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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University Starting 2021
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University 01/2020–06/2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Pennsylvania State University 08/2014–12/2019
Dissertation: “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.”
Committee: [Joseph Wright](#) (Chair), [Matt Golder](#), [Boliang Zhu](#), [Luke Keele](#), [Kalyan Chatterjee](#) (Econ).
M.A., Political Science, Columbia University 2013
Ph.D., Urban Engineering, University of Tokyo 2012
M.E., Urban Engineering, Tsinghua University 2009
B.A., Landscape Architecture, Wuhan University of Technology 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Politics of Information, Political Repression, Chinese Politics, Political Economy of Development.

Methodological: Experiments, Causal Inference, Game Theory.

PUBLICATIONS

5. Cheng, Zhiyuan, Xin Jin and **Xu Xu***. Accepted. “Is Cracking Down on Corruption Really Good for the Economy: Firm-level Evidence from China.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. [*co-first author]
4. **Xu, Xu**. 2020. “To Repress or To Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.” *American Journal of Political Science*.
3. Frantz, Erica, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and **Xu Xu**. 2020. “Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships.” *Journal of Politics*, 82(1):000-000.
2. Cao, Xun, Genia Kostka, and **Xu Xu**. 2019. “Environmental Political Business Cycles: The Case of PM2.5 Air Pollution in Chinese Cities.” *Environmental Science and Policy*, 93: 92-100.
1. **Xu, Xu**, and Xin Jin. 2018. “The Autocratic Roots of Social Distrust.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46.1: 362-380.

UNDER REVIEW

1. Jin, Xin and **Xu, Xu**. “Incentivizing Corruption: An Unintended Consequence of Bureaucratic Promotions in China.”

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Xu, Xu**. “The Social Costs of Digital vs. In-Person Surveillance.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

3. **Xu, Xu.** “Propaganda and Public Support for State Surveillance: Evidence from Social Credit Systems in China.”
2. Chen, Ted, Christopher Fariss, and **Xu Xu.** “The Effect of Disaster-induced Displacement on Social and Political Behavior: The Case of Hurricane Harvey.”
1. Jin, Xin and **Xu Xu.** “Terrorist Attacks and Immigrants’ Labor Market Outcome.”

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Raymond E. Lombra and Roberta Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, Penn State University.
- 2019 RGSO Dissertation Support, \$2000, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University.
- 2019 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$2000, Penn State University.
- 2018 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.
- 2018 RGSO Dissertation Support, \$5000, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University.
- 2017 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$4500, Penn State University.
- 2017 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.
- 2016 The Steigton (Steve) A. Watts, Jr. Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Political Science award, \$3000, Penn State University.
- 2016 Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award, \$3500, Penn State University.
- 2016 Political Science Graduate Research Fellowship, Spring 2016, Penn State University.
- 2015 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Graduate Research Award, \$2000, Penn State University.
- 2015 Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Fellowship, 2015 Spring, Penn State University.
- 2010 Excellent Young Scholars Grant, \$2000, 15 Students selected, Global Center of Excellence, Japan.
- 2009–2012 Tokyo University Scholarship for Excellent Doctoral Students, Japan.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| 2020 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at the APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Scheduled) |
| | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Accepted) |
| | Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Accepted) |
| 2019 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC |
| | Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Boston, MA |
| | Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI |
| | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL |
| 2018 | New Faces in China Studies Conference at Duke University, Durham, NC |
| | Quantitative China Studies Seminar at New York University, New York City, NY |
| | Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Provo, UT |
| | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL |
| | Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE), Orlando, FL |
| 2017 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA |
| | Southern Economics Association Meeting, Tampa, FL |
| 2016 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA |
| 2015 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA |
| 2014 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise

Summer 2019

– *Sole Instructor*

– *Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness: 6.5/7*

GLIS 102: Introduction to Global Studies

Fall 2019

– *Teaching Assistant* to Professor Cyanne Loyle

– Giving guest lectures, Organizing group discussions, and other regular TA tasks

PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise

Fall 2018

– *Guest Lecturer* for Professor Joseph Wright

PLSC003: Introduction to Comparative Politics (150–250 Students)

Fall 2015, 2017, 2019

– *Teaching Assistant* to Professor Matt Golder

– Giving guest lectures, organizing group discussions, and other regular TA tasks

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Pennsylvania State University

– *Research Assistant* to Professor Boliang Zhu

Fall 2019

– *Research Assistant* to Professor Elizabeth Carlson

2016–2017

– *Research Assistant* to Professor Xun Cao

2014–2015

Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University

– *Research Assistant* to Dr. Susanne Bruyère

2013–2014

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Causal Inference, Independent Study with Luke Keele, University of Pennsylvania

Fall 2017

Causal Inference, Ben Hansen and Jake Bowers, ICPSR, University of Michigan

Summer 2015

Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Kalyan Chatterjee, Penn State Economics

Spring 2016

Advanced Game Theory, James Morrow, ICPSR, University of Michigan

Summer 2015

FIELDWORK

China: Beijing, Nanjing, Chengdu (02/2019–03/2019); Beijing (06/2018); Beijing, Hubei, Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong (12/2017–02/2018); Beijing, Hubei, Sichuan, Jiangsu (05/2015–07/2015).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Crime, Law and Social Change*, *Energy Efficiency*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, and *World Politics*.

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conferences (2018, 2019) and the Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (2020).

Panel Chair at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019).

Judge for the undergraduate research poster session at the 2018 Undergraduate Exhibition at the Pennsylvania State University.

SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (Native Speaker), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate).

Statistical Software: R, PYTHON, STATA, GIS, SAS, SPSS.