

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

Computational Social Science Fellow, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), June 2022 – Present
Student Researcher, China Data Lab, 21st Century China Center (21CCC), UCSD. September 2017 – Present
Pre-Doc Fellow, Department of Political Science, Stanford University. January 2020 – March 2020
Visiting Researcher, The Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), June 2014 - July 2014

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of California San Diego, Present.
M.Phil. in Social Science, Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2016.
M.A. in Finance, Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE), Xiamen University, 2014.
B.A. in Economics, Tan Kah kee College, Xiamen University, 2010.

Research Interests

Computational Social Science, Text as Data, Political Economy

Working Papers

- “Authoritarian Accountability or Performative Responsiveness? Media Supervision on Chinese Majors” *Under Review*
- “Do Winners Spread More Words? Factional Competition and Local Media Reports on Negative News in Autocracy” (with Jean Hong) *Political Science Research and Methods* Forthcoming

Other Publications

- “The Consumption of China’s E-Commerce: Evidence from JD’s Festival Sales”, Chapter 9, Handbook of U.S. Consumer Economics, Academic Press, 2019 (with Wei Tian and Miaojie Yu)

Work in Progress

- “Gaslighting: How Comment Section Controls on Social Media Shapes Public Opinion in China” (with Yiqing Xu and Thomas Cao)

Honors and Fellowships

- IGCC Computational Social Science Fellowship, 2022
- Ichimore Student Research Award, 2020
- Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Methodology

Advanced Programming - Computational Social Science, UCSD, Fall 2021 /TA
Introduction to Web Scraping, Hong Kong Baptist University, Summer 2020 /Instructor
Making Policy with Data, UCSD, Winter 2018 /TA
Advanced Econometrics, Xiamen University, Fall 2014 /TA

Political Economy

Chinese Econ/Pol Capstone, UCSD, Winter 2020,2021,2022 /TA
Politics of People’s Republic of China, UCSD, Fall 2017, Winter 2019 /TA
Political Economy: Modern Capitalism, UCSD, Winter 2018 /TA

Presentations

Seminars/Invited Talks

The Fourth Academic Forum of Chinese Political Communication Studies, CUC, May 2021
SDSI Data Science Lab Series Seminar, Stanford, February 2020
Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, XMU, June 2019
The Data Analytic Boot Camp, UCSD, January 2019

Workshops

“Causal Inference Meets Machine Learning” Reading Group, Student Organizer, 2018
UCSD Human Nature Group / Omni Methods Group, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
China Study Reading Group, Student Organizer, 2017, 2018

Reference

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