

# 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.” Under review.

### 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 *Scheduled:* 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 for Germán Gieczewski
Fall 2022	POL362 Chinese Politics (U)	TA for Rory Truex
Spring 2022	POL346 Applied Quantitative Analysis (U)	TA for John Londregan
Fall 2021	POL345 Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U)	TA for Marc Ratkovic

## Professional Activities

### REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science (2), American Political Science Review (2), Comparative Political Studies, 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,  $\text{\LaTeX}$