Pan, J. & Xu, Y. (2021, September). Public Sentiment on Chinese Social Media during the Emergence of COVID-19. Presented in "Chinese Politics Mini-Conference" at American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, virtual
- [9] Lu, Y., Schaefer, J., Joo, J., Park, K. & Pan, J. (2021, September). Tale of Two Internets: How Information Flows from the US to Chinese Social Media. Presented at Virtual Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics, virtual

- [8] Chen, A., Lu, Y., Chen, K., & Ng, A. (2021, September). Pandemic Nationalism: How Exposure to Government Social Media Affects People's Belief in COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories in China. Presented at *Virtual Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics*, virtual
- [7] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2021, August). The Pervasive Presence of Chinese Government Content on Douyin Trending Videos. Presented at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 2021 Annual Conference, virtual
- [6] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2021, July). The Pervasive Presence of Chinese Government Content on Douyin Trending Videos. Presented at *International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2) 2021*, virtual
- [5] 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 (APSA) Annual Meeting, virtual.
- [4] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2020, August). Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visibility. Presented at *International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2) 2020*, virtual.
- [3] Lu, Y. & Pan, J. (2020, May). Capturing Clicks: How the Chinese Government Uses Clickbait to Compete for Visibility. Presented at *International Communication Association's (ICA) 70th Annual Conference*, virtual.
- [2] 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 (ICA) 68th Annual Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic.
- [1] 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.

Awards and grants

Awards and Fellowships				
• Stanford Center for Computational Social Science Fellowship Award	2020-2021			
• Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering	2017-2021			
• Stanford 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				
- Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Research Grant, \$2,500, PI	2021			
- The Program on Democracy and the Internet, \$10,000, PI	2020-2021			
- $Magic\ Grant$ from Brown Institute for Media Innovation, \$100,000, $co\text{-}PI$	2019-2020			
• Google Cloud Credit Grant, \$250, PI	2020			
- Stanford Global Studies (SGS) Global Perspectives Travel Grant, \$3,500, PI	2016			
- Center For East Asian Studies (CEAS) Summer Grant, \$3,900, PI	2016			
- Hoover Institution Library & Archives Silas Palmer Research Fellowship, \$2,000, PI	2015			
• Tsinghua Undergraduate Overseas Research Training Fellowship, \$1,500, PI	2014			

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

OTHER RESEARCH DATERIENCES	
Human Screenome Project, Stanford University Student Affiliate	Stanford, CA 2017–2020
Stanford Data Science Collaboratory, Stanford University Student Member	Stanford, CA 2019–2021
School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University Visiting Scholar	Beijing, China Oct 2020 - Sep 2021
Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI) Global Policy Intern	Tokyo, Japan Jun - Sep, 2016
USC Annenberg Center for the Digital Future Research Intern	Los Angeles, CA Jun - Aug, 2014
Kerry Group Kuok Foundation Research Intern	Guizhou, China 2012–2013
Teaching	
COMM 1: Introduction to Communication, Stanford University Instructor: Professor Jeff Hancock	Fall 2019-2020
 Independently taught weekly tutorial sessions Managed online quizzes, exams on Canvas, and grading 	
COMM 206: Communication Research Methods, Stanford University Instructor: Professor Anna Gibson	Winter 2019-2020
 Independently taught weekly R sessions and tutored students on R 	
 Mentored student class projects and managed grading 	
Guest lecture for Social Media Analytics, UW-Madison Invited by Prof. Kaiping Chen	March 2022
Guest lecture for Social Media Analytics, UW-Madison Invited by Prof. Kaiping Chen	Nov 2020
Guest lecture for <i>Natural Language Processing</i> , University of San Francisco Invited by Prof. Adam Gorski	Nov 2020
Guest lecture for <i>Comparative Journalism Studies</i> , Tsinghua University Invited by Prof. Xin Yu	Nov 2020
Invited Talks	
• Center for Work Technology and Organization, Stanford University	Dec 202
• School of Journalism and Communication, Shandong University	Nov 202
• ICA Regional Hub Symposium, Central South University	May 202
• Chinese Political Communication Forum, Communication University of China	May 202
• Stanford University, Data Science Lab	Feb 2020, Feb 2022

•	Tsinghua University, China Computational Social Science Forum	$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2021$
•	Tsinghua University, The Forum for Frontier Theories and Methods in Political Science	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2020$
•	United Nations University on Computing and Society, Conversation Series	July 2019
•	Tsinghua University, Political Methodology Workshop	Jan 2018

Academic Leadership

Founder, COMputation Island

An online community for computational communication research (CCR) based on WeChat

Feb 2021 - present

- Organized and launched this platform to share cutting-edge research, facilitate academic discussions, and promote data and information resource exchanges among CCR students and scholars in China
- Led and managed the platform maintenance, editor recruitment, editorial work, and platform outreach
- Wrote and co-edited articles to introduce computational communication research, computational methods, and introductory textbooks for CCR study to Chinese audience

Co-chaired panel "Video-as-data in computational communication"

International Communication Association's 72nd Annual Conference

May 2022

- Proposed this panel with Prof. Kaiping Chen from UW-Madison
- Invited international scholars from ten institutions to discuss the frontiers of developing and applying computational methods to analyze large-scale video datasets to study political and science communication.

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.

Chair, Tsinghua-Huawei New Media Association

Tsinghua University

2014 - 2015

SERVICES

Ad-hoc Reviewer (by alphabetical order)

American Journal of Political Science

Asian Studies Review

Chinese Journal of Communication

Computational Communication Research

Journal of Politics

PLoS ONE

Political Research Quarterly

Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University

2019 - present

Department Liaison

Department of Communication, Stanford University

2020 - present

International Student Chair

Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University

2021, 2019

Alumni Mentor for Careers in Academia Event

Professor Jennifer Pan's Lab, Stanford University Group Coordinator	2018 - 2020
Digital Humanities Asia 2018 Summit, Stanford University Conference Assistant	2017 - 2018
State of the Field in Chinese Politics Conference, Stanford University Student Assistant	December 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Bloomberg Businessweek China Journalist Intern	Beijing, China 2014
Bayer China CSR Intern	Beijing, China 2014 - 2015
Ruder Finn Asia Public Relations Intern	Beijing, China 2013
China News Agency Journalist Intern, Political News Department	Beijing, China 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