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Employment

Assistant professor, National School of Development, Peking University, 2013- 2020

Associate professor (with tenure), National School of Development, Peking University, 2021-present

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, New York University, 2013.

Advisor: Adam Przeworski.

Committee: David Stasavage, John Ferejohn, Sanford Gordon, Jon Eguia.

M.A. Economics, Fudan University, 2009.

B.A. Economics, Fudan University, 2001.

Research

Research Interests

Institutions and conflicts; Bureaucracy in historical and contemporary China; Political selection; Political leaders; Institutions and development

Publications (in English)

"Reform or revolution? Theory and evidence on the role of the middle class in the rise of universal male suffrage." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 2014. 26(2): 283-311.

"Election as a conflict processing mechanism." (joint with Adam Przeworski and Gonzalo Rivero) *European Journal of Political Economy*. 2015. 39: 235-248.

"Inclusive institutions and economic growth: Comparative perspective and policy implications for China." *China Economic Journal*. 2017. 10(2): 108-127.

"Race to safety: Political competition, neighborhood effects, and coal mine deaths in China" (joint with Xiangyu Shi) *Journal of Development Economics*. 2018. 131: 79-95.

"Capability and opportunism: Evidence from city officials in China" (joint with Yang Yao and Muyang Zhang) *Journal of Comparative Economics*. 2018. 46: 1046-61.

“All the emperor’s men? Conflicts and power-sharing in imperial China” *Comparative Political Studies*. 2019. 52(8): 1099-1130.

“Empowering knowledge: Political leaders, education, and economic liberalization” (joint with Jingheng Li and Yang Yao) *European Journal of Political Economy*. 2020. Vol(61). 101823.

“Evading by any Means? VAT enforcement and payroll tax evasion in China.” (joint with Lixing Li, Zhengcheng Liu, and Zhuo Nie), forthcoming at *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.

Publications (in Chinese)

“Selection, training, and incentive: Evidence from the CCER Officials’ Dataset.” (joint with Yang Yao, Lixing Li, He Wang, Qian Zhang, Feng Wan, Songrui Liu, & Shundong Zhang) *China Economic Quarterly (Jingjixue Jikan)*. 2020. Vol(19). No.3: 1019-1042.

“The political economy of right-wing populism: Evidence from trade shocks and refugee crises.” (joint with Yuchen Lin). *China Economic Quarterly (Jingjixue Jikan)*. 2020. Vol(19). No.4: 47-68.

“Administrative bidding, performance, and political incentives: Evidence from national health cities.” (joint with Songrui Liu and He Wang). *Journal of Public Management (Gonggong Guanli Xuebao)*. 2020. Vol(17). No.4.

Working Papers currently under R&R

“In the shadows of great men: Leadership turnovers and power consolidation in autocracies.” (joint with Junyan Jiang and Haojun Xie), *American Political Science Review*. Revise and resubmit.

“Moving umbrellas: Identifying collusion through bureaucratic transfers and investment flows.” (joint with Xiangyu Shi, Xiaobo Zhang, and Yifan Zhang), *Journal of Development Economics*. Revise and resubmit.

“Resource price shocks and entrepreneurship: Evidence from Chinese cities.” (joint with Ruo Chen Dai, Lixing Li and Xuanli Xie), *Journal of Urban Economics*. Revise and resubmit.

“Does owner outperform manager in profiting from political connection? Agency, uncertainty, and embeddedness.” (joint with Xia Han and Xuanli Xie), *Strategic Management Journal*. Reject and resubmit.

“Value-added tax enforcement and pollution emission: The dilemma of multi-dimensional state capabilities.” (joint with Lixing Li and Zhuo Nie), *Economic Research Journal (Chinese: Jingji Yanjiu)*. Revise and resubmit.

Other working Papers

“Better than on-the-job training: National executive’s political experience and economic performance.” (joint with Xiangyu Shi and Yang Yao)

“Purifying the leviathan: The anti-corruption campaign and changing governance models in China.” (joint with Yang Yao and Qian Zhang)

“Partisan logic of women suffrage.” (joint with Adam Przeworski)

“Keju as political representation.” (joint with Yu Hao)

“Patronage and economic performance: Evidence from political networks of Chinese subnational officials.” (joint with Yujia Wang and Weicheng Cai)

“Authority and prosperity: Does powerful leaders matter for economic performance in China?” (joint with Weicheng Cai and Yujia Wang)

Teaching

Political Economy, graduate level (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019)

Intermediate Microeconomics, undergraduate level (Spring 2014, 2015, Fall 2015)

Game Theory and Information Economics, undergraduate level (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018)

Comparative Political Institutions, graduate level course for the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development (Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Introduction to Politics, undergraduate core course (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020)

Research grants

“Political selection and state capacity: Incentive, selection, and organizational form.” Principal Investigator. National Natural Science Foundation of China (#71874004). 480,000 Yuan. 2019-2022.

“Economic transformation of natural resource dependent cities.” Principal Investigator. National Development and Reform Commission. 100,000 Yuan. 2018.

“International comparison of supervisory institutions.” Principal Investigator. National People’s Congress. 100,000 Yuan. 2018.

“Confucius culture and social conflicts.” Principal Investigator. Peking University Kiriayama Education Fund. 20,000 Yuan. 2016-2017.

“Political selection and economic performance: Cross country comparison.” Participant. Ministry of Education of China (#16JJD790003). 300,000 Yuan. 2016-2021.

Award

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) Award for Research Excellence in Economics, 2020.

Professional service

Associate editor: *China Economic Review*, 2020- present

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Governance*, *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *China Economic Review*, *Economics and Politics*, *The China Journal*, *Chinese Sociological Review*, *Man and the Economy*

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