# Yi-Ta Lu

Contact Department of Human Behavior, Ecology and Culture yi\_ta\_lu@eva.mpg.de Information https://yitalu.github.io Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology Deutscher Platz 6, 04103 Leipzig, Germany Academic Postdoctoral Researcher Sep 2021 to Present Positions BirthRites Lise Meitner Research Group Department of Human Behavior, Ecology and Culture Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany Instructor Jul 2018 to May 2021 Department of Political Science State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY, USA Full-Time Research Assistant Jun 2012 to Jul 2014 Department of Economics National Taiwan University, Taiwan Ph.D. in Political Science EDUCATION May 2021 State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY, USA M.A. in Economics Dec 2015State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY, USA M.S. in Physics Jun 2011 National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan Jun 2009 **B.S.** in Physics National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan Doctoral Policy Cooperation Under Threats: Effects of Competition on Coalition Lobbying Committee: Oleg Smirnov (Advisor), Reuben Kline, John Barry Ryan, Tim Johnson DISSERTATION Political Economy, Social Dilemmas, Evolutionary Demography, Cultural Evolution Research Interests Research Agent-Based Modeling, Statistical Analysis (Bayesian, Frequentist, Time Series), Methods Game Theory, Lab Experiments, Survey Experiments Research Graduate Research Assistant Aug 2016 to May 2018 Department of Political Science EXPERIENCE Stony Brook University With: Andrew Delton, John Barry Ryan, Oleg Smirnov, and Peter DeScioli Visiting Student Jun 2015 to Aug 2015 Department of Psychology The Ohio State University With: Ian Krajbich **Publications** Lu, Y. T., & Colleran, H. (Forthcoming). Fertility Transitions. In R. Kendal, J. Tehrani, & J. Kendal (Eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Cultural Evolution. Oxford

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Lu, Y. T., Hwang, W. H., Hsieh, Y. T., Ho, T. Y., Zhu, J. D., Yeh, C. I., & Huang, C. Y. (2022). Choices Behind the Veil of Ignorance in Formosan Macaques. *PNAS Nexus*, 1(4).

Shin, I., Wang, L., & Lu, Y. T. (2022). Twitter and Endorsed (Fake) News: The Influence of Endorsement by Strong Ties, Celebrities, and a User Majority on Credibility of Fake News During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *International Journal of Communication*, 16, 23.

Chung, H. K., Sjöström, T., Lee, H. J., **Lu, Y. T.**, Tsuo, F. Y., Chen, T. S., Chang, C. F., Juan, C. H., Kuo, W. J., & Huang, C. Y. (2017). Why Do Irrelevant Alternatives Matter? an FMRI-TMS Study of Context-Dependent Preferences. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 37(48), 11647-11661.

Deng, D. M., Lu, Y. T., & Chang, C. H. (2017). Fluctuation Relations Between Hierarchical Kinetically Equivalent Networks With Arrhenius-Type Transitions and Their Roles in Systems and Structural Biology. *Physical Review E*, 95(6), 062401.

# Work in Progress

"The Coevolution of Human Fertility and Wealth Stratification" with Heidi Colleran, Anne Kandler, and Adam Powell.

"Congress's Role in Concentrating Wealth in the United States" with Matthew Lebo and Gregory Koger.

"An Agent-Based Model of Elections with Endogenous Candidates, Voters, and Media" with Oleg Smirnov and John Barry Ryan.

"Policy Cooperation Under Threats: Effects of Competition on Coalition Lobbying" (single author).

"Does Media Bias Cause Political Polarization? an Agent-Based Model of Biased Media, Motivated Reasoners, and Political Polarization" (single author).

"Trust, Inequality and Redistributive Demands in Latin America" with Robert Vidigal.

## Programs and Awards

Software Carpentry Workshop

Nov 29 - Dec 3, 2021

Scientific Computing for Evolutionary Anthropology Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

Honorable Mention Aug 24-27, 2021

for participation in the  $Social\ Simulation\ Workshop/Competition$  Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

International Winter School on Agent-Based Modeling (with certificate) Jan 4-15, 2021 Network for Computational Modeling in Social and Ecological Sciences Arizona State University

BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science Expected: Jul 2020
Department of Sociology
University of Groningen, Netherlands
(program postponed to Jul 2021 due to COVID-19 outbreak)

SICSS Grant for Survey Experiment on Amazon Mechanical Turk (\$1000) Jul 2020 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Duke University

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science at Rutgers — Jun 15-26, 2020 DIMACS (Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science) Rutgers New Brunswick Libraries — Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Full Tuition Scholarship and Stipend

Department of Political Science

Stony Brook University

Introduction to Complexity (with certificate)

Courses by Complexity Explorer

Santa Fe Institute

Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling (with certificate)

Summer 2019

Fall 2019

Fall 2016 to Spring 2021

Courses by Complexity Explorer

Santa Fe Institute

## Excellent Achievement Award

2005

for participation in the *Physics Contest* within the top 5 percent of all the students participated in the academic year, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

## Distinguished Achievement Award

2005

for participation in the *Calculus Contest* within the top 10 percent of all the students participated in the academic year, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

#### Presentations

"The Coevolution of Human Fertility and Wealth Stratification" at the Cultural Evolution Society Conference, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark Sep 22, 2022

"Social Dilemmas in Politics" at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan Mar 29, 2022

"Does Media Bias Cause Political Polarization? An Agent-based Model of Biased Media, Motivated Reasoners, and Political Polarization" at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Sep 10, 2020

"Partisanship, Polarization, and Inequality Over Time" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL Expected: Apr 19, 2020 (conference canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak)

"Group Cooperation in a Policy Bargaining Game" at the Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Feb 12, 2020

"An Agent-based Model of Elections with Endogenous Candidates, Voters, and Media" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL Apr 6, 2019

"Distributional Preferences under Rank Reversal Aversion" at the Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Mar 6, 2018

## Teaching

## Instructor

• World Politics

Summer 2018 to May 2021

Department of Political Science Stony Brook University

## Teaching Assistant

• Neuroeconomics (with Prof. Chen-Ying Huang)
Department of Economics
National Taiwan University

Spring 2014

# Courses Can Offer

- Undergraduate: World Politics, Statistics, Research Methods
- Graduate: Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Cooperation, Game Theory, Computational Modeling, Data Analysis, Experimental Design, R for Statistics

Skills Software

Python, R, Stata, oTree, NetLogo, Matlab, Mathematica, LATEX, Qualtrics

Language

English (fluent), Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (intermediate)

Professional Activities Affiliations

Theory in Cultural Evolution Lab, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology, Cultural Evolution Society, European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association

Service

Moderator EHBEA 2022, Discussant APSA 2020

References Available Upon Request.