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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University January, 2020
Principal Investigators: [Jennifer Pan](#) & [Yiqing Xu](#)
Media and Politics in China; Survey and Experimental Research; Analysis of Large-scale Textual Data

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University 2014 – 2019
Dissertation: “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.”
Committee: [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; Political Repression; Chinese Politics
Methodological: Experiments; Causal Inference; Game Theory

FIELDWORK

China: Beijing, Nanjing, Chengdu (Feb – Mar 2019); Beijing (Jun 2018); Beijing, Hubei, Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong (Dec 2017 – Feb 2018); Beijing, Hubei, Sichuan, Jiangsu (May – Jul 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

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

2. 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*.
1. **Xu, Xu.** “[Incentivizing Corruption: An Unintended Consequence of Bureaucratic Promotions in China.](#)”

WORKING PAPERS

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| 2019 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at APSA Annual Meeting
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

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| PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise | Summer 2019 |
| - <i>Sole Instructor</i> | |
| - <i>Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness: 6.5/7</i> | |
| GLIS 102: Introduction to Global Studies | Fall 2019 |
| - <i>Teaching Assistant</i> to Professor Cyanne Loyle | |
| - Organizing group discussions and other regular TA tasks | |
| PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise | Fall 2018 |
| - <i>Guest Lecturer</i> for Professor Joseph Wright | |
| PLSC003: Introduction to Comparative Politics (150 – 250 Students) | Fall 2015, 2017, & 2019 |
| - <i>Teaching Assistant</i> to Professor Matt Golder | |
| - Giving guest lectures, organizing group discussions, and other regular TA tasks. | |

RESEARCH POSITIONS

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| The Pennsylvania State University | |
| - <i>Research Assistant</i> to Professor Boliang Zhu | Fall, 2019 |
| - <i>Research Assistant</i> to Professor Elizabeth Carlson | 2016 – 2017 |
| - <i>Research Assistant</i> to Professor Xun Cao | 2014 – 2015 |
| The Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University | |
| - <i>Research Assistant</i> to Dr. Susanne Bruyère | 2013 – 2014 |

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Causal Inference, Independent Study with Luke Keele, The Pennsylvania State University Fall 2017

Causal Inference, ICPSR, University of Michigan Summer 2015

Advanced Game Theory, 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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