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CURRENT POSITION

Research Fellow at the LSE-Fudan Global Public Policy Hub 2023-25

EDUCATION

London School of Economics (LSE)	London, UK
Ph.D. in International Development	2018-23
M.Res. in International Development	2017-18
University of Illinois (UIUC)	Urbana-Champaign, US
M.Sc. in Bioenergy	2015-17
Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering	
China Agricultural University (CAU)	Beijing, China
B.Sc. in Agronomy	2011-15
College of Agronomy and Biotechnology	

PUBLICATIONS & WORK IN PROGRESS

Peer-reviewed articles:

Yang, Y. (2024). Property institutions and state capacity: A comparative analysis of Chinese agricultural investment in Zambia. *Journal of Development Studies*, 60(8), 1184–1199.

Li, M., Wang, J., Yang, Y., & Xie, G. (2016). Alkali-based pretreatments distinctively extract lignin and pectin for enhancing biomass saccharification by altering cellulose features in sugar-rich Jerusalem artichoke stem. *Bioresource Technology*, 208, 31-41.

Work in progress:

Yang, Y. *Under review*. Varieties of Chinese capital in African agriculture: An embedded improvisation analysis.

Yang, Y. Politics of rural land acquisition in Africa: The evidence from Chinese agricultural investments in Tanzania and Zambia.

Yang, Y. Land politics and social integration: The belonging of Chinese immigrant farmers in Africa.

Yang, Y & Dieterle, C. Land institutions and state strategies in Africa.

Yang, Y & Li, Y. Renewable energy technology and the emergence of geopolitical trade blocs: The search for critical raw materials and international relations.

Yang, Y & Li, Y. Varieties of Chinese capital and the production of critical raw materials: The element of materiality and criticality.

Yang, Y & Zhou, H. The role of China in global governance of natural resource: Fishery, forestry, agriculture, and mining.

Yang, Y, Dieterle, & Zhou, H. Negotiable foreign capitals in Africa: Exploring the responsiveness of Chinese state capital and global private capital in large-scale land acquisitions in Africa.

Yang, Y & Wang, Y. Political championship meets local land tenure: The structure and agency in the South-South cooperation.

Policy report:

Yang, Y. (2017). The importance of developing sustainability standards for biofuels in the social aspects: evidence of food insecurity and land tenure and access rights abuse. In *Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment*, OHCHR.

Blog post:

Baxter, T & Yang, Y. (2024) African governments are shaping the future of the China-Africa relations.
Africa@LSE, Blogpost, November 2024

RESEARCH PROFILE

Research Projects Development

Researcher

LSE

April 2023-

- Infrastructure-led development: contested land governance and citizenship along China-sponsored rail development in Kenya. *Passed British Academy and Regional Studies Association research grants' quality review.*
- The politics of critical raw materials governance in the global south: comparative analysis of Chile, Zambia and Indonesia. *Awarded Global Research Fund to develop its full proposal.*

Ph.D. Dissertation Research Project

Researcher

LSE

Sep 2017-Aug 2023

Ford Foundation-funded Ownership Project

Research Assistant

University of Oxford

Sep 2021-Sep 2022

ESRC-funded Spatial Inequality Project: Tanzania Case Analysis

Research Assistant

LSE

Dec 2020-Feb 2021

World Bank Forest & Fisheries Projects

Research Assistant

UIUC

Feb-July 2017

Environmental Policy

Policy Analyst

UIUC & IUCN

Sep-Dec 2016

National Energy R&D Center for non-Food Biomass

Quantitative Data & Policy Analyst

CAU

Apr 2013-May 2015

TEACHING PROFILE

Master of Public Administration Dissertation Supervision

School of Public Policy

LSE

2023/24

International Political Economy and Development

Guest Lecturer & Class Teacher, School of Public Policy

LSE

2023

Research Design and Dissertation in International Development

Dissertation workshop supervisor and Co-Marker

LSE

2022/23/24

Africa and International Development

Guest Lecturer, College of International Development and Global Agriculture

CAU

2022

Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives

Class Teacher, Dept. of Government

LSE

2020-23

Development in the International Political Economy

Class Teacher, Dept. of International Relations

LSE

2022-23

Designing and Implementing Evidence-Informed Policies and Programmes

Co-Marker, School of Public Policy

LSE

2020/2021

African Political Economy

Research Assistant & Student Coach, Dept. of International Development

LSE

2020

Gender Relations & International Development

Designed and Taught Two Lectures, Dept. of Gender & Women's Studies

UIUC

2017

Environmental Policy

UIUC

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

"China and the world development," a lecture delivered to a 10-day training program for Arab officials, Fudan University, Nov 2024

"Embedded improvisation: varieties of Chinese capital in African agriculture," a paper presented on International Studies Association Conference, April 2024 & Fudan IGPP Young Scholar Workshop, 2024

"Negotiable Foreign Capitals in Africa: A Comparative Analysis of the Performances of Chinese State Capital and Global Private Capital in Large-Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa," a paper presented on Development Studies Association Conference, June 2023 (with Dr. Carolin Dieterle).

"Repertoires of control: Contrasting land rights regimes and performance of Chinese agricultural investment in Tanzania and Zambia," a paper presented on African Studies Association Conference, November 2022.

"Beyond China-Africa," a three-minute thesis [video](#) entered national competition representing the LSE, Vitae 3MT® 2021.

"Property Institutions and Their Explanatory Power on Foreign Land Investments in Zambia," a paper presented on African Studies Association Conference, virtually, November 2020 & 2021.

"A Tale of Two Capitals in Two Countries: Property Institutions, Politics, and Foreign Investments in Africa," a paper presented on Oxford University China-Africa Network, Oxford, February 2020.

"Are You Chinese?" A Reflection on 'positionality' from fieldwork experience in Tanzania and Zambia, a paper presented on Chinese Positionality Workshop, SOAS, January 2020.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2024	Global Research Fund, LSE British Academy small research grant, passed quality review Regional Studies Association Early Career Grant, invited to final application
2022	LSE Final Year Writing-up Grant, LSE LSE PhD Academy-ESRC Student Competition Fund, ESRC
2021	British Institute in Eastern Africa Thematic Grants, BIEA Great Britain-China Educational Trust Chinese Students Award, GBCET
2019	Santander Travel Fund, Santander-LSE
2018-2022	PhD Travel Fund, International Development, LSE
2018-2022	Supplemental Research Financing, LSE
2017	Four-year PhD Scholarship from China Scholarship Council, CSC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024	Co-Organizer of Workshop on 'China and the World: A Critical Discussion on State Capacity in the Developing Countries,' LSE, January (with Tanvi Deshpande)
2023-	Leadership team of Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CAAC) UK Chapter
2022	Convener of Conference Panel on 'Africa-China Research: Co-determining Africa-China engagement and performance by local socio-political dynamics,' African Studies Association Conference, Philadelphia, November
2021-	Founder and organizer of LSE Global China PhD Working Group Seminars, monthly
2020&2021	Co-Convener of Conference Panels on Development Studies Association Conference, June (with Carolin Dieterle)
2020	Co-Organizer of Workshop on 'Chinese Positionality: A Reflexive Discussion on Conducting Research in Africa,' LSE-SOAS, January (with Weidi Zhang & Hang Zhou)

2019-2022 Student organizer of Land Politics Working Group Seminar, LSE-UCL, biweekly (with Catherine Boone)

METHODOLOGY TRAINING

2023/24	Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education
2022	Tableau
2021	STATA, Python
2020	ArcGis
2018	Qualitative Methods in Studying Politics, Quantitative Methods in Political Science
2017	Research Design in Political Science
2016	Impact Evaluation (Economics), Methods of Field Research (Sociology)

ADDITIONAL

- Language: Chinese (native); English (full proficiency); Kiswahili (daily communication)
- Music: Classically trained flautist; Piano and Ukulele beginner!

REFERENCES
