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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2021
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Cai Yongshun, Dr. Liu Chunrong, Dr. Cole Alistair Mark, Dr. Cabestan Jean-Pierre, Dr. Kang Yi
Dissertation Title: The Institutionalization of Primary-level Party System in Rural China: Managing the Unintended Consequences of Grassroots Democracy

M.A. Public Management, Sun Yat-sen University, 2018

B.A. Public Management, China Agricultural University, 2016

APPOINTMENTS

2023.04 – Present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Political Science

2021.09 – 2023.4
Senior Research Associate (remote), Hong Kong Baptist University, Department of Journalism

RESEARCH AREAS

Computational Social Science, Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication; AI And Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2025 M.Ma, Han Feng and Wang Chuyao “Panacea or Pandora’s Box: Diverse Governance Strategies to Conspiracy Theories and their Consequences in China”, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-024-04350-1> (SSCI)

2025 M.Ma, Daniil Romanov, Genia Kostka and Alexander Libman “Mirrors and Mosaics: Deciphering Bloc-Building Narratives in Chinese and Russian Mass Media”, *Perspective on Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592724002202> (SSCI)

2023 M.Ma and Y.Kang “Weaving the Social Fabric: Party-Led Community Social Capital Building in Rural Guangdong” *China Review*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48740205> (SSCI)

2022 M.Ma and Y.Kang “Conflict Management through Controlled Elections: ‘Harmonizing Interventions’ by Party Work Teams in Chinese Village Elections” *China Perspectives*, <https://doi.org/10.4000/chinapersonpectives.14214> (SSCI)

2022 M.Ma, YY.Feng and Y.Kang “Demanding Individuality in Cross-sector Collaboration: The Case of Social Enterprise in Hong Kong” *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*, <https://doi.org/10.20899/jpna.8.3.375-398> (ESCI)

2020 M.Ma and WJ.Zhuang “Rural nder the Rural Revitalization Strategy – Analysis of village follow-up data based on the 2012-2016 China labor force dynamic survey” *China public policy review* (CSSCI, In Chinese)

Book Chapters

- 2020 Zheng, Y., Zheng, Z., Ma, M. and Zu, Z. "Improving Usability. *E-Government and Information Technology Management: Concepts and Best Practices*, 43. Amazon"

Working Papers

- 2024 "War As A Catalyst: Russia's Public Diplomacy on Chinese Social Media in the Context of Russia-Ukraine War", *Under Review, available upon request*
- 2024 "Consolidated Control and Diverse Missions: Capacities and Incentives for Lenient Disciplinary Practices by China's Local-Level Commission for Discipline Inspection", *Under Review*
- 2024 "Collaborating Bureaucrats and Experts: An Institutional Logic Perspective on Large Language Model Applications in the Chinese Public Sector", *Under Review*

Research Projects and Experiences

- 2023.03- Present, Major Team Member "SCRIPTS: Reinterpreting the alternative script? War in Ukraine, state-sponsored narratives of block building in authoritarian countries and their public perception, PIs: Prof. Alexander Libman and Prof. Genia Kostka, Free University Berlin"
Short Blog: Reinterpreting the alternative script?, Ma Ming 2024
- 2021.09- 2022.09, Sub-project Manager "Combating COVID-19 in Hong Kong, PI: Dr. Celine Song, Hong Kong Baptist University"
- 2020.12- 2021.12, Principal Investigator "The Role of Social Work in Community Governance, Shunde District Social Innovation Center"
- 2017.01- 2018.12, Team Member "Social Investigation of Public Attitudes Toward Social Welfare, PI: Prof. Kinglun Ngok, Sun Yat-sen University"
- 2016.07- 2017.3, Project Manager Associate "Project Assessment of Agricultural Non-point Source Pollution Control, PI: Dr. Li Fan, The World Bank"

Grants

- 2024, Co-Investigator "Investigate the potential of AI in Climate Change, €5601, Co-PI: Wang Chuyao (*LSE*), Han Feng (*LSE*), Li Jiaxun (*Harvard*)"
- 2024, Principal Organizer "Sharpening Analytic Instruments of Narrative Contestation During Conflicts, €5325, Workshop Funding"
- 2023, PI "The Investigation of Collective Economy Development in Rural China, €3100, Nanjing Municipal Government, China"
- 2022, PI "Institutional Logic and Development of Community Governance, €6000, Shunde District Government, China"
- 2021, PI "The Study of Grassroots Party Organizations In Rural China, €4700, Hong Kong Baptist University"

Programming Skills

Tools: R: Advanced; Python: Advanced

Methodology: Web scraping; Natural Language Processing;
Causal Inference (Econometrics); Data Visualization;
Large Language Model

Survey: Design and Conduct Online/Field Survey (Experiment)

Conference Presentations

- 2024 M. MA. “Mirrors and Mosaics: Deciphering Bloc-Building Narratives in Chinese and Russian Mass Media” *American Political Science Association 81st Annual Meeting*.
- 2023 M. MA. “Mirrors and Mosaics: Deciphering Bloc-Building Narratives in Chinese and Russian Mass Media” *American Political Science Association 81st Annual Meeting*.
- 2021 M. MA. “‘Harmonizing Intervention’ by Party Work Team in Chinese Village Election” *Mid-west American Political Science Association 79th Annual Meeting*.
- 2020 M. MA. “Farewell to Patronage? The Primary Party Organization and a Neo-patronage System in Rural China” *Mid-west American Political Science Association 78th Annual Meeting*

Teaching And Mentoring

Teaching Assistant

POLS1005: Foundation of Political Science

POLS2017: Foundation of International Relations

Guest Lecturer

Digital Control in China, Free University Berlin

Authoritarian Resilience and Case of China, Free University Berlin

Data Collection From Chinese Social Media, Free University Berlin

Co-Supervisor

2023 SCHÖNMEIER KATJA, Master Thesis (Student at Free University Berlin)

PhD Committee Member

2024 Zhang Hao, PhD Dissertation (Student at Free University Berlin)

2024 Chen Cheng, PhD Dissertation (Student at Free University Berlin)

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