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

- **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

- **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 of the Website and Design Team, *China-Africa Shanghai International Network (CASIN)*	2025-present
• Group Leader and Volunteer of the Chinese Academic Interviews Program, *Political Scientists*	2022-2024

Additional Information

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

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