

Zhijie Han

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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science , Department of Government MSc in Political Science (Political Science and Political Economy)	9/2025 - 9/2026
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences , School of Marxism M.Phil. in Political Science (Party History and Party Building, Marxist Theory)	9/2022 - 6/2025
• Supervisor: Prof. Tingda Wang • GPA: 3.83/4.0 (Ranked 2 nd ; Excellent Master's Thesis Award)	
University of Oxford , St Antony's College International Political Summer School (The Politics of the Chinese Party-State)	7/2023 - 8/2023
• Supervisor: Prof. Jean Christopher Mittelstaedt	
Peking University , School of Government B.A. in Public Management	9/2018 - 6/2022
• GPA: 3.6/4.0 (Highest honors)	
Joint Honors Program of Politics, Law & Sociology	9/2019 - 6/2022

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Han, Z.** (2025). The Crisis of “The End of History” Behind the Cyberpunk Craze. *Science Fiction Humanities* (01), 23-35. doi:CNKI:SUN:KHRW.0.2025-01-002.
(*Analyzes technological power and digital governance logics through the lens of cyberpunk critique.*)
2. Wang, T., & **Han, Z.** (2023). Quadri-logic Implied in “Three Musts” Organizational Norms. *Theoretical Horizon (CSSCI)*(03), 81-87. <https://doi.org/10.19632/j.cnki.11-3953/a.2023.03.012>.
(*Analyzes organizational norms and cadre requirements in CCP governance.*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference , Chicago, USA Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	4/2025
• Paper: <i>Loyalty versus Expertise: Cadre Promotions in China Before and After the 2018 Institutional Reform</i>	
International Conference on Political Sociology , Bologna, Italy The Political Sociology Section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS)	10/2024
• Paper: <i>Democracy, Populism and Vanguardism: The Crisis of Modern Party Theory</i>	
International Forum on Socialism , Guangxi, China Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences & Lao Academy of Social and Economic Sciences & CASS	11/2023
• Paper: <i>The Role of Political Leadership and Party Institutionalization in China’s Modernization</i>	
Selected Domestic Conferences in China	12/2021 - 4/2025
• Papers on CCP organization and ideology, elite politics, central-local relations, and digital governance reforms.	

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Evaluating LLM-Generated Silicon Samples in Social Science Research Research Assistant Institute for Digital Government and Governance, Tsinghua University	9/2025 - Present
• Built and tested 1,000+ LLM-based silicon samples across survey and experimental tasks. • Synthesized frontier literature on LLMs in social science and contributed to an international knowledge-sharing network.	
IMF Loan Programs and Reform Policy Effectiveness Case Study Research Assistant Peking University Advisor: Prof. Jia Chen	8/2025 - Present
• Designed research framework and coordinated data collection on IMF loan programs and policy conditionality. • Developed cross-country and longitudinal empirical design using MONA and macroeconomic datasets. • Conducted quantitative analysis (panel models, DID) to evaluate the effects of IMF loan conditions.	
Chinese Political Elite Database (CPED) Development & Quantitative Research Lead Research Assistant Advisor: Prof. Junyan Jiang	6/2022 – 8/2025

- Managed biographical data on 9,000+ career records of Chinese elites; automated cleaning and coding using Python; Initiated training an agent to auto-update official resumes.
- Authored paper accepted at 2025 MPSA, applying DID-RDD to analyze the relationship between cadre promotions and political loyalty versus technical expertise before and after the 2018 reform.

National Project on Xi Jinping's thoughts on party building 12/2022 - 6/2024

Research Assistant | *Chinese Academy of Sciences* | Advisor: Prof. Tingda Wang

- Conducted qualitative and text-as-data analysis (topic modeling, discourse analysis) on central documents/speeches.
- Contributed to 10+ research papers/reports and theoretical frameworks on party institutional development.

China Urban Governance Innovation Research and Reward Program 7/2021 - 10/2021

Research Assistant | *Peking University Research Center for Chinese Politics* | Advisors: Prof. Haiting Fei; Prof. Hua Ju

- Conducted field surveys and interviews with officials in Lishui, Zhejiang, evaluating digital governance reforms for its recognition as a “China Urban Governance Innovation Case”.
- Authored undergraduate thesis for the Politics, Law & Society Program, analyzing county-level cadre evaluation systems, highlighting how digital governance corrected incentive distortions.

Emergency Management Systems in Japan: Study on Crisis Response and Disaster Mitigation 4/2021 - 11/2021

Research Assistant | *Peking University Institute of Public Governance* | Advisor: Prof. Zhili Bai

- Analyzed Japan’s disaster management framework, mapping national-prefectural-municipal authority boundaries.
- Co-authored paper analyzing Tokyo’s case, highlighting wide-area coordination mechanisms for trans-regional crisis.

Urban Digital Governance Models and Development of the Nanjing Digital Governance Center 12/2020 - 4/2021

Research Assistant | *Peking University Institute of Urban Governance* | Advisor: Prof. Tiyan Shen

- Contributed to project report on “Unified Network Governance,” introducing a governance capacity framework.
- Proposed strategic roadmap for institutional restructuring and digital governance reform in Nanjing.

Political Socialization and National Identity of College Students: A Survey of Chinese Elite Students 11/2020 - 6/2021

Research Assistant, Third Author | *Peking University* | Advisor: Prof. Yanjun Liu

- Co-authored an award-winning study on how education, media, and gender identity shape youth political attitudes.
- Designed survey instruments, implemented sampling strategies, and conducted logistic regression using Stata.

Agent or Trustee: An Explanation from the Policy Field 11/2020 - 6/2021

Research Assistant, First Author | *Peking University* | Advisor: Prof. Xiao Ma

- Led an award-winning study on bureaucratic autonomy based on officials’ professional backgrounds, linking autonomy to policy effectiveness.
- Built databases of China’s civil service exam positions and conducted factor analysis using Stata/Python.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

- CAS Presidential Scholarship, Chinese Academy of Sciences (2025)
- Excellent Master’s Thesis Award, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (2025)
- Academic Excellence Scholarship in Marxist Theory, Beijing Government (2024)
- Award for Merit Student, Peking University & University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (2019, 2020, 2023)
- Award for Academic Excellence, Peking University (2021)
- Peking University Scholarship (2020, 2021)
- Excellent Student Leader, Peking University (2020, 2021)
- 1987 Political Science Scholarship, Peking University (2019)

VOLUNTEERING & LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Deputy Editor, Political Theory Journal	6/2023 - 7/2025
General Secretary, Doctoral Association of Development	3/2023 - 1/2025
Chief Editor & Senior Reporter, Youth Research Center, Peking University	10/2020 - 6/2022
President, Asian Future Politics Leaders Association of PKU Division	9/2020 - 9/2021
Deputy Secretary, Youth League Committee, School of Government, Peking University	10/2020 - 11/2021
Intern, United Front Work Department of Haidian District, Beijing	6/2019 – 8/2019

METHODS & SKILLS

Programming and Software: Python, R, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Suite.

Language: Chinese Mandarin (Native), English (GRE 625, IELTS 7.5), Japanese (Introductory).