

# 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. “Facial Characteristics and Political Selection: Evidence from China,” with Junyan Jiang.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Facial Characteristics and Political Selection: Evidence from China”  
– 2023 July, Department of Political Science, Tsinghua University

## 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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*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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