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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	**Peking University**	Beijing, China
	Boya Postdoctoral Fellow, School of International Studies	2026 - present

EDUCATION	**Tsinghua University**	Beijing, China
	Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science	2021 - 2025
	• Visiting Ph.D. Student, Columbia University 2022-2023	
	Johns Hopkins SAIS	Washington, DC
	M.A. in International Economics and China Studies	2018 - 2020
	Tsinghua University	Beijing, China
	M.L. in International Politics	2017 - 2020
	University of International Business and Economics	Beijing, China
	B.S. in Business Administration	2013 - 2017
	• Visiting Student, Johns Hopkins University 2016	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: global governance, elite politics, Chinese politics

Methodological: multi-modal data analysis, experiments, information extraction

PUBLICATIONS

1. "China and the Liberal International Order: A Pragmatic and Dynamic Approach."
with Ruonan Liu. (2023).
International Affairs, Vol.99, No.4, pp. 1383-1400.

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Portraits of Power: Facial Appearances and the Tacit Domain of Political Selection in China."
with Junyan Jiang.
American Political Science Review (Conditionally Accepted)

2. "Agentic Framework for Political Biography Extraction."
with Yifei Zhu, Jiangnan Zhu, and Junyan Jiang.
(Under Review)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "The Disciplined Face of Power: Affective Signaling and Hierarchical Rule in China."

2. "Spontaneous Outburst or Strategic Signal? Legislative Emotions in South Korea."
with Haejo Kang.

3. "Winners Take All: Performance Targets, Bureaucratic Momentum, and Stratified Economic Growth in China."
with Siyuan Fan.

4. "Looks Like a Representative? Facial Appearances and Expected Performance of Legislators in China."
with Xinyang Gao and Weilin Xiao.

Teaching	**Teaching Assistant**	
	Global Security and Strategy	2021
	International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region	2021

Talks and Conferences	**Conferences**	
	Asian Polmeth & ASQPS Conference	2025
	Chinese Politics Mini-Conference at APSA	2024
	MPSA	2024
	The 10th Tsinghua Conference on "Advanced Theory and Method of Political Science"	2024
	Invited Talks	
	Center for Data Science, Renmin University of China	2024
	Center for U.S.-China Relations, Tsinghua University	2023

Awards and Grants		
	• **Xie Bing Fellowship**, Tsinghua University (5,000 CNY)	2023
	• **Second Year Fellowship**, Johns Hopkins SAIS ($7,500)	2019
	• **Tsinghua/SAIS Fellowship**, Johns Hopkins SAIS ($5,000)	2018
	• **Distinguished Academic Scholarship**, UIBE (10,000 CNY)	2015

Employment	**Center for U.S.-China Relations, Tsinghua University**	Beijing, China
	Research Fellow	2018 - 2021
	Asset Management, Citic Securities	Beijing, China
	Senior Associate	2020

Skills	**Languages**: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)
	Programming: Python, R, LaTeX.

Academic Services	**Reviewers for**: *International Affairs, Chinese Journal of International Politics*

References	**Xun Pang**	**Junyan Jiang**
	Professor	**Assistant Professor**
	School of International Studies	Department of Political Science
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