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EDUCATION

London School of Economics (LSE)	London, UK
Ph.D. in International Development	Aug 2023
M.Res. in International Development	Dec 2018
Department of International Development	
University of Illinois (UIUC)	Urbana-Champaign, US
M.Sc. in Bioenergy	May 2017
Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering	
China Agricultural University (CAU)	Beijing, China
B.Sc. in Agronomy	July 2015
College of Agronomy and Biotechnology	

APPOINTMENT

Research Fellow at the LSE-Fudan Global Public Policy Hub Aug 2023-Aug 2025

PUBLICATION & WORKING PAPERS

Working papers:

- Property Institutions and State Capacity: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese Agricultural Investment in Zambia. *R&R, Journal of Development Studies*.
- Subnational property institutions and foreign land investment in Africa: Evidence from Chinese agricultural investment in Tanzania and Zambia. *To be submitted to Review of International Political Economy*
- The Heterogeneity of Chinese Investors in African Agriculture: A Typology of Chinese Economic Actors.
- 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 (with Dr. Carolin Dieterle).

Co-editing a special issue:

A New Cold War? Africa's Place in the Emerging Global Order. To be submitted to Third World Quarterly (with Dr. Ana Cristina Alves, Dr. Obert Hodzi, Dr. John H.S. Åberg)

Dissertation:

Yang, Y. (2023). *Property and Foreign Investment in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Chinese Agricultural Investments in Zambia and Tanzania*. [Doctoral dissertation]. LSE.

Peer-reviewed article:

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.

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*.

RESEARCH PROFILE

PostDoc Research Projects	LSE
Researcher	April 2023-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and investigate two new projects• Expropriating land for rail: contested land governance and citizenship along China-led rail development in Kenya• The politics of critical mineral and metal governance in the global south: comparative analysis of Chile, Zambia and Indonesia.	
Ph.D. Dissertation Research Project	LSE
Researcher	Sep 2017-Aug 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property and Foreign Investment in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Chinese Agricultural Investments in Zambia and Tanzania.	
Ownership Project	University of Oxford
Research Assistant	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and executed a methodology for data triangulation and analysis• Produced data visualizations suitable both for academic publications and popular audience.	
ESRC-funded Spatial Inequality Project: Tanzania Case Analysis	LSE
Research Assistant	Dec 2020-Feb 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data construction and data analysis to interpretate the consistency and movement of political economic factors along the line of spatial inequality.	
World Bank Forest & Fisheries Projects	UIUC
Research Assistant	Feb-July 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed analytical framework for classifying World Bank forest and fisheries projects since 1950s• Conducted data collection and analysis and built up a preliminary dataset.	
Environmental Policy	UIUC & IUCN
Policy Analyst	Sep-Dec 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivered a policy report that evaluated EU and US biofuel policies, seven international standards and certifications, and identified the key gaps about the social impacts of biofuels and addressed recommendations.	
National Energy R&D Center for non-Food Biomass	CAU
Quantitative Data & Policy Analyst	Apr 2013-May 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivered a project report on the lignocellulose ethanol potential in China based on large-<i>N</i> lab data analysis and policy analysis, and gave the final presentation for the client, TOTAL.	

TEACHING PROFILE

International Political Economy and Development (PP448)	LSE
Class Teacher & Guest Lecturer	2023
Africa and International Development (PhD research seminar)	CAU
Guest Lecturer	Nov 2022
Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives (GV248)	LSE
Class Teacher	2020/21 & 2022/23
Development in the International Political Economy (IR207)	LSE

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Class Teacher	June 2022 & July 2023
Research Design and Dissertation in International Development 22/23 (DV410)	LSE
Dissertation workshop supervisor and Co-Marker	June 2022 & 2023
Designing and Implementing Evidence-Informed Policies and Programmes (PP4J4)	LSE
Co-Marker	Dec 2020-Mar 2021
African Political Economy (DV435)	LSE
Research Assistant & Student Coach	Jun-Dec 2020
Gender Relations & International Development (GWS512)	UIUC
Designed and Taught Two Lectures	Jan-May 2017
Environmental Policy (GEOG466)	UIUC
Graduate Teaching Assistant	May-July 2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

“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.

“The heterogeneity of Chinese investors in Zambian agriculture: A typology of Chinese economic actors,” a paper presented on China and the Global South LSE ID-Fudan IGPP workshop, 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

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 (RIIF Funds), LSE
2017	Four-year PhD Scholarship from China Scholarship Council, CSC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023	Leadership team of Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CAAC) UK Chapter
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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
2021-2023	Founder and organizer of LSE Global China PhD Working Group Seminars, biweekly
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

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 flutist, Piano and Ukulele beginner!

REFERENCES

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