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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs**, Princeton University 07/2021–  
**Post-doctoral Research Fellow**, Stanford University 01/2020–06/2021

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science**, Pennsylvania State University 08/2014–12/2019  
**M.A., Political Science**, Columbia University 2013  
**Ph.D., Urban Engineering**, University of Tokyo 2012  
**M.E., Urban Engineering**, Tsinghua University 2009  
**B.A., Landscape Architecture**, Wuhan University of Technology 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Substantive:** Politics of Information, Political Repression, Political Economy of Development.  
**Methodological:** Experiments, Causal Inference, Game Theory.

## PUBLICATIONS

6. Cheng, Zhiyuan, Xin Jin and **Xu Xu**\*. Forthcoming. “[Is a Corruption Crackdown Really Good for the Economy: Firm-level Evidence from China.](#)” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. [\*co-first author]
5. **Xu, Xu**. 2021. “[To Repress or To Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.](#)” *American Journal of Political Science*, 65.2: 309-325.
4. Frantz, Erica, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and **Xu Xu**. 2020. “[Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships.](#)” *Journal of Politics*, 82(1):372-377.
3. Cao, Xun, Genia Kostka, and **Xu Xu**. 2019. “[Environmental Political Business Cycles: The Case of PM2.5 Air Pollution in Chinese Cities.](#)” *Environmental Science and Policy*, 93: 92-100.
2. **Xu, Xu**, and Xin Jin. 2018. “[The Autocratic Roots of Social Distrust.](#)” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46.1: 362-380.
1. Von Schrader, Sarah, **Xu, Xu**, and Susanne M. Bruyere. 2014. “Accommodation Requests: Who Is Asking for What?” *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education* 28.4: 329-344.

## UNDER REVIEW

2. Su, Zheng, **Xu Xu**, and Xun Cao. “What Explains Popular Support for Government Surveillance in China?” R&R at the *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.
1. **Xu, Xu**, Genia Kostka, and Xun Cao. “Information Control and Public Support for Social Credit Systems in China.” R&R at the *Journal of Politics*.

**WORKING PAPERS**

2. **Xu, Xu**. “The Social Costs of Digital vs. In-Person Surveillance.”
1. Jin, Xin and **Xu, Xu\***. “Incentivizing Corruption: An Unintended Consequence of Bureaucratic Promotions in China.” [\*co-first author]

**WORK IN PROGRESS**Book

1. **Xu, Xu**. “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.”

Articles

5. Pan, Jennifer, Wenwei Peng, **Xu Xu**, and Han Zhang. “Social Goods or Repressive Tools? The Impacts of Surveillance Cameras on Protest and Crime in China.”
4. Lu, Yingdan, Jennifer Pan, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “Networked Propaganda: Mapping China’s State Apparatus on Social Media.”
3. Pan, Jennifer, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “Propaganda, Security Misperceptions, and Public Support for State Repression in Dictatorships.”
2. Pan, Jennifer, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “The Art of Silencing Dissent: Disguised Repression in Dictatorships.”
1. Chen, Ted, Christopher Fariss, and **Xu Xu**. “The Effect of Disaster-induced Displacement on Social and Political Behavior: The Case of Hurricane Harvey.”

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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| 2021 | China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA<br>Seminar on Political Economy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia  |
| 2020 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at the APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA<br>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Accepted)<br>Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Accepted)   |
| 2019 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC<br>Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Boston, MA<br>Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI<br>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL   |
| 2018 | New Faces in China Studies Conference at Duke University, Durham, NC<br>Quantitative China Studies Seminar at New York University, New York City, NY<br>Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Provo, UT<br>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL<br>Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE), Orlando, FL |
| 2017 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA<br>Southern Economics Association Meeting, Tampa, FL   |
| 2016 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA   |
| 2015 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA  |
| 2014 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC   |

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2020 Best Dissertation, Information Technology and Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

2019 Raymond E. Lombra and Roberta Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, Penn State University.

2019 RGSO Dissertation Support, \$2000, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University.

2019 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$2000, Penn State University.

2018 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.

2018 RGSO Dissertation Support, \$5000, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University.

2017 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$4500, Penn State University.

2017 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.

2016 The Steighton (Steve) A. Watts, Jr. Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Political Science award, \$3000, Penn State University.

2016 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.

2016 Political Science Graduate Research Fellowship, Spring 2016, Penn State University.

2015 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$2000, Penn State University.

2015 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Fellowship, 2015 Spring, Penn State University.

2010 Excellent Young Scholars Grant, \$2000, 15 Students selected, Global Center of Excellence, Japan.

2009–2012 Tokyo University Scholarship for Excellent Doctoral Students, Japan.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise Summer 2019

– *Sole Instructor*

– *Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness: 6.5/7*

GLIS 102: Introduction to Global Studies Fall 2019

– *Teaching Assistant* to Professor Cyanne Loyle

– Giving guest lectures, Organizing group discussions, and other regular TA tasks

PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise Fall 2018

– *Guest Lecturer* for Professor Joseph Wright

PLSC003: Introduction to Comparative Politics (150–250 Students) Fall 2015, 2017, 2019

– *Teaching Assistant* to Professor Matt Golder

– Giving guest lectures, organizing group discussions, and other regular TA tasks

**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University  
– Research Assistant to Dr. Susanne Bruyère

2013–2014

**FIELDWORK**

**China:** Beijing, Nanjing, Chengdu (02/2019–03/2019); Beijing (06/2018); Beijing, Hubei, Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong (12/2017–02/2018); Beijing, Hubei, Sichuan, Jiangsu (05/2015–07/2015).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China Journal*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Crime, Law and Social Change*, *Energy Efficiency*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, *Sociological Forum*, and *World Politics*.

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conferences (2018, 2019), the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2020), and the Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (2020).

Judge for the undergraduate research poster session at the 2018 Undergraduate Exhibition at the Pennsylvania State University.

**SKILLS**

*Languages:* Chinese (Native Speaker), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate).

*Statistical Software:* R, STATA, GIS, SAS.