

Zhuo Chen

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Education

Fudan University (FDU)	Shanghai, China
Master's in Political Science (Major in Comparative Politics)	Sept 2023 – June 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPA: 3.79/4.00• Core Modules: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, The Chinese Political System, Politics of Africa	
Hunan Normal University (HNNU)	Changsha, China
LL.B. in Political Science and Public Administration	Sept 2019 – June 2023
The Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Undergraduates (Shicheng Class)	Sept 2020 – June 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.
- Found that the SGR diminishes national identity while enhancing ethnic identification, driven by perceptions of inequality, thus contributing valuable insights into the effects of infrastructure projects on social dynamics in contexts with weak state institutions and ethnic tensions.

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 county annals to provide empirical data on the development of collective and township enterprises, to establish causal relationships between these enterprises, addressing the gap in existing research regarding the effects of early rural industrialization on different types of township enterprises.

Undergraduate Thesis

Embedding and Absorbing: Exploring the Development and Adaptation of Rural Supply and Marketing Cooperatives in C County, Hunan Province

- 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

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

Book Chapters

- Zhuo Chen. 2022. “A Case Study on County-Level Information Assistance”. In *Information Dissemination and Support: A County-Level Perspective*, edited by Ti Fang and Jing Chen. Intellectual Property Publishing House. (in Chinese)
- Zhuo Chen. 2022. “Interpreting and Adapting to China’s Economic Cycles and the ‘New Normal’”. In *Casebook on Teaching Introductory Economics Courses*, edited by Qin He. Northeastern University Press. (in Chinese)

Field Research

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| • Investigation of Local Governance Modernization and Rural Revitalization, Daqing | July 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 | July 2020 |

Research Grants

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| • Fudan University Social Engagement Project Grant | 2024 |
| • National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Project Grant, for “Innovative Practices and Optimization in Grassroots Villager Autonomy: Insights from the ‘Three-Person Group’ Model in Pingjiang, Hunan” | 2022-2023 |

Awards

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| • Excellent Students at Fudan University | 2024 |
| • Fudan University Postgraduate Fellowship | 2023 |
| • National Undergraduate Scholarships | 2023 |
| • Excellent Graduates of Hunan Province | 2023 |
| • Second Prize of the Second Undergraduate Symposium on Political Science in China | 2022 |
| • First Prize of National Public Management Program Design and Decision Making Confrontation Competition | 2022 |
| • Special Prize of Public Management Program Design and Decision Making Confrontation Competition in Central China | 2021 |
| • First-class Scholarships at Hunan Normal University | 2020-2022 |

Seminars and Conference Presentations

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| • Summer School for Social Science Methodology, Shanghai Jiaotong University | 2024 |
| • The Second Undergraduate Symposium on Political Science, Guangzhou | 2022 |
| • The 11th Forum on the History of Chinese Political Thought, Xi’an | 2022 |

Other Working Experience

- Academic Interviews Program, the WeChat Subscription Account *Political Scientists*, Group Leader and Volunteer
- Principles of Political Science Program, Hunan Normal University, *Teaching Assistant*

Additional Information

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

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