

# Tony Zirui Yang

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Appointment	<b>Emory University</b> Assistant Professor of Political Science  <b>University of Hong Kong</b> Social Science Visiting Professor  <b>Nuffield College, University of Oxford</b> Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics Associate, University of Oxford China Centre Oxford Authoritarian Politics Network	Atlanta, Georgia 2025 -  Hong Kong February 2026  Oxford, England 2024 - 2025
Education	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b> Ph.D., Political Science Dissertation: <i>“Essays on Censorship and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes”</i> (Chair: Margit Tavits) Winner of the 2025 APSA Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award in Political Communication A.M., Political Science  <b>Renmin University of China</b> LL.B. (with Honor), Law Exchange Student, Political Science, UC Davis	St. Louis, Missouri 2024       Beijing, China 2018 2016 - 2017
Research Areas	Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion, China, Conflicts, LGBTQ Politics, Computational Methods, Experiments, Survey Methods	
Publications	<p>[5] “Ideological Cues, Partisanship, and Prejudice Against LGBTQ Judges” (with Andrew R. Stone) <i>Accepted, Public Opinion Quarterly</i> <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p> <p>[4] <b>Yang, Tony Zirui</b>, and Hongshen Zhu. 2025. “Twisted Tongue: Limits of China’s Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>: 1–9 <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p> <p>[3] <b>Yang, Tony Zirui</b>. 2025. “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>The Journal of Politics</i>, 0(0). <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p>	

[2] **Yang, Tony Zirui**. 2024. “Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 0(0). [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Appendices\]](#)

[1] Aksoy, Deniz, Ted Enamorado, and **Tony Zirui Yang**. 2024. “Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” *International Organization* 78(2): 341–60, [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Appendices\]](#)

## In Progress

“Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Scott Williamson)  
*Revise & Resubmit*

“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions”

“Binary Gender Identity Strength and Attitudes toward LGBTQ Individuals” (with Margit Tavits) *Under Review*

“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Vocally Hard Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang) *Under Review*

“Transnational Propaganda and Ethnic Polarization: Experimental Evidence from Malaysia” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

## Honor & Grants

### Awards

Winner of the 2025 American Political Science Association Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award in Political Communication

### External Research Grants

Early Career Scheme, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong (with Haohan Chen & Yiqiang Wang)	HK\$1,006,340
Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	\$20,000
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant	\$2,500
Institute for Humane Studies	\$23,000
Institute for Humane Studies (with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow)	\$5,000

### Internal Research Grants

DPIR Research Support Fund, University of Oxford	£2,500
Global Futures Small Grants (with Jeremy Siow)	\$2,000
Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)	\$12,000
Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Deniz Aksoy)	\$9,000
Legislative Studies Quarterly Research Fund, Washington University	\$5,000
Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University	\$2,000

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

LSE Global Sexual and Gender Identities Policy Lab	May 2025
Bocconi University, The Dondena Politics and Institutions Unit	Apr. 2025

London School of Economics, China and the World Seminar Series	Jan. 2025
Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich	Dec. 2024
University of Manchester, Manchester China Institute	Dec. 2024
University of Oxford, Nuffield Political Science Seminar Series	Nov. 2024
Emory University, Department of Political Science	Dec. 2023
University of North Texas, Department of Political Science	Dec. 2023
Dartmouth College, Department of Government	Nov. 2023
The University of Hong Kong, Methods Hub Talk Series	Nov. 2022
Indiana University Bloomington, World Politics Speaker Series	Nov. 2022

### **Seminars & Workshops**

The Queer Politics Webinar	2025
Max Planck Institute, The Logic of Sanctions Workshop	2024
UT Austin Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop	2024
UCSD Young Scholars Conference	2022, 2024
Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop	2023
The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research	2023
NYU Experimental Political Science Conference	2023
WUSTL Comparative Politics Annual Conference	2022, 2023
NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar	2021
Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference	2021

### **Annual Meetings of Professional Associations**

American Political Science Association	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Southern Political Science Association	2026
Western Political Science Association	2023, 2025, 2026
European Political Science Association/Society	2025
The Society for Political Methodology	2022, 2023, 2025
The Asian Political Methodology Meetings	2022, 2024, 2025
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties	2024
Peace Science Society (International)	2023

## **Teaching**

### **Emory University**

POLS 375 Contemporary Chinese Politics	Fall 2025
POLS 385 China in the World	Fall 2025

### **Nuffield College, University of Oxford**

Tutor, Comparative Government Core Course	Michaelmas 2024, Hilary 2025
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### **Guest Lecturer**

Institutions under Authoritarianism (University of Oxford)	2024
Political Power in Contemporary China (Juan Qian, UW-Madison)	2023
Global Information Wars (Haohan Chen, HKU)	2023
Understanding Political Protest & Violence (Sunita Parikh, WUSTL)	2020

## Service

### **Journal Reviewer:**

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Asian Survey, China Quarterly, Chinese Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Environmental Politics, European Journal of Politics and Gender, International Journal of Communication, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Political Communication, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies Review, Research and Politics, World Politics*

**Grant Reviewer:** APSA Centennial Center Summer Research Grant

### **Conference Organizer:**

WPSA Authoritarian Politics Mini-Conference	2026
New Frontiers in Authoritarian Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford	2025
Comparative Politics Annual Conference, Washington University	2022

## Skills

**Fieldwork:** China (November 2022 to February 2023)

**Programming:** R, Python, Qualtrics,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

**Languages:** Mandarin & Cantonese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)