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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia 2022 – 2026
(Expected)

Major: Comparative Politics | Minor: Political Methodology

Dissertation: Competition and Cooperation: Elite Politics under Personalist Rule

Committee: Rongbin Han (chair), Alexa Bankert, Joseph T. Ornstein, Shane P. Singh

M.B.A. in Finance and Economics (with honors), University of Technology and Science of China 2014

B.A. in Economics, Hangzhou Normal University 2009

ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Tourism Management and Service, Tourism College of Zhejiang 2015 – 2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics (regime personalization, elite behavior, state–society relations, central–local interactions, propaganda, gender in politics); Computational Social Science; China

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- **Yuge Wang** and Rongbin Han. “Authoritarian Elasticity: How Autocracies May Effectively Mobilize for Crisis Management” (*R&R*). Presented at ISA Annual Meeting, 2024.
- **Yuge Wang**. “Downward Pressure: Elite Competition and Regime Stability Under Personalist Rule” (*Under Review*). Presented at ISA Annual Meeting, 2025.

WORKING PAPERS

- **Yuge Wang.** “Centralizing the Narrative: How Protégé Construct Regime Personalization.” Presented at APSA Annual Meeting, 2024; Atlanta Symposium on Political Science, 2025.
- **Yuge Wang.** “Shadow Factions: The Dictator’s Local Dilemma.”
- **Yuge Wang.** “By the Women, for the Regime: Female Cadres and Authoritarian Stability in China.”
- Wendy Weile Zhou, Rongbin Han, and **Yuge Wang.** “US vs. China? Chinese Overseas Youths’ Positioning amid Geo-Political Tensions.”

OTHER CONFERENCE PAPERS

- **Yuge Wang** and Rongbin Han. “Innovating Authoritarian Grassroots Control: The Grid Management System in China.” Presented at APSA Annual Meeting, 2023.

OTHER PAPERS

- **Yuge Wang** and Lei Ren. 2020. “The Impact of Trade Conflicts on American Tourists to China: Demonstration and Prediction.” *Lüyou Luntan (Tourism Forum)* 13(4): 62–72. (In Chinese)
- **Yuge Wang** and Yongqi Wang. 2017. “A Study on the Influencing Factors of American Tourists’ Demand for China: Demonstration Based on Bayesian Regularized BP Neural Network.” *Journal of Zhejiang Normal University (Natural Science Edition)* 40(4): 459–464. (In Chinese)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

- Instructor of Record: INTL 4361 – Chinese Politics, *Spring 2026 (scheduled)*
- Instructor of Record: INTL 4361 – Chinese Politics, *Fall 2025*
- Instructor of Record: INTL 4004E – Data Analytics for International Policy, *Summer 2025*
- Teaching Assistant: INTL 3200 – Introduction to International Relations, *Spring 2025* (with Dr. Saglam and Dr. Berejikian)
- Teaching Assistant: POLS 1101 – American Government, *Spring 2024, Fall 2023* (with Dr. Jeffrey Glas)
- Teaching Assistant: INTL 3300 – Introduction to Comparative Politics, *Spring 2023* (with Dr. Erin Little)

Tourism College of Zhejiang

- Instructor of Record: Principle of Economics (*Fall semesters, 2015 – 2022*)

- Instructor of Record: Financial Analysis (*Spring semesters, 2015 – 2022*)
- Instructor of Record: Online Marketing (*Fall and Spring semesters, 2016 – 2022*)

DATASETS

- Complete collection of Chinese language textbooks used in primary and middle schools in China, from 1948 through the 2010s.
- Official WeChat news articles from China, 2013 – : 61 central-level accounts; 31 provincial newspapers; 31 provincial government release accounts; 31 provincial Cyberspace Administration offices; 31 provincial Political and Legal Affairs Commissions; and all prefectural-level newspapers and official release accounts. Includes both newly published and deleted articles, updated annually.
- Biographical and tenure data on Chinese provincial and municipal party secretaries, 2002 – .
- Daily-updated collection of Xiaohongshu posts capturing popular discussions, beginning January 2025 – : based on keyword searches using the names of eight foreign countries.
- A domain-specific BERT model, fine-tuned on a continuously updated corpus of WeChat official news articles.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Graduate Research Grant, \$4,000 (2025), Department of International Affairs, UGA
- Travel Grant (2023 – 2025), Department of International Affairs, UGA
- Graduate Research Grant, \$2,000 (2023), Department of International Affairs, UGA

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Methods Help Desk Support, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia
Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
- Research Assistant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia
With Dr. Rongbin Han *Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022*
With Dr. Amanda Murdie *Fall 2022*
- Product Manager, China Construction Bank, Zhejiang Branch *2014 – 2015*
- Customer Manager, China Construction Bank, Hangzhou Xihu Branch *2009 – 2014*

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

SPSS, STATA, MATLAB, R, Python, L^AT_EX

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR, 2023 (in person)

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native); English (fluent)