

# LINAN YAO

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Columbia University, New York</b>	expected 2023
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science	
M.Phil., in Political Science (2019)	
M.A., Political Science (2017)	
Major in Comparative Politics, Minor in American Politics	
<b>Yale University, New Haven</b>	2015
M.A. in East Asian Studies	
<b>Peking University, Beijing</b>	2014
B.A. in International Relations and Economics	

## DISSERTATION

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Making Propaganda Sell: The Commercialization of Propagandist Entertainment in China  
Advisor: Andrew Nathan, Donald Green, John Marshall

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Robert S. Erikson, Karl Sigman, and Linan Yao. Electoral college bias and the 2020 presidential election. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2020

## WORKING PAPER

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Old Wine in New Bottles: Dressing Authoritarian Propaganda in Entertainment, with Hanzhang Liu  
Divide And Use: the State Strategy of Organizing Propaganda Production in China  
Effects of Propaganda Movies: Evidence From An Online Field Experiment in China  
Representation of Women in Political Dramas and the Gender Gap in Political Ambition: Evidence from China  
Maoist Nostalgia in China: Economic Shocks, Demand for Redistribution and Interest in Extreme Redistribution

## TEACHING

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TA for Experimental Research with Donald Green	Spring 2019
TA for Game Theory with John Huber	Spring 2018
TA for Introduction to Human Rights with Andrew Nathan	Fall 2019 & Fall 2018

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

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WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin Visiting researcher	Spring 2021
Columbia University, New York Research assistant for Professor Macartan Humphreys	Fall 2020
Columbia University, New York Research assistant for Professor Robert S. Erikson	Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
University of California, Los Angeles Research assistant for Professor James Tong	Spring 2016

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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ICPSR Summer School, Ann Arbor Student	Summer 2015
National Taiwan University, Taipei Exchange student	Fall 2013

## **GRANT & AWARDS**

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Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis International Fellowship Fund Dean's Fellowship Political Science Department, Columbia University	Spring 2021 - Spring 2022
ASGC Travel Grant Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, Columbia	Fall 2021
CELSS Grant Columbia Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences	Fall 2021
Summer 2021 Weatherhead Grant Weatherhead Institute, Columbia University	Summer 2021
Summer 2020 Weatherhead Grant Weatherhead Institute, Columbia University	Summer 2020
Dissertation Development Grant Political Science Department, Columbia University	Spring 2020
The Edison Dick Fellowship East Asia Studies, Yale University	Fall 2014 - Spring 2015
Guanghua Scholarship for Academic Excellence Peking University	Fall 2012- Spring 2013

Hong Kong Engineering Scholarship  
Peking University

Fall 2011 - Spring 2012

Peking University Scholarship for Outstanding Freshman  
Peking University

Fall 2010 - Spring 2011

## POLICY EXPERIENCE

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**Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China**, Beijing Summer 2013  
I wrote daily briefings about international news based on English media. Selected briefings I wrote were submitted to the leaders at the Ministry of Finance.

**IBM consulting**, Beijing Summer 2012  
I worked for a branch to secure government contracts. I had a close look at how the local governments and private companies exchanged resources and struck deals.

**China Beijing International Mining Exchange**, Beijing Summer 2011  
I researched about how the global resource-based economy affected China's policy-making.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<b>2022</b>	Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference UCSD Young Scholars Conference USC 2nd China Research Group Doctoral Symposium
<b>2021</b>	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference
<b>2019</b>	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
<b>2018</b>	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Columbia Food Pantry, New York	March 2020 - current
Columbia Students of Color Alliance E-board, New York	September 2018 - June 2019
Common Language (LGBT non-profit), Beijing	February 2013 - June 2013

## SKILLS

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<b>Substantive</b>	Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Economy, Authoritarian Regimes, Entertainment politics, Propaganda, Media effects, Political Communication, Political Behavior
<b>Programming</b>	R, web scraping with Python
<b>Languages</b>	Chinese (native), English