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RESEARCH INTERESTS      Comparative Political Economy, International Political Economy, Authoritarian Politics, Corruption and Governance, Chinese Politics

EMPLOYMENT      **The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong Kong

Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science, 2021–

**Lingnan University**, Hong Kong

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017–2021

**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2016–2017

**World Bank**, Washington, D.C.

Consultant, Development Research Group, Summer 2013

EDUCATION      **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

Ph.D., Political Science, June 2016

- Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology

**Peking University**, Beijing, China

M.A., Public Policy, July 2009

B.A., Public Policy and Economics (Double Major), July 2007

IMPACT STATISTICS      • Google Scholar Citations: 676      h-index: 11      i10-index: 11

PUBLICATIONS      BOOK

*Elite Conflicts and the Path to Economic Decentralization* (with Mingxing Liu and Victor Shih). Cambridge University Press, Elements Series on Chinese Economy and Governance (Forthcoming).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [14] “Draining the Swamp? Populist Leadership and Corruption.” *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions*. Online First.
- [13] “Birds of a Feather: Sharing Democratic Values Eases Immigration in a Postmaterialist Society” (with Jin Jiang and Shouzhi Xia). *Political Behavior*. Online First.
- [12] “The Paradox of Information Control Under Authoritarianism: Explaining Trust in Competing Messages in China” (with Chengli Wang and Jiangnan Zhu). *Political Studies*. Online First.
- [11] “Bureaucratic Beliefs and Law Enforcement” (with Fuhai Hong). *Public Choice* 196, (2023):357–379.
- [10] “Revolution, State Building, and the Great Famine in China” (with Mingxing Liu and Victor Shih). *Political Research Quarterly* 76, 3 (2023): 1058–1073.
- [9] “Top-down Accountability, Social Unrest, and Anticorruption in China” (with Linke Hou and Mingxing Liu). *The American Review of Public Administration* 52, 6 (2022): 423–438.

- [8] “Framing as an Information Control Strategy in Times of Crisis” (with Shouzhi Xia and Huang Huang). *Journal of East Asian Studies* 22, 2 (2022): 255–279.
- [7] “Misinformation, Economic Threat, and Public Support for International Trade”(with D.J. Flynn and Yusaku Horiuchi). *Review of International Political Economy* 29, 2 (2022): 571–597.
- [6] “Elite Cleavage and the Rise of Capitalism under Authoritarianism: A Tale of Two Provinces in China” (with Qi Zhang, Mingxing Liu and Victor Shih). *Journal of Politics* 83, 3 (2021): 1010-1023.
- [5] “Big Tigers, Big Data: Learning Social Reactions to China’s Anticorruption Campaign Through Online Feedback” (with Jiangnan Zhu and Huang Huang). *Public Administration Review* 79, 4 (2019): 500–513.
- [4] “The Fall of the Old Guards: Explaining Credible Decentralization in China” (with Mingxing Liu and Victor Shih). *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53, 4 (2018): 379–403.
- [3] “Reducing Bureaucratic Corruption: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What Works”(with Jordan Gans-Morse, Mariana Borges, Alexey Makarin, Theresa Mannah-Blankson, Andre Nickow). *World Development* 105, May (2018): 171–188.
- [2] “Weapons of the Powerful: Authoritarian Elite Competition and Politicized Anticorruption in China” (with Jiangnan Zhu). *Comparative Political Studies* 50, 9 (2017): 1186–1220.
- Recipient of Research Output Prize 2017 at the University of Hong Kong
- [1] “Does Corruption Hinder Private Businesses? Leadership Stability and Predictable Corruption in China” (with Jiangnan Zhu). *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions* 30, 3 (2017): 343–363.

#### POLICY REPORTS

- [3] “The Greater Bay Area and Career Opportunity for Hong Kong Youth: Integrating Big Data Analysis and Survey Experiments” (with Jin Jiang and Ka Ho Mok). Public Policy Research Funding Scheme, 2022.
- [2] “USAID Democracy and Governance Primer Series”(with Larry Diamond). 2018.
- [1] “USAID Research and Innovations Grants Working Paper Series”(with Mariana Borges, Jordan Gans-Morse, Alexey Makarin, Andre Nickow, Monica Prasad, Vanessa Watters, and Theresa Mannah-Blankson). 2017.

#### PUBLICATIONS IN CHINESE

- [12] “Endogenous Institutions and Economic Growth: An Empirical Investigation of County-Level Economic Performance in Hebei Province during 1952–1998” [内生化的制度選擇與長期經濟增長: 以河北省縣域地區差距為例,1952–1998](with Wuyue You, Feiyue Li and Mingxing Liu). *Mainland China Studies* [中國大陸研究], 2 (2019): 1–39.
- [11] “The Economic Legacies of the Sino-Japanese War: State Capacity, Economic Transition, and Development”[抗日戰爭的經濟遺產: 國家能力, 經濟轉型與經濟發展](with Feiyue Li and Mingxing Liu). *Nankai Economic Studies* [南開經濟研究], 3 (2019): 76–103.
- [10] “The Myth of Urbanization: Household Registration Conversion and Residents’ Happiness”[城鎮化的迷思: 戶籍身份轉換與居民幸福感](with Peng Huo and Xiaobo Qu).*Issues in Agricultural Economy* [農業經濟問題], 1 (2018): 64–74.
- [9] “The Political Logic of Central Committee Size Changes: Case Studies of the Chinese Communist Party, the Kuomintang, and the Communist Party of Soviet Union”[中央委員會規模變化的政治邏輯—基於中國共產黨、中國國民黨和俄共(布)–蘇共的歷史經驗](with Mingxing Liu and Mengchang Zhu).*Comparative Economic & Social Systems* [經濟社會體制比較], 3 (2017): 181–191.

- [8] “Elite Power Configurations and Sustained Economic Decentralization” [中國政治精英的權力結構與經濟分權的可持續性] (with Mingxing Liu, Victor Shih and Mengchang Zhu). *China Economic Quarterly* [經濟學季刊], 4 (2015): 289–320. [Top Journal in Economics]
- [7] “Historical Changes in the Central Committee and the Transformation of Party and State Leadership” [中共中央委員會成員任職狀況的歷史變遷與黨和國家領導體制轉型] (with Mengchang Zhu, Feiyue Li and Mingxing Liu). *CPC History Studies* [中共黨史研究], 6 (2015): 83–94.
- [6] “The Historical Origins of Regional Economic Divergence: An Empirical Investigation on Jiangsu and Zhejiang Provinces” [區域經濟發展差距的歷史起源: 以江浙兩省為例] (with Mingxing Liu and Qi Zhang). *Management World* [管理世界], 3 (2015): 34–50. [Top Journal in Management]
- Finalist for 2017 Masahiko Aoki Award for Economic Paper
- [5] “Elite Power Configurations and Economic Liberalization: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Taiwan and Mainland China” [政治精英的權力結構與經濟自由化改革: 台灣的歷史經驗及其與中國大陸的比較] (with Mengchang Zhu and Mingxing Liu). *World Economic Papers* [世界經濟文匯], 1 (2015): 16–33.
- [4] “De Facto Political Power and Regional Economic Growth: The Long-run Impact of China’s Revolutionary War” [實際政治權力結構與地方經濟增長: 中國革命戰爭的長期影響] (with Feiyue Li and Mingxing Liu). *Economic Research Journal* [經濟研究], 12 (2014): 45–59. [Top Journal in Economics]
- [3] “Power Structure in the Leninist Party and Economic Decentralization: A Case Study of the Soviet Union” [列寧主義政黨的精英權力結構與經濟分權: 以前蘇聯為例] (with Mengchang Zhu and Mingxing Liu). *Contemporary World and Socialism* [當代世界與社會主義], 1 (2014): 86–92.
- [2] “The Economic Impact of Informal Power Structures in Local Government” [地方政府的非正式權力結構及經濟影響] (with Mingxing Liu, Tao Qian and Qi Zhang). *Sociological Studies* [社會學研究], 5 (2013): 26–52. [Top Journal in Sociology]
- [1] “An Analysis of Historical Changes in the Central Committee” [中共中央委員會結構歷史沿革的考察與分析] (with Mengchang Zhu and Mingxing Liu). *CPC History Studies* [中共黨史研究], 9 (2012): 25–34.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The HKUST IEMS Research Grant (HK\$ 50,000) Jul 2023
- Lingnan University Young Researcher Output Award 2021 Apr 2021
- Lingnan University Lam Woo Research Fund (HK\$ 100,000) Jul 2020
- Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme (Co-investigator, HK\$ 500,000) Dec 2019
- The National Social Science Fund of China (Co-investigator, RMB¥ 200,000) Jun 2018
- Lingnan University Faculty Research Grant (HK\$ 50,000) Mar 2018
- Lingnan University Research Seed Fund (HK\$ 40,000) Sep 2017
- USAID Grant, Synthesizing Evidence on Key Questions (\$4,000) Jun 2016
- Stanford University Shorenstein Fellowship Jan 2016
- RGC General Research Fund (Co-investigator, HK\$ 509,200) Jun 2014
- Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000) Jun 2014
- Buffett Summer Research Travel Award(\$2,500\*4) Apr 2011–2014
- Asia Grad Cluster Research Award (\$500) Jun 2012
- Northwestern University MacArthur Fund Grant (\$2,300) Mar 2011
- Northwestern University Mellon Grant (\$1,000) Sep 2010
- Northwestern University Mellon Foundation Fellowship Sep 2010

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Guest Lecturer**

***“Big Data in Social Sciences”***

Guest Lecture at Xiamen University, Xiamen May 2018  
Guest Lecture at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Apr 2018  
Postgraduate Seminar of Lingnan University, Hong Kong 2018–2020  
The International Postgraduate Summer School Workshop 2018 & 2019  
(co-hosted by Lingnan University and the University of Oxford), Hong Kong & 2023

***“Survey Experiments in Social Science Research.”***

Guest Lecture at East China Normal University, Shanghai Jun 2018

**Instructor**

**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

Critical Thinking and Data Literacy Fall 2022 & Spring 2023  
China in the Global Political Economy Spring 2022 & Fall 2022 & Fall 2023  
Understanding Globalization Fall 2021 & Spring 2023 & Spring 2024

**Lingnan University**

Empirical Political Analysis Fall 2019 & Fall 2020  
Seminar in International Political Economy Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 & Fall 2019  
Government and Politics of Contemporary China Spring 2019 & Spring 2020  
Politics of Global Economic Interdependence (postgraduate) Fall 2018 & Fall 2019 & Fall 2020  
Introduction to Political Science Summer 2018 & Summer 2020  
Comparative Politics Spring 2018 & Spring 2019 & Spring 2020 & Spring 2021  
Politics and Government of Japan Fall 2017 & Fall 2018 & Spring 2021

SUPERVISION

- Shouzhi Xia (Ph.D. at Lingnan University, 2022; Placement: Wuhan University)

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, the University of Michigan, 2011

SERVICE

- Editorial Board Member, *Chinese Journal of Sociology* (2024–2028)
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China Economic Quarterly*, *China Review*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *Economics of Transition*, *Issues & Studies*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Administration and Policy*, *Public Choice*, *Review of Policy Research*, *Scientific Reports*, *Singapore Economic Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)*, *World Politics*.
- Co-chair, Seminar Series Committee, HKUST (2022–2024)
- Member, Seminar Series Committee, HKUST (2021–2022)
- Member, the Postgraduate (PG) Committee, HKUST (2021–2022; 2024–2025)
- The Faculty Pioneer in Teaching at Department of Political Science, Lingnan University (2020–2021)
- Associate Programme Director, the Master of Arts in International Affairs Programme, Lingnan University (2020–2021)
- Panel Member, Admission Panel of Research Postgraduate Programmes (RPg) Students, Lingnan University (2020–2021)

- Member, Core Curriculum & General Education Committee, Lingnan University (2020–2021)
- Member, Undergraduate Admissions Sub-Committee (Social Sciences), Lingnan University (2017–2021)
- Member, Bachelor of Social Sciences Programme and Curriculum Committee (BSocSc PCC), Lingnan University (2019–2021)
- Member, Standing Panel of Scholarships, Lingnan University (2019–2020)
- Member, Recruitment Panel in the Department of Economics, Lingnan University, 2018
- Member, Programme Development Committee for Minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Lingnan University, 2018

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (2011– )
- Midwest Political Science Association (2011– )
- European Political Science Association (2019– )

#### LANGUAGES

- Chinese (native)      English(fluent)

#### SOFTWARE

- R, Python, STATA,  $\LaTeX$