

Curriculum Vitae

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Division of Social Science
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Education

Ph.D in Political Science, 2001
Stanford University

Employment

2001 – 2004: Assistant professor
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

2004 – 2008: Assistant professor
Division of Social Science, HKUST

2008 – 2011: Associate professor
Division of Social Science, HKUST

2011— 2017: Professor
Division of Social Science, HKUST

2017—
Chair Professor
Division of Social Science, HKUST

2022—
Head, the Social Science Division, HKUST

Selected Publications

Book:

1. *State and Agents in China: Disciplining Government Officials* (Stanford University Press, 2014).
2. *Collective Resistance in China: Why popular protests succeed or fail* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010).
3. *State and Laid-Off Workers in Reform China: The Silence and Collective Action of the Retrenched*. London: Routledge, 2006).

Selected Journal Article:

1. “Cooperative Citizens: Tip Providers and Cyberspace Management in China,” *Asian Survey*, vol. 63, no. 3 (2023), 407–433.
2. “Upward Targeting and Social Protests in China,” *Journal of Contemporary China* (with Chiu-Jou Chen), vol. 30, no. 130 (2021), pp. 511-525.
3. “Information as a source of pressure: Local government and information management in China,” *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*, vol. 5, no. 3 (2019), pp. 478-509.
4. “Medical disputes and Mediation in China: Government and Responsibility Shifting” (with Jing Zhang), *China Information*, vol. 33, no. 3 (2019), pp. 350-371.
5. “Online Political Participation in China: Local Government and Differentiated Response,” *China Quarterly*, no. 238 (2019), pp. 331-352.
6. “New Information Communication Technologies and Social Protest in China,” *Asian Survey*, vol. 56, no 4 (2016), 731-753 (with Zhou Titi).
7. “Interests and Political Participation in Urban China: The Case of Residents’ Committee Elections,” *The China Review*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (Spring 2015), 95–116 (with Guan Bing).
8. “Managing Group Interests in China: State Priorities and Group Power,” *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 129, no. 1 (2014), pp. 107-131.
9. “Leaders with mixed motivation: Homeowners’ activism in Beijing” (with Sheng Zhiming), *China Quarterly*, vol. 215 (2013), pp. 513-532.
10. “Disciplining Local Officials in China: The Case of Conflict Management” (with Lin Zhu), *China Journal*, no. 70 (2013), pp. 98-119.
11. “Power Structure and Regime Resilience: Contentious Politics in China,” *British Journal of Political Science*, vol. 38, no. 3 (2008), pp. 411-432.
12. “Disaggregating the State: Networks and Collective Action in Shanghai” (with Fayong Shi), *China Quarterly*, no. 186 (2006), pp. 314-332 (Won the Gordon White Prize for the most original article published in *China Quarterly* in 2006).
13. “Irresponsible state: Local Cadres and Image Building in China,” *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, vol. 20, no. 4 (December 2004), pp. 20-41.

Selected Book Chapter:

1. “Information collection and anticorruption in China,” in Xiaowei Zang and Chien-wen Kou (eds.), *Elites and Governance in China* (London: Routledge, 2013), pp. 136-152.

2. “Distinguishing between the Losers: Institutionalizing Inequality in China’s Corporate Restructuring,” in Jean Oi (ed.), *Going Private in China: The Politics of Corporate Restructuring and System Reform* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011). Pp. 71-94.
3. “Disruptive Collective Action in China during the Reform Period,” in Kevin O’Brien (ed.), *Popular Protest in China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008), pp. 163-178.
4. “Civil Resistance and Rule of Law in China: the Case of Defending Home Owners’ Rights,” in Elizabeth Perry and Merle Goldman (eds.), *Grassroots Politics in China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007), pp. 174-195.
5. “Managing Social Unrest,” in John Wong and Lai Hongyi (eds.), *China Into the Hu-Wen Era* (Singapore: World Scientific, 2006), pp. 379-404.
6. “Decentralization and Local Protectionism in China,” in Gedeon Mudacumura and Shamsul Haque (eds.), *Handbook of Development Studies* (New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc., 2004), pp. 393-409.

Book Review

1. *Reform and the Non-State Economy in China: The Political economy of liberalization strategies* (Hongyi Lai, 2006), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 58, no. 2 (2010), pp. 382-384.
2. *Against Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt* (Ching Kwan Lee, 2007), *Social History*, vol. 34, no. 3 (2009), pp. 381-382.
3. *The Chinese Worker after Socialism* (William Hurst, 2009), *The China Quarterly*, vol. 198 (2009), pp. 468-470.
4. *China’s Deep Reform* (edited by Lowell Dittmer and Goli Liu), *China Journal*, no. 58 (2007), pp. 206-207.
5. *Unemployment, Inequality, and Poverty in Urban China* (edited by Lishi and Hiroshi Sato), *China Review*, vol. 3, no. 2 (2006), pp. 459-462.
6. *The Chinese Legal System* (by Pitman Potter), *Asian Journal of Political Science*, vol. 11, no. 1 (2003), pp. 112-115.

Research Grant:

1. “Legal Institution building in China” (principal investigator), 12 December 2001-12 December 2002, National University of Singapore, HK\$ 50,000
2. “State and Laid-off Workers in China” (principal investigator), 6 April 2003-6 December 2003, National University of Singapore, HK\$10,000
3. “Western Development in China,” (co-principal investigator, with Lai Hongyi), February 2004 –April 2006, National University of Singapore, HK\$100,000
4. “Stats-Peasant Relations in Post-Tax Reform China” (Principal investigator), 1 March 2005-1 February 2007, HK\$ 86,500, DAG 04/05 HSS01

5. “Determinants of Local Public Goods Provision in Rural China” (Co-investigator), Research Project Competition 2008, June 30 2008—31 August 2010, HK\$ 330,000 (RPC 07/08 HS 08)
6. “Social Conflicts and Social Stability in China” (Principal investigator), June 2008—June 2010, Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation (CCK07/08.HSS01), US\$13,610 (HK\$ 106,158).
7. “Managing Social Conflicts in China: A Comparative Study of Government Response” (Principal investigator), RGC of Hong Kong Government (640108). September 10, 2008-March 9, 2011, HK\$ 307,000.
8. “The Disciplining of Government Officials in China” (Principal investigator), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, (FSGRF12HS01), 2012-2014, HK\$ 50,000.
9. “Government Inaction and Social Injustice in China” (Principal investigator), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (FSGRF13HSS03), 2012-2014, HK\$ 50,000.
10. “Local governments and regime stability in China” (Principal investigator), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, (SBI15HS04), 2015-2016, HK\$ 75,000.
11. “State and Conflict Resolution in China: The Case of Medical Dispute,” GRF of Hong Kong Government, (16633316), HK\$497,465. 2018-2020.
12. “Social Organizations and Peasant Militancy: The Case of the Chinese Famine,” GRF (16603120), HK\$ 260,000. 2021-2023.

Editorial Board Member

China Quarterly (2022--)
China Perspective (2019--)
China Policy Journal (2018--)
Chinese Journal of Sociology (2015--)

Services

University level:

Member, Research and Travel Grant Committee, 2007-2013
 Member, Committee of Postgraduate Studies, 2011-2013; 2016-17; 2018-2020
 Member, Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies Committee, 2011-2012.
 Member, Taskforce of Taught Postgraduate Programs, 2011-2012
 Member, Postgraduate Admission Committee, 2013-2017, 2018-19
 Member, Senate, 2013-2014
 Member, Honorary Degree Committee, 2019-2021
 Member, Chair Professor Nomination Committee, 2018-2019
 Member, University Appointment and Substantiation Committee, 2022--

School level:

Associate Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science: 2010-2013; 2018-2022.

Duties: matters concerning research graduate students; management of the taught programs for graduate students; student exchange.

Member, Executive Committee, 2010-2013; 2018-present

Director, MA in Global China Studies, 2011-2013

Member/Chair, Appointment and Substantiation Committee (2013-2014)/(2015-16).

Division level:

Division Head, 2022--

Chair, Postgraduate Committee, 2008-2010

Director, MA in Social Science, 2008-2010

Chair, Recruitment Committee, 2013-2014; 2019-2020

Chair, Substantiation and Promotion Committee, 2012-2013; 2016-2017; 2018-2019

Chair, Merit Review Committee, 2015-2016; 2017-2018.

Community Services

Council member, Oxfam Hong Kong, 2011-2013

Advise committee, Oxfam Hong Kong, 2013-2016