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Employment

National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy 2023–Present
Assistant Professor

Yale University 2021–2023
Postdoctoral Associate
Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy

EDUCATION

Duke University 2021
PhD in Political Science

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology 2016
MPhil in Social Science

Fudan University 2014
LLB in Political Science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Political Economy, Government-Business Relations, Bureaucracy, China, Data Science

PUBLICATIONS

[“Subsidies for Sale: Post-government Career Concern, Revolving-Door Channels, and Public Resource Allocation in China.”](#), *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
- Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Comparative Politics Paper, Midwest Political Science Association

[“Markets Under Mao: The Persistence of Market Activity in Maoist China.”](#) With Adam Frost, *The China Quarterly*, 2023.

[“The Decline of Factions: The Impact of Purge on Political Appointments in China.”](#) With Melanie Manion, *British Journal of Political Science*, Lead Article, 2023.

[“Public Investment As Downward Benefit Distribution: Theory and Evidence from China’s Public-Private Partnership Programs.”](#) With Daniel Z. Li and Qi Zhang, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2023.

[“Judicial Recentralization as Political Control: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Judicial Leader Rotation in China.”](#) With Zeyuan Wang. *Social Science Quarterly*, 2023.

[“Connections as Liabilities: The Cost of the Politics-Business Revolving Door in China.”](#) *British Journal of Political Science*, 2022.

[“The Last Strike: Age, Career Incentives and Taxation in China.”](#) With Arthur Zeyang Yu, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2022.

[“Within-Party Mobility and Economic Performance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from China.”](#) With Arthur Zeyang Yu, *Party Politics*, 2022.

“An Introduction to Procedural Rule in China’s Provincial People’s Congress”, Chinese Law & Government, Vol.49 No.1, (2017): 1-4.

BOOK PROJECT Red Quid Pro Quo: The Political-Business Revolving Door in China.

WORKING PAPERS *“A Privilege of the Rich? A Duality of Unequal Government Responsiveness in Urban China.”*
With Jiawei Fu and Haibin Yan.

“Favor With Fear: The Distributional Effect of Political Risk on Government Procurement in China.”
With Songrui Liu.

WORK IN PROGRESS *“Olson in China: Regional Chamber of Commerce, Political Access, and Firm Subsidies.”* With Shenghua Lu.

“Patronage in Plagues: Government Intervention and Essential Business Selection in the COVID-19 Lockdown.” With Ye Zhang.

“Why Do Firms Hire Politicians: Evidence from Chinese Revolving-Door Officials.”

GRANTS AND AWARDS	Faculty Start-up Grant, Ministry of Education, Singapore	2023
	Yale Macmillan Center Research Grant	2021, 2022
	NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (SPS 257910)	2020
	Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2020
	Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Summer Research Fellowship	2020
	Google Cloud Platform Academic Research Grant	2019
	China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholar Award	2019
	Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies	2019, 2021
	Alona E. Evans Research Grant, Duke University	2018, 2019
	Dissertation Improvement Grant, Duke University	2019
	Graduate School Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2020
	Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2018, 2020
	Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Travel Grant	2017, 2018
	Ronald Coase Institute Fellowship	2015
	APSA Travel Grant	2015, 2018
	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Research Travel Grant	2015
UCLA Cross-Disciplinary Scholars in Science and Technology Scholarship	2013	
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Postgraduate Fellowship	2014–2016	

PRESENTATIONS **Invited talks**
 2023: National University of Singapore; Yale University; Fudan University; East China University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University
 2022: City University of Hong Kong; Nanyang Technology University; NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar; Tsinghua University
 2021: Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University College London; NYU Shanghai; North-east Workshop of Empirical Political Science; Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series
 2020: University of Washington, Seattle; NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar; Fudan University; East China University of Political Science and Law
 2019: Peking University
 2015: Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis

Conference presentations
 Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen Business School: 2023

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015, 2018, 2021–2023
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023
 Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference: 2021

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Political Economy

Business and Politics, Yale University&National University of Singapore , *Instructor*
 Political Economy of China, Yale University, *Instructor*
 Prisoner’s Dilemma and Distributive Justice, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
 Global Corruption, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
 World of Politics, Hong Kong University of Science&Technology, *Teaching Assistant*

Economics

China and the Global Economy, Instructor, National University of Singapore
 Introduction to Economics, Hong Kong University of Science&Technology, *Teaching Assistant*

Quantitative methods&data science

Unifying Data Science (Data Science Program), Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
 Probability and Linear Regression, Duke University, *Lab Instructor*
 Quantitative Analysis in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, *Lab Instructor*

SERVICE

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Fiscal Studies*, *Governance*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research Method*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Performance & Management Review*.

LANGUAGES AND
SOFTWARE

Mandarin Chinese: Native
 Programming Language: R, Python, git, TensorFlow, SQL
 Software: Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Gephi, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 Academy of Management
 Midwest Political Science Association