

Zhuo Chen

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Education

Fudan University (FDU)	Shanghai, China
Master's in Political Science (Major in Comparative Politics)	Sep. 2023 – Jun. 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPA: 3.84/4.00• Core Modules: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, The Chinese Political System, Politics of Africa	
Hunan Normal University (HNNU)	Changsha, China
B.A. in Political Science and Public Administration	Sep. 2019 – Jun. 2023
The Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Undergraduates (Shicheng Class)	Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPA: 4.65/5.00, Rank: 1/31• Core Modules: Political Theory, Government and Politics of China, Quantitative Analysis of Politics	

Research in Progress

Tracks of Division: The Impact of Standard Gauge Railways on National Identity and Ethnic Allegiance in Kenya

- Employed a difference-in-differences approach and causal mediation analysis with Afrobarometer data to analyze the impact of the Kenyan Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) on national and ethnic identity.

Democracy or Ethnicity? Federal Demands and Practices of Majimboism in Kenya

- Explored the local nationalist claim in Kenya—Majimboism—utilizing process-tracing to thoroughly investigate its evolution and impact on Kenya's intergovernmental system.

Collective and Township Enterprises: Long-Term Effects of Early Rural Industrial Development in China

- Used the county annals to identify the causal relationship between collective and township enterprises, aiming to provide one empirical exposition on the disparities of rural industrialization in China.

Undergraduate Thesis

Embeddedness and Coaptation: A Case Study on the Development of Rural Supply and Marketing Cooperatives

- Adopted the analytical framework of state-market relationship and process tracing to examine the development and changes of Rural Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (SMCs), which revealed that the endogenous grassroots autonomy and entrepreneurial spirit of rural SMCs played a vital role.
- Received the honor of "Excellent Undergraduate Thesis".

Publications

Journal Articles

- "The Method of Designing and Constructing Meditation Spaces in Libraries: A Global Survey on Renowned Academic Libraries." With Jing Chen and Li Tang. *Research on Library Science*. 2024, (8): 125-137. (in Chinese)
- "The Framework and Approach for Tactile Sensation Design in Library Physical Spaces." With Jing Chen and Wei Yang. *Library Development*. 2024, 328 (4): 128-137. (in Chinese)
- "An Introduction to Services for Readers with Mild Senile Dementia in Japanese Public Libraries." With Jing Chen and Xue Yin. *Library Journal*. 2024, 43 (5): 68-77. (in Chinese)

Book Chapters

- Zhuo Chen. 2022. "The County-Level Information Assistance: A Case Study on Changsha County". In *Information Dissemination and Public Support: A County-Level Perspective*, edited by Ti Fang and Jing Chen. Intellectual Property Publishing House. (in Chinese)

- Zhuo Chen. 2022. “An Introduction to China’s Economic Cycles and the ‘New Normal’”. In *An Introduction to Chinese Economics: Theory, Method and Case*, edited by Qin He. Northeastern University Press. (in Chinese)

Research and Teaching Experience

- Research Assistant for Yuhua Wang, Harvard 2024
- Research Assistant for Cai Vera Zuo, FDU 2023-2025
- Teaching Assistant for Jodie Yuzhou Sun (Outstanding Award), Modern Africa and the World (undergraduate), FDU 2025

Field Research

- Rural Development and Modernization in Africa, Zimbabwe Aug. 2025
- Investigation of the Rural Revitalization in Yangtze River Delta, Shanghai Nov. 2024
- Investigation of Local Governance Modernization and Rural Revitalization, Daqing Jul. 2024
- Questionnaire Survey of Grassroots Cadres, Nanjing May 2024
- China Social Governance Survey (CSGS), Changsha Feb. 2023
- Assessment of Rural Revitalization, Dalian Dec. 2022
- Survey on Community Governance in Poverty Alleviation Relocation, Changsha Aug. 2020
- Tracking Investigation of Residents in Wuhan during COVID-19 Pandemic, Online Jul. 2020

Fellowships and Awards

- The Third Prize of the Excellent Paper of the Harare Forum for Africa 2025
- Excellent Students of Fudan University 2024
- National Scholarships 2023
- Excellent Graduates of Hunan Province 2023
- Yang Shu-da Research Grant 2023
- National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Project Grant 2022-2023
- The Second Prize of the 2nd Undergraduate Symposium on Political Science 2022
- The First Prize of *Zhexun Cup* National Final 2022
- The First-class Scholarship of Hunan Normal University 2020-2022

Seminars and Conference Presentations

- Harare Forum for Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe 2025
- Chinese Community of Political Science and International Relations Annual Conference 2025, Beijing, China 2025
- The Workshop on the Research Platform for Quantitative Social Science and the Theory of the Global South, Shanghai, China 2025
- The 2nd Undergraduate Symposium on Political Science, Guangzhou, China 2022

Extra-curriculum Experience

- Group Leader and Volunteer, The Chinese Academic Interviews Program, WeChat Subscription Account *Political Scientists* 2022-2024

Additional Information

Computer Skills: R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, \LaTeX

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)