

# Yuge Wang

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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

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- 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

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- **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

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### 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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SPSS, Stata, MATLAB, R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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ICPSR, 2023 (in person)

#### LANGUAGES

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Chinese (native); English (fluent)