# Yi-Ta Lu

Contact Department of Political Science yi-ta.lu@stonybrook.edu Information https://vitalu.github.io Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY, 11794, USA Academic Postdoctoral Researcher Since: Sep 2021 Positions Department of Human Behavior, Ecology and Culture Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany **Graduate Lecturer** Summer 2018 to May 2021 Department of Political Science Stony Brook University, NY, USA EDUCATION Ph.D. in Political Science May 2021 Stony Brook University, NY, USA  $\mathrm{Dec}\ 2015$ M.A. in Economics Stony Brook University, NY, USA M.S. in Physics Jun 2011 National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan **B.S.** in Physics Jun 2009 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 Research Behavioral Political Economy, Social Dilemmas, Cultural Evolution, Demography Interests Research Computational Modeling, Game Theory, Statistical Analysis, Lab Experiments, Methods Survey Experiments Research Graduate Research Assistant Aug 2016 to May 2018 EXPERIENCE Department of Political Science 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 Full-Time Research Assistant Jun 2012 to Jul 2014 Department of Economics National Taiwan University, Taiwan With: Chen-Ying Huang

PEER-REVIEWED
JOURNAL
PUBLICATIONS

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.

WORKING PAPERS Shin, I., Wang, L., & Lu, Y. T. (2021). Endorsed Misinformation on Twitter: Retweeting, Bandwagon Cues, and the Conspiracy Theory during COVID-19. Submitted to *International Journal of Communication*.

**Lu, Y. T.**, Hwang, W. H., Hsieh, Y. T., Ho, T. Y., Zhu, J. D., Wu, S. W., Yeh, C. I., & Huang, C. Y. (2020). On Morality in Monkeys. Submitted to *eLife*.

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

"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.

# WORK IN PROGRESS

"Policy Cooperation Under Threats: Effects of Competition on Coalition Lobbying" with Oleg Smirnov.

"Partisanship, Polarization, and Inequality Over Time" with Matthew Lebo and Gregory Koger.

# Programs and Awards

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 Fall 2016 to Present

Introduction to Complexity (with certificate)
Courses by Complexity Explorer
Santa Fe Institute

Fall 2019

Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling (with certificate) Courses by Complexity Explorer Summer 2019

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

"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 Present

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

#### SKILLS

#### Software

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

#### Language

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

# Professional Activities

# Affiliations

# Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology, Cultural Evolution Society

#### Service

Discussant APSA 2020

# References

Available Upon Request.