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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: Foundations of Durable 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 Science and Technology of China 2014

B.A. in Economics, Hangzhou Normal University 2009

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Governance; Power Politics; State-society Relations; Computational Social Science; China

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- **Yuge Wang** and Rongbin Han. 2025. “Authoritarian Elasticity: How Autocracies May Effectively Mobilize for Crisis Management.” *Governance*, e70074. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.70074>.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- **Yuge Wang**. “Protégé Networks and Meritocratic Political Selection under Personalist Rule.”
- Wendy Weile Zhou, **Yuge Wang**, Rongbin Han. “Trapped: Chinese Overseas Youths amid US–China Rivalry and Their Structured Pragmatism.”

WORKING PAPERS

- **Yuge Wang.** “Downward Pressure: How Elite Competition Mitigates Agency Problems under Personalist Rule”.
- **Yuge Wang.** “Adapting to Personalism: How Local Elites Respond to Power Personalization.”
- **Yuge Wang.** “By the Women, for the Regime: Female Cadres and Authoritarian Stability.”
- **Yuge Wang.** “The Infallible Party: Why Autocracies Delete Their Own News.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Innovating Authoritarian Grassroots Control: The Grid Management System in China (APSA 2023)
- Janus-Faced Authoritarian Rule: Covid-19 and the Institutional Adaptation of the Grid Social Management in China (ISA 2024)
- The Path to Personalism: Strategic Protégé Placement and Power Concentration in China (APSA 2024)
- Rushing Forward: How Protégé Drive Regime Personalization (Atlanta Symposium on Political Science 2025)
- Downward Pressure: Dictators Inherent Advantage Against External Threats (ISA 2025)
- Shadow Factions: The Dictators Local Dilemma (SPSA 2026, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science 2025)
- Protégé Networks and Meritocratic Political Selection under Personalist Rule (ISA 2026, MPSA 2026, WPSA 2026)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **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 a 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*
- Instructor of Record: INTL 4361 – Chinese Politics, *Fall 2025*
- Instructor of Record: INTL 4004E – Data Analytics for International Policy, *Summer 2026 (scheduled)*
- 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: Principles 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

- Official WeChat news articles from China, 2013–present: 61 central-level accounts; newspapers, government release accounts, Cyberspace Administration offices, and Political and Legal Affairs Commissions across 31 provinces; official-release accounts and newspapers from all 333 prefectural-level cities. Includes newly published and deleted articles; updated annually.
- Biographical and tenure data on Chinese provincial and municipal Party secretaries, 2002–present.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- PrestageCook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (2026)
- Graduate Research Grant, Department of International Affairs, UGA (2023, 2025)
- Travel Grant, Department of International Affairs, UGA (2023–2025)
- Travel Grant, Graduate School, UGA (2024, 2025)

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)