

# 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: 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 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 politics (regime personalization, elite behavior, political institutions, state–society relations, central–local interactions, propaganda, gender in politics); 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>. Presented at the ISA Annual Meeting, 2024.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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- **Yuge Wang**. “Shadow Factions: The Dictator’s Local Dilemma.”

- **Yuge Wang.** “Downward Pressure: How Elite Competition Mitigates Agency Problems under Personalist Rule.”  
Presented at the ISA Annual Meeting, 2025.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- **Yuge Wang.** “Adapting to Personalism: How Local Elites Respond to Power Personalization in China.”
- **Yuge Wang.** “Centralizing the Narrative: How Protégés Construct Regime Personalization.”  
Presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, 2024; Atlanta Symposium on Political Science, 2025.
- **Yuge Wang.** “By the Women, for the Regime: Female Cadres and Authoritarian Stability in China.”
- **Yuge Wang.** “The Infallible Party: Why Autocracies Delete Their Own News.”
- Wendy Weile Zhou, Rongbin Han, and **Yuge Wang.** “U.S. vs. China? Chinese Overseas Youths’ Positioning amid Geopolitical Tensions.”

## OTHER CONFERENCE PAPERS

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

## 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 (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: 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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- 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

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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)