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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science , The Pennsylvania State University	2014 – 2019
<i>Dissertation</i> : “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.”	
<i>Committee</i> : Joseph Wright (Chair); Matt Golder; Boliang Zhu; Luke Keele; Kalyan Chatterjee (Econ.)	
M.A., Political Science , Columbia University	2013
Ph.D., Urban Engineering , The University of Tokyo	2012
M.E., Urban Engineering , Tsinghua University	2009
B.A., Landscape Architecture , Wuhan University of Technology	2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Authoritarian Politics; the Politics of Information; Chinese Politics

Methodological: Experiments; Causal Inference; Game Theory

FIELD RESEARCH

Beijing/Nanjing/Chengdu, China	February – March, 2019
Beijing, China	June, 2018
Beijing/Hubei/Guangxi/Guangdong/Hong Kong, China	December, 2017 – February, 2018
Beijing/Hubei/Sichuan/Jiangsu, China	May – July, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Xu, Xu**. Forthcoming. “To Repress or To Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.” *American Journal of Political Science*.
2. Frantz, Erica, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and **Xu Xu**. Forthcoming. “Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships.” *Journal of Politics*.
3. **Xu, Xu**, and Xin Jin. 2018. “The Autocratic Roots of Social Distrust.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46.1: 362-380.
4. 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.

UNDER REVIEW

5. Cheng, Zhiyuan, Xin Jin and **Xu Xu**. “Is Cracking Down on Corruption Really Good for the Economy: Firm-level Evidence from a Natural Experiment in China.” R&R, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*.
6. **Xu, Xu**. “Incentivizing Corruption: The Unintended Consequence of Bureaucratic Promotions in China.”

WORKING PAPERS

7. **Xu, Xu.** “The Social Costs of Digital vs. In-person Surveillance: Experimental and Observational Evidence from China.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

8. **Xu, Xu.** “Propaganda and Public Support for Digital Surveillance: Evidence from Social Credit Systems in China.”
9. Chen, Ted, Christopher Fariss, and **Xu Xu.** “The Effect of Disaster-induced Displacement on Social and Political Behavior: The Case of Hurricane Harvey.”
10. Jin, Xin and **Xu Xu.** “Terrorist Attacks and Immigrants’ Labor Market Outcome.”

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at APSA Annual Meeting (Scheduled)
 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting
 16th Midwest International Economic Development Conference – Madison, Wisconsin
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 New Faces in China Studies Conference at Duke University
 Quantitative China Studies Seminar at New York University
 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE) – Florida
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 Southern Economics Association Meeting
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise Summer 2019
 - *Instructor*
 - *Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness: 6.5/7*
- 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

- The Pennsylvania State University
 - *Research Assistant* to Professor Boliang Zhu Fall, 2019
 - *Research Assistant* to Professor Elizabeth Carlson 2016 – 2017
 - *Research Assistant* to Professor Xun Cao 2014 – 2015
- The Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University
 - *Research Assistant* to Dr. Susanne Bruyère 2013 – 2014
- Columbia University
 - *Research Assistant* to Professor Kay Shimizu 2012 – 2013

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

<i>Causal Inference</i> , Independent Study with Luke Keele, The Pennsylvania State University	Fall 2017
<i>Causal Inference</i> , ICPSR, University of Michigan	Summer 2015
<i>Advanced Game Theory</i> , ICPSR, University of Michigan	Summer 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Journal Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Energy Efficiency*.

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conferences (2018 and 2019).

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

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 Steigton (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

SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (Native Speaker); English (Fluent); Japanese (Intermediate)

Statistical Software: R; PYTHON; STATA; GIS; SAS; SPSS

REFERENCES

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