

# YUEZHOU YANG

London School of Economics, Houghton St. London, UK WC2A 2AE

+44 (0) 7746 427687 | y.yang91@lse.ac.uk

## EDUCATION

---

### London School of Economics (LSE)

Ph.D. in International Development

M.Res. in International Development

Department of International Development

Dissertation: *Property Institutions, Politics, and Foreign Investment in Africa:*

*Cases of Chinese Agricultural Investments in Tanzania and Zambia*

London, UK

expt. June 2023

Dec 2018

### University of Illinois (UIUC)

M.Sc. in Bioenergy

Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Publication: “The importance of developing sustainability standards for biofuels in the social aspects: evidence of food insecurity and land tenure and access rights abuse.” *Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment*, OHCHR.

Member, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy

Urbana-Champaign, US

May 2017

### China Agricultural University (CAU)

B.Sc. in Agronomy

College of Agronomy and Biotechnology

Publication: “Alkali-based pretreatments distinctively extract lignin and pectin for enhancing biomass saccharification by altering cellulose features in sugar-rich Jerusalem artichoke stem.” *Bioresource Technology* (peer-reviewed), 2016, (with Li, M., Wang, J., & Xie, G.).

Beijing, China

July 2015

## WORKING PAPERS

---

- Land rights regimes and the processes of land investments in Tanzania and Zambia.
- The heterogeneity of Chinese investors in African agriculture: A typology of Chinese economic actors.
- 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).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

- Global Land Acquisitions, Land Politics, Land Tenure Regimes, Property Rights, Property Institutions in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)
- Comparative Politics and Political Economy in SSA
- China Africa, Chinese overseas economic actors and their behaviors in SSA
- Political Ecology, Biofuel Policy, Renewable Energy Policy, Environmental Policy and Environmental Governance
- Multi-Scale Intersection: State/Business, State/Society, People/Environment

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

---

Ph.D. Dissertation Research Project  
Researcher

LSE  
Sep 2017-present

- Designed doctoral research project based on a large volume of literature review and data analysis
- Conducted 6-month field research trips in Tanzania and Zambia and collected over 140 semi-structured in-depth interviews
- Building theories through process-tracing and typological theorizing.

### **Ownership Project**

University of Oxford

#### **Research Assistant**

Sep 2021-Sep 2022

- Design and propose a methodology for triangulating three types of data that obtained through interviews and secondary resource
- Execute the methodology which involves data inputting running relevant analyses and manipulating the triangulated data to reveal insights, correlation, new questions, etc
- Produce 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

- Created a time series of regional GDP and regional GDP per capital (2000-2018)
- Created a population by region database
- Analyzed data and interpreted 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

- 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

- Analyzed the current frameworks and identified the gap to further develop sustainability standards for biofuels in the social aspects
- Delivered a report entitled “*International Inequality in Biofuel Policies and Human Rights to Land and Food Security*,” which evaluated EU and US biofuel policies, seven international standards and certifications, and analyzed the key gaps about the social impacts of biofuels and addressed recommendations.

### **National Energy R&D Center for non-Food Biomass**

CAU

#### **Quantitative Data Analysis**

Apr 2013-May 2015

- Conducted thorough policy and literature review on China’s non-food biomass feed stock and non-arable land for energy crops
- Analyzed large-*N* data generated from hundreds of lab experiments by using SPSS
- Drafted a project report on the lignocellulose ethanol potential in China and gave the final presentation for the client, TOTAL.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives (GV248)**

LSE

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

2020/21 & 2022/23

### **Development in the International Political Economy (SC IR207)**

LSE

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

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

“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.

“Whose troubles whose rights? The stories of Chinese agricultural investment in Tanzania,” a guest lecture to PhD level course, “Africa and International Development” (course convenor, Dr. Xu Jin), at CIDGA, 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.

“Property Institutions, Politics, and Foreign Investment in Africa: Cases of Chinese Agricultural Investments in Tanzania and Zambia,” a paper presented on Development Studies Association Conference, virtually, June 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.

“International Inequality in Biofuel Policies and Human Rights to Land and Food Security,” a paper presented on Comparative and International Education Society Conference, Environmental and Sustainability Education Special Topics, Atlanta, March 2017.

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

2021	British Institute in Eastern Africa Thematic Grants, BIEA Great Britain-China Educational Trust Chinese Students Award, GBCET Supplemental Research Financing (RIIF Funds), LSE
------	---

YUEZHOU YANG – C.V. – December, 2022

- 2020 Supplemental Research Financing (RIIF Funds), LSE  
PhD Travel Fund, International Development, LSE
- 2019 Supplemental Research Financing (RIIF Funds), LSE  
Santander Travel Fund, Santander-LSE  
PhD Travel Fund, International Development, LSE
- 2018 PhD Travel Fund, International Development, LSE  
Supplemental Research Financing (RIIF Funds), LSE
- 2017 Four-year PhD Scholarship from China Scholarship Council, CSC
- 2014 Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in Academics, CAU
- 2013 Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in Academics, CAU
- 2012 Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in Academics, CAU  
Yang Zhenhui Scholarship for Outstanding Students in CAU

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

---

- 2021 Founder and organizer of LSE Global China PhD Working Group  
  
Co-Convener of Conference Panel on ‘Unsettling Land Institutions and Actors: New Ideas for land-related Research, Policy and Practice,’ Development Studies Association Conference, virtually, June (with Carolin Dieterle)  
  
Co-Organizer of Land Politics and Development Seminar, DSA Study Group, monthly (with Carolin Dieterle)
- 2020 Co-Convener of Conference Panel on ‘Beyond the State? Emerging Actors in Land Governance in sub-Saharan Africa,’ Development Studies Association Conference, Birmingham, June (with Carolin Dieterle)  
  
Co-Organizer of Workshop on ‘Chinese Positionality: A Reflexive Discussion on Conducting Research in Africa,’ LSE-SOAS, January (with Weidi Zhang & Hang Zhou)
- 2019/20 Co-Organizer of Land Politics Working Group Seminar, LSE-UCL, biweekly (with Catherine Boone)
- 2011/12 Leader at Student Union, CAU

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

---

### **Anti-Child Labor Project Research Consultant**

Education Volunteers Ghana, Ghana  
July-Aug 2016

- Reviewed a large volume of literature, conducted elite interviews, designed questionnaire
- Provided professional ethnographic field research training to research team in an anti-child labor project and designed semi-structured, in-depth interview guidelines
- Produced a project report on eliminating child labor and preventing children from dropping out of school

## **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)
- 2014 Agricultural Economics and Management, Agricultural Information Technology (SAS, R Language, Hybrid-Maize, MapInfo, and Matlab), Trial Design and Biostatistics

YUEZHOU YANG – C.V. – December, 2022

## **ADDITIONAL**

---

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

## **REFERENCES**

---

### **Dr. Catherine Boone**

Prof. of Comparative Politics  
Dept. International Development & Government,  
LSE  
c.boone@lse.ac.uk  
+44 20 7107 5153  
*Academic Supervisor*

### **Dr. David Woodruff**

Prof. of Comparative Politics  
Dept. Government, LSE  
d.woodruff@lse.ac.uk  
+44 20 7955 7282  
*GTA Course Convenor*

### **Dr. James Putzel**

Prof. of Development Studies  
Dept. International Development, LSE  
Director of Crisis States Research Center  
j.putzel@lse.ac.uk  
+44 20 7955 6743  
*Academic Supervisor*

### **Dr. Bridget Kustin**

Research Fellow  
Saïd Business School, Oxford  
bridget.kustin@sbs.ox.ac.uk  
+44 7413 616767  
*RA Line Manager*