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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, United States

Ph.D. Political Science

May 2020 (*expected*)

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methodology

M.A. Political Science

2015

Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

B.A. Political Science & Economics (*Double Major*)

2011

School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom

Full-year exchange student at *Department of Politics & International Studies*

2008-2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Bureaucracy, comparative public sector reform, political violence, multi-method research
- Regional interest in China and the two Koreas

DISSERTATION PROJECT

Politics of Public and Social Service Reforms in Reform China

China is in the process of implementing market-oriented public and social service reforms, which has led to increased competitive and non-competitive contracting with nonstate actors, such as non-governmental organizations and private companies. This dissertation asks two unanswered questions regarding the phenomenon: (1) first, how have local governments implemented such reforms to their public service infrastructure? Public and social service provision in China in the past has been largely based on within-bureaucracy contracting or provision through state-owned-enterprises which is not based on standards of economic efficiency. (2) Second, how has the government instituted social service contracting, what types of services are being outsourced, and what are the consequences for the state and the citizens? I answer these questions with multi-method research design involving fieldwork, case studies using secondary sources, text analyses of government records, and quantitative analysis of official government data and a unique survey conducted in the field. My research attempts to contribute to understanding the causes and consequences of neoliberal public sector reforms in authoritarian political context.

Committee: Jean Oi (chair), David Laitin, Jonathan Rodden

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

All fellowships and grants were competitive in selection

- Conference Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, **Stanford University** (March 2019) \$500
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship, **Confucius Institute** (September 2017 - June 2018, affiliated with School of Social Development and Public Policy, **Fudan University**) \$12,000
- A selective fellowship awarded to doctoral students conducting research in China
- Fudan Fellow, **Fudan University** (May 2017 - August 2017) \$1,000

- Mentored Global Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, **Stanford University** (May 2016) \$9,000
- Small Grant for Dissertation Research, Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, **Stanford University** (December 2016) \$1,500
- East Asia Graduate Summer Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, **Stanford University** (2014, 2015) \$13,000
- Doctoral Study Abroad Scholarship, **Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies** (September 2012 - April 2017; September 2018 - December 2018)
- One of the most selective doctoral scholarships in South Korea, received tuition, health insurance fee and stipend for five years (\$46,600 per annum)
- Brain Korea 21 Scholarship, **Ministry of Education, South Korea** (2011-2012) \$1,800

WORKING PAPERS

- “Long-term Effects of State Repression on Political Trust: Findings from Gwangju Massacre in South Korea, 1980” (*under review*)
- “Building Trust at the Grassroots: Evidence from Social Service Organizations in Shanghai ” [\[survey\]](#) [\[meta-data\]](#)
- “Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014” (with Jacob Reidhead) [\[organization-chart\]](#)
- “Predicting Promotion of Provincial Leaders in China, Revisited”
- Submitted for M.A. degree requirement at Department of Political Science, **Stanford University**

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Media Framing and Support for Foreign Policy: Evidence from Anti-Chinese Framing in Korean Newspapers ”

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “Building Trust at the Grassroots: Evidence from Social Service Organizations in Shanghai ”
 - Bay Area Comparative Urban Politics Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, March 22, 2019
 - China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, April, 2019
 - Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April, 2019
- “Media Framing and Support for Foreign Policy: Evidence from Anti-Chinese Framing in Korean Newspapers”
 - American Political Science Association, Washington D.C, August 29, 2019 (*scheduled*)
- “Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014”
 - Stanford Network Forum, Stanford University (April 2014)
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (April 2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

All courses listed are master and undergraduate level courses

- Teaching Assistant at **Stanford University**
- The Political Economy of China (Andrew Walder, 2018-9 Spring)
- Chinese Politics: Transformation and the Era of Reform (Jean Oi, 2015-6 Winter; 2018-9 Winter)
- International Security in the Changing World, (Martha Crenshaw and Amy Zegart, 2013-4 Winter)
- Democracy and Development (Larry Diamond and Kathryn Stoner, 2013-4 Fall)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, **Syracuse University** (June 2018)
- Modules: Multi-Method Research, Within-Case and Small-N Analysis, Comparative Methods in Qualitative Research
- Intensive Fifth-Year Chinese, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, **Tsinghua University** (June 2015 - August 2015)
- Intensive Fourth-Year Chinese, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, **Tsinghua University** (June 2014 - August 2014)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- Beijing, Shanghai (October 2015 - December 2015; October 2016 - December 2016; October 2017 - December 2017)
- Wuhan, Shanghai (June 2017 - July 2017; September 2017 - June 2018)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research assistant for Professor Stephen J. Stedman, compiled secondary literature on response towards global financial crisis in East Asian countries, Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, **Stanford University** (January 2013)
- Research assistant for Professor Andrew Yeo, compiled Korean media reports on anti-base protests at Jeju island, **Korea University** (June 2012)
Project published in *European Journal of International Security* (June 2018)

EXPERIENCE IN NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

- Editor-in-Chief, [Newsletter for Graduate School of Policy Studies](#) (*Korean*), **Korea University** (September 2010 - June 2012)
- 2010. “[The Investor Protection Regime of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea.](#)” *Korea University Law Review*.7(143) (with Dong Wuk An)
- Student Reporter, [Granite Tower](#) (*English Newsletter*), **Korea University** (March 2007 - June 2008)
Interview with pianist Myung-whun Chung featured at [Dong-a Ilbo](#) (*Korean*) (July 2006)

SOFTWARE

- **Naver News Crawler**
- A python package [navernewscrawler](#) that scrapes news query results on the largest web portal in South Korea, [Naver](#)

LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin(proficient), Korean(native), English, French(intermediate)
Statistical Software	R, STATA
Programming Language	Python
Others	ArcGIS, L ^A T _E X

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