

# Elaine C. Yao

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## Education

- Exp. 2025    PhD Politics, Princeton University  
              *Fields:* Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods  
              *Dissertation committee:* Matias Iaryczower (chair), Germán Gieczewski, Carles Boix
- 2021    MA Politics, Princeton University
- 2017    AB Economics, University of Chicago (*General and departmental honors*)

## Research

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2022    Mattingly, Daniel, and Elaine Yao. “How Soft Propaganda Persuades.” *Comparative Political Studies* 55.9 (2022): 1569-1594.
- 2021    Wei, Lai, Elaine Yao, Han Zhang. “Authoritarian Responsiveness and Political Attitudes during COVID-19: Evidence from Weibo and a Survey Experiment.” *Chinese Sociological Review* (2021): 1-37.

### WORKING PAPERS

- 2024    “Brook no compromise: How to negotiate a united front.” Revise and resubmit at *American Journal of Political Science*.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2024    Organizational structure and protest tactics

## Conferences, workshops, talks

### CONFERENCES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024    Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy (WUSTL); MPSA  
              *Scheduled:* APSA
- 2023    Kellogg Center Workshop on Formal Models of Politics (Virginia Tech); Comparative Politics  
              and Formal Theory (Rochester); MPSA, SPSA annual meetings
- 2021    NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar
- 2020    Chinese Political Economy Workshop (NYU); Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes

## WORKSHOPS

2024	<i>Scheduled:</i> EITM Summer Institute (Emory University)
2023	Morality in Tech Workshop (Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University)
2022	Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science

## Teaching

Fall 2023	POL576 Formal Political Analysis II (G)	TA
Fall 2022	POL362 Chinese Politics (U)	TA
Spring 2022	POL346 Applied Quantitative Analysis (U)	TA
Fall 2021	POL345 Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U)	TA
	POL 571: Quantitative Analysis I (G)	Tutor

## Professional Activities

### REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science (2), American Political Science Review (2), Comparative Political Studies (2), International Studies Quarterly, Chinese Journal of Communication, Social Media + Society, International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

### SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

2023 – 2024	Co-coordinator, Political Economy Research Seminar
2022 –	Q-APS consultant (assistance with quantitative research design and methodology)

## Other

### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

2021 – 2024	Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (Q-APS) Fellowship
2020	Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Small-Scale Grant (with Lai Wei)

### EMPLOYMENT

2017 – 2019	Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Research Analyst in Financial Intermediation
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## Skills

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (basic)  
Software and computing: R, Stata, Python, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X