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Academic Appointment

CUHKSZ, Division of Global and Area Studies, Assistant Professor, Jan 2026–Present

University of Pennsylvania, Research Fellow, Perry World House, Aug 2024–Jan 2026

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2025

Fields: International Relations, Political Economy, Comparative Politics

M.A. in Statistics and Data Science (2021); M.Phil. in Political Science (2021)

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

M.Phil., International Relations, 2018

Peking University, Beijing, China

Yenching Scholar, 2015–2016

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

B.A., English Literature, 2015

Dissertation

The Fiscal Politics of Economic Openness in Contemporary China

Committee: Kenneth Scheve (Chair), Didac Queralt, Daniel Mattingly

Working Papers

Embedded Fiscal Centralization: How Economic Openness Increased Fiscal Capacity and Redistribution in Contemporary China (CPS Revise & Resubmit)

Strategic Liberalization: The Political Economy of Targeted Tariff Reductions in China (ISQ Revise & Resubmit)

Work in Progress

Embedded Fiscal State: Revenue, Redistribution, and the Fiscal Politics of Globalization (Book Project)

The Returns to Tax Compliance: How Chinese Firms Navigate Tax Reform (with Xiaobo Lü)

Vying for Soft Power: How Great Power Competition Affects Public Support for High-Skilled Immigration (with Jiahua Yue)

Reading the State's Mind: Nuclear Sanctions and Heterogeneous Firm Response. (with Eric Jeong)

The Unlikely Alliance: How Chinese Exporters Navigate Trade Tensions Through International Alliance

Managing Openness in Hard Times: Export Slowdown and Bureaucratic Enforcement in China

Hierarchy or Openness? Trade Association Characteristics and Tariff Policy in China

Teaching Experience

CUHK-Shenzhen, Assistant Professor
Social Science Research Methods; Industrial Policy and Development

Yale University, Teaching Fellow
Game Theory and Political Science (Spring 2024), Applied Quantitative Research Design (Fall 2023), Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2023, Spring 2021), The Rise of China (Fall 2022), Fundamentals of Statistical Inference (Fall 2020)

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Co-Instructor
Introduction to Research Methods (Spring 2022)

Awards and Fellowships

University Development Fund Grant, CUHK-Shenzhen (2026)

The Cosmos x IHS AI-Accelerated Scholarship (2026)

Humane Studies Research Grant (2025)

Postdoctoral Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (2025)

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (2024–2025)

Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale (2024)

Humane Studies Fellowship (2023–2024)

University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University (2021–2022)

Hayek Fund Fellowship (2021–2022)

Conference Presentations

GSIPE (Berkeley 2025), CPRP 2024, NEWEPS 2024, New Faces in Chinese Politics (2024), VIPES 2024, MPSA 2024, APSA 2022–2025

Professional Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*

Languages and Skills

Mandarin Chinese (native); R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX

Fieldwork Experience

Mainland China (Aug 2021–Aug 2022)

References

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