

Tony Zirui Yang

One Brookings Drive
Washington University in St. Louis
Campus Box 1063
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

✉ yangzirui@wustl.edu
🌐 tonyziruiyang.org
☎ (+1) 314-229-7109
🐦 [@tzryang](https://twitter.com/tzryang)

Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

Ph.D., Political Science (Expected in 2024)

A.M., Political Science, 2021

Dissertation: “*Normalization: Understanding Government Censorship and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes*” (Chair: Margit Tavits, Member: Deniz Aksoy, Taylor Carlson, Carly Wayne, Haifeng Huang)

Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

LL.B. (with Honor), Law, 2018

University of California, Davis, Davis, California

Exchange Student in Political Science, 2016 - 2017

Research Interests

Comparative: Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion
Methodology: Test-as-data, Audio-as-data, Randomized Experiments

Under Review

“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” (Job Market Paper)

Revise & Resubmit, *The Journal of Politics*, [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Appendices\]](#)

“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” (with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) Revise & Resubmit, *International Organization*, [Available Upon Request]

“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” (Dissertation Chapter)
Under Review, [\[Paper\]](#)

Working Paper

“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang) [Available Upon Request]

Work in Progress

“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions” (Dissertation Chapter) [Available by September 2023]

“Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

“Gender Identity and Reducing LGBTQ Prejudice” (with Margit Tavits)

“LGBTQ Judicial Nominees and the Federal Court Legitimacy” (with Andrew Stone)

“Doublespeak: China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Policy Changes” (with Hongshen Zhu) [Available by August 2023]

Grants

Research Grants

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

APSA Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)

Institute for Humane Studies (\$10,000)

Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000, with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$12,000, with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$9,000, with Deniz Aksoy)

Legislative Studies Quarterly Research Fund, Washington University (\$5,000)

Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University (\$2,000)

Travel Grants

NSF Grant for PolMeth Annual Meeting: 2022, 2023 (\$1,900 total)

APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Travel Grant: 2022 (\$300)

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant: 2021 (\$300)

Presentations

Invited Talks

Indiana University Bloomington, World Politics Speaker Series, “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” November 2022

The University of Hong Kong, Methods Hub Talk Series, “Conducting Survey Experiments on Politics in China.” November 2022

Conferences & Workshops

APSA: 2022, 2023 (Accepted)

MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023

WPSA: 2023

PolMeth: 2022, 2023

Asian PolMeth: 2022

Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop: 2023 (Accepted)

NYU Experimental Political Science Conference: 2023

UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022

Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WUSTL): 2022, 2023

NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar: 2021

Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference: 2021

Teaching

Guest Lecturer

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

Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate Level

Game Theory I (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020

Undergraduate Level

Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado), Spring 2022

Latin American Politics (Guillermo Rosas), Fall 2021

Introduction to Political Theory (Clarissa Hayward), Spring 2021

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Rosas), Spring 2020

Political Psychology (Taylor Carlson), Fall 2019

Fieldwork China: November 2022 to February 2023

Additional Training **Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri
Causal Inference with Panel Data (Yiqing Xu), Summer 2021
Introduction to Python (Ryden Butler), Summer 2019

University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom
Principles of Economics, Summer 2015

Skills & Languages **Programming:** R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX
Languages: Mandarin & Cantonese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Service Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*
Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022

Margit Tavits

Dr. William Taussig Professor, WUSTL
Email: tavits@wustl.edu

Deniz Aksoy

Associate Professor, WUSTL
Email: denizaksoy@wustl.edu

Haifeng Huang

Associate Professor, Ohio State
Email: hhuang28@gmail.com

Taylor Carlson

Associate Professor, WUSTL
Email: tncarlson@wustl.edu

References

Ted Enamorado

Assistant Professor, WUSTL
Email: ted@wustl.edu

Carly Wayne

Assistant Professor, WUSTL
Email: carlywayne@wustl.edu

Last updated June 27, 2023