

# SONGPO YANG

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## RESEACH FIELDS

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*Substantive:* Chinese politics, political leadership, political selection, political communication.

*Methodological:* causal inference, surveys, experiments, machine learning, computer vision.

## EDUCATION

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<b>Tsinghua University</b> Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science	Beijing, China 2025 (Expected)
<b>Columbia University</b> Visiting Ph.D. Student, Political Science	New York City, NY 2022–2023
<b>Johns Hopkins SAIS</b> M.A., International Economics and China Studies	Washington, DC 2020
<b>Tsinghua University</b> M.L., International Politics	Beijing, China 2020
<b>University of International Business and Economics</b> B.S., Management	Beijing, China 2017
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> Visiting Student, International Relations and East Asian Studies	Baltimore, MD Spring 2016

## SELECTED COURSEWORK

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Mathematics and Statistics for Political Science, Statistical Theory and Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Experimental Research, Econometrics, International Monetary Theory, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Ruonan Liu and Songpo Yang, “China and the Liberal International Order: A Pragmatic and Dynamic Approach,” *International Affairs* 99: 4, July 2023, pp.1383–1400. ([Link](#))

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. “Portraits of Power: Facial Features and the Tacit Domain of Political Selection in China.” with Junyan Jiang.
2. “AI Literacy and Policy Preferences: Evidence from A Cross-country Experimental Study.” with Naoki Egami and Diana Da In Lee.
3. “Expansion of Global Value Chains and the Evolution of U.S. Networked Economic Coercion.” with Fangbo Xia.
4. “Facial Traits and Political Selection: A Cross-country Comparison.” with Yoshikuni Ono and Yukun Li.

## INVITED TALKS

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1. “What do Asian countries want in the international order?”
  - August 2023, *International Affairs Webinar Series*, Chatham House

2. “Portraits of Power: Facial Features and the Tacit Domain of Political Selection in China.”
  - April 2024, *MPSA*, Chicago, IL
3. “Portraits of Power: Facial Features and the Tacit Domain of Political Selection in China.”
  - April 2024, *The 10th Tsinghua Conference on "Advanced Theory and Method of Political Science"*, Beijing, China

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant: Undergraduate Courses

- Global Security and Strategy
- International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Center for U.S.-China Relations, Tsinghua University

Junior Research Fellow

Beijing, China

Sept. 2020–Sept. 2021

### Citic Securities

Associate, Asset Management

Beijing, China

Summer 2019, Jan. 2020–June 2020

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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*Xie Bing Fellowship*, Tsinghua University, 5000 yuan

2023–2024

*Second Year Fellowship*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, \$7500

2019–2020

*Tsinghua/SAIS Fellowship*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, \$5000

2018

*Distinguished Academic Scholarship*, UIBE, 10000 yuan

2014–2015

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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

## LANGUAGES

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Mandarin Chinese

*native speaker*

English

*fluent*

## REFERENCES

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### Chen Qi (Director, Center for U.S.-China Relations, Tsinghua University)

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