Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Positions

Post-Doc Fellow, Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions, Stanford University, January 2024 – Present

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. Sep 2017 – Dec 2023

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. in Political Science (Specialization in CSS), University of California San Diego, 2023.

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Do Winners Spread More Words? Factional Competition and Local Media Reports on Negative News in Autocracy" *Political Science Research and Methods* 1-18. doi:10.1017/psrm.2022.35, 2022 (with Jean Hong)

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)

Working Papers

- "Authoritarian Accountability or Performative Responsiveness? Media Supervision on Chinese Majors" *Under Review*

- "Sowing Division: The Unintended Consequences of Geographic Tagging on Social Media"

- "Unveiling the Prism: The Impact of Sina-Weibo's Hot-Search List on Collective Attention and Online Discourse" (with Xiqian Cai, and Yurou Wang)

- "From Parlor to Back Alley: Tracing the Migration of Prostitution in Response to Legal Changes" (With Yutian An, Xuancheng Qian, and Yingjie Fan)

- "Biting the Hand That Teaches: Unraveling the Economic Impact of Banning Private Tutoring in China" (with Zibin Huang, Yinan Liu, and Mingming Ma)

- "Technological Decoupling: The Impacts on Chinese Firms and Their Responses" (with Ming Gao, Boyao Zhang, Wenyu Zhou, and Yi Zhou)

- "Lingering Ghost: The Lasting Effect of Political Turmoil" (with Yingjie Fan, and Yuan Liu)

Work in Progress

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

- "Tech Shock on Censorship Labor Market" (with David Yang, Eddie Yang, and Andy Zhao)

Honors and Fellowships

- IGCC Computational Social Science Fellowship, 2022

- Ichimore Student Research Award, 2020

- Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Methodology
Advanced Programming in 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

Outstanding Young Scholars & Practitioners Support Program, Peking University, Aug 2023

Computational Social Science Workshop, Renmin University of China, Jul 2023

Forum for the Growth of Young Scholars in Internet Law, Wuhan University, May 2023

Asian Perspective Seminar Series, Australian National University, Feb 2023

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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