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HIGHLIGHTS

- Multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural scholar of adaptive political economy and China, with awards across social sciences (political science, economics, sociology) and a record of public engagement and impact
- Author of two award-winning books, *How China Escaped the Poverty Trap* and *China's Gilded Age*, both recommended by *The Economist*
- Inaugural recipient of the Theda Skocpol Prize in Comparative Politics from APSA (politics) in addition to the Peter Katzenstein Prize (politics), Douglass North Prize (economics), Alice Amsden Prize (socio-economics), Viviana Zelizer Prize (economic sociology), Barrington Moore Prize (historical sociology, honorable mention)
- Trustee of the Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, a guardian of the Trust Principles (press independence, integrity, and freedom from bias)
- Named among the world's "100 Most Influential Academics in Government" by *Apolitical*
- Named "Best of Book" and "Best of Print" by premier US foreign policy journal, *Foreign Affairs*
- Featured in 7-part lecture series produced by the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), "The Economics of China"
- Profiled in American, Chinese, European, Indonesian and other media outlets worldwide, including *CGTN, Die Zeit, Endgame, Ezra Klein Show, Freakonomics, Pengpai, Project Syndicate, The New York Times*

APPOINTMENTS

Present

- Jan 2023 **Alfred Chandler Chair Professor of Political Economy.** Johns Hopkins University. SNF Agora Institute; Center for Economy and Society (CES); Department of Political Science
- 2023 **Trustee.** Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, a guardian of the Trust Principles: independence, integrity, and freedom from bias in news reporting
- 2023 **Fellow.** SOAS, University of London. Development Leadership Dialogue (DLD) Institute.

Previous

- 2022 Professor of Public Policy, Oxford University, Blavatnik School of Government (declined)
- 2019 Chong Hua Professor of Chinese Development, Cambridge University (declined)
- 2017-22 Associate Professor (with tenure). University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Department of Political Science.
- 2011-16 Assistant Professor. University of Michigan
- 2010-11 Assistant Professor. Columbia University. School of International & Public Affairs.

Visiting Appointment

- 2023, 24 Visiting Faculty. Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University, China. "Institutional Transformation and Social Changes in Contemporary China." Typically December each year.

2018 Senior Visiting Fellow. Nanyang Technological University, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. 9-16 October 2018.

EDUCATION

2010 Stanford University. Ph.D. in Political Science.
2002 Colorado College. B.A. in Political Science, graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

- Received full international scholarship (two awarded each year)

HIGHLIGHTED AWARDS & HONORS

Career Awards

2021 Apolitical's 100 Most Influential Academics in Government, nominated by policymakers for "academics who are most influential to the work of government."
2020 Theda Skocpol Prize for Emerging Scholar, awarded "to a scholar up to ten years post-PhD whose work has made impactful empirical, theoretical and/or methodological contributions to the study of comparative politics," American Political Science Association (APSA)

Fellowships

2018 Andrew Carnegie Fellowship for "high-caliber scholarship that applies fresh perspectives to the most pressing issues of our times," awarded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York
2017-19 National Committee on US-China Relations, Fellow of the Public Intellectuals Program (20 fellows selected each cohort)
2009-10 Andrew Mellon Foundation/ACLS, Early Career Fellowship, for early doctoral recipients (25 selected from 2008-09 completion cohort)
2008-09 Andrew Mellon Foundation/ACLS, Early Career Fellowship, for doctoral completion (65 awards)

Book Awards

2022 Douglass North Best Book Award, "for the best book in organizational and institutional economics," Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE)
2022 Alice Amsden Book Award, for "best book that breaks new ground in the study of economic behavior," Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
2021 Honorable Mention, Best Book in Comparative Historical Sociology, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
2018 Viviana Zelizer Best Book in Economic Sociology, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
2017 Peter Katzenstein Book Prize for Outstanding Book in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Political Economy, Cornell University

Honors

2022 Recommended by *The Economist*, "Six Books to Understand China's Domestic Challenges" (29 Sep 2022)
2022 Recommended by *The Economist*, "Five Books on Ending Poverty" (22 July 2022), along with Amartya Sen, William Easterly, Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo, Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson & Jim Robinson
2018 *Foreign Affairs* Best of Print 2018, for essay "Autocracy with Chinese Characteristics"
2017 *Foreign Affairs* Best of Books 2017

Active Grant

2022 US National Science Foundation, "Adaptive Authoritarianism: Central Directives and Policy

Experiments in China" (\$429,000) Award #214782.

Teaching Awards

- 2023 JHU Nexus Teaching Award, "China & the World" (with John Yasuda)
2022 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Tronstein Award "for innovative and outstanding teaching of undergraduate students"

Others (selected)

- 2022 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Distinguished Asian Faculty Achievement Award (declined to raise awareness for the fair treatment, representation, and celebration of Asian faculty in practice)
2020 Emergent Ventures, Research grant for book manuscript *Adaptive Political Economy*
2018 Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation, Research grant for *China's Gilded Age*
2017 Smith Richardson Foundation, Research grant for *China's Gilded Age*
2017 IBM Center for the Business of Government, Research Award for Report, "Integrating Big Data and Thick Data" (3 proposals selected from over 50 submissions)
2016 East Asia Institute (South Korea), EAI Fellowship
2009 APSA Section on Public Administration, Paul Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant
2002 Colorado College, Edith Bramhall Award for Best Thesis in Political Science ("More Than Kings and Less than Men: Tocqueville on the Danger of Despotism in Democratic Social States")
1999-2002 Colorado College, International Full Scholarship (2 awards each year)

BOOKS

2020. Yuen Yuen Ang. *China's Gilded Age: The Paradox of Economic Boom and Vast Corruption*. Cambridge University Press.

- Translated into Korean (2023), Vietnamese (2023), Serbian (2024)

Awards

- Douglass North Best Book Award, "for the best book in organizational and institutional economics," Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE), 2022
- Alice Amsden Book Award, for "best book that breaks new ground in the study of economic behavior," Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), 2022
- Honorable Mention for Barrington Moore Best Book in Comparative Historical Sociology, Comparative Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2021

Reviews

- Academic reviews: *Criminal Law Books*, *China Report*, *China Review*, *Chinese Journal of Political Science*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Global Policy*, *Governance*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of International Law & Politics*, *LSE Review of Books* (6th most read review of the year, available in four languages), *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies Review*
- Media reviews & feature articles: *Axios*, *Business Daily* (South Africa), *der Standard* (Austria), *Global Asia* (South Korea), *Mural* (Mexico), *Nextier* (Nigeria), *Project Syndicate*, *Storm Media* (China), *Syndemic* (Canada), *The Economist's* Chaguan column, Tyler Cowen's blog, Duncan Green's blog, Noah Smith's blog

Academic impact

- Editor's Pick at APSA 2020, two selected from hundreds of CUP books each year
- Book Salon at SASE Annual Meeting 2025, invited by SASE President
- Featured in INET Video Lecture Series, "The Economics of China"
- Taught at Wharton and Stanford's Graduate School of Business

- Recommended by D-Econ's Diversify and Decolonize Your Economics Reading List (2020); Young China Watchers' Summer Reading List (2020), Shepherd's Best Books on Modern China (2022), Book Authority's 20 Best China History Books All Time (2024)

Media & policy impact

- Featured in *Freakonomics Radio*, "Is the US Less Corrupt Than China?" (described by host Stephen Dubner as "one of the most powerful and fascinating pieces we've done in some time"); episode updated and replayed a year later
- Interviewed in more than 20 outlets: *The Economist's Money Talks*, *Sinica Podcast*, *Slate Money*, *EU Chamber of Commerce's China's Hand Bookshelf*, *The Diplomat*, *The Wire China*, *Project Syndicate's Read More*, etc.
- Selected media mention: *BBC News*, *Financial Times*, *Indian Express*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*
- Full-page review in *The Economist*, by David Rennie's *Chaguan* column
- Essay version published in *Foreign Affairs'* print issue on "Can China Keep Rising?" as "The Robber Barons of Beijing" (2022); in *Project Syndicate* as "How Exceptional is China's Crony Capitalism Boom?" (2024)
- Policy citation: Unbundled corruption typology and concept of "access money" applied by Helen Clark Foundation [New Zealand] (2024)
- Recommended by *The Economist*, "Six Books to Understand China's Domestic Challenges" (29 Sep 2022).

2016. Yuen Yuen Ang. *How China Escaped the Poverty Trap*. Cornell University Press. Cornell Studies in Political Economy.

- Translated into Chinese (2018), Vietnamese (2022), Turkish (2024)
- Audiobook released in 2023

Awards

- Winner of 2018 Viviana Zelizer Best Book in Economic Sociology, Awarded by the American Sociological Association
- Winner of 2017 Peter Katzenstein Book Prize for outstanding book in international relations, comparative politics, or political economy
- *Foreign Affairs* Best of Books 2017
- *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title 2017

Reviews

- Academic reviews: *Choice*, *Dushu* (Chinese), *Foreign Affairs*, *Foro Internaciona* (Spanish), *Governance*, *Journal of East Asian Affairs*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Human Development*, *LSE Review of Books*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The China Quarterly*, *The China Journal*, *WCIU International Development Journal*, *World Bank Development Blog*.
- Other reviews: *Duncan Green's Blog* (single book & double book review), *Lant Pritchett on Harvard Kennedy School Blog*, *Iterative Adaptation Blog*, *Pengpai* (in Chinese), State Council's DRC-CIKD (in Chinese), *Straits Times*, *Voegelin View*

Academic impact

- Introduction reprinted in *The Political Economy Reader: Contending Perspectives and Contemporary Debate* (Routledge, 2021), edited by Barma and Vogel.
- Featured in INET Video Lecture Series, "The Economics of China"
- Book clubs: Megawati Institute, Indonesia (2022); Atomcamp, Pakistan (2022); Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya (webinar and blog series) (2022)
- Recommended by Stanford Law School Faculty Reading List (2021); 20 Books TED Speakers Think You Should Read (2020); Borgen Project (2019).

Media & policy impact

- Featured and interviewed in more than a dozen outlets, in Chinese, English, German, and Spanish

- Selected media mention: *Express Tribune* [Pakistan], *Jiemian* [China], *Mint* [India], *Pengpai* [China], *Project Syndicate* (by Jim O'Neill, Carl Manlan), *Stanford Social Innovation Review* (Tim Hanstad)
 - Delivered keynote lecture at UN/UNDP-Cambodia, with press release at UNDP and media coverage in *Khmer Times & Xinhua*
 - Delivered keynote lecture at joint conference on poverty reduction hosted by State Council-CIKD & UK's DFID
 - Recommended by *The Economist* in "Five Books on Ending Poverty" (22 July 2022)
- Dual reviews of *How China Escaped the Poverty Trap & China's Gilded Age*
- "Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction in China," *The Nation*, by Dan Banik, 19 Nov 2020
 - "A New Approach to Studying the Political Economy of Development," *Carnegie India-Ideas & Institutions Newsletter*, by Suyash Rai, 29 May 2024

VIDEO LECTURE SERIES

2024. "The Economics of China," 7-part video lecture series based on my scholarship, produced by INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking).

- To date, this series has drawn more than a million viewers on YouTube

RESEARCH ARTICLES, CHAPTERS & ESSAYS

My academic work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals such as Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behavior, The China Quarterly, World Politics, in addition to conference volumes organized by Harvard, Princeton, and Stanford University. I also write policy essays for Foreign Affairs, Journal of Democracy, Project Syndicate, some of which are mentioned in media outlets worldwide.

Chinese Political Economy

2024. "How Exceptional is China's Crony Capitalism Boom?" *Project Syndicate's Long Reads*. 10 May 2024. [essay]

2022. "How Resilient Is the CCP?" *Journal of Democracy*, vol. 33 no. 3, 2022, p. 77-91. [Essay]

- Selected by JOD among "7 Essential Essays on China under Xi Jinping's rule"
- Most read article across all journals published by Johns Hopkins University Press in July 2022
- Translated into Spanish in *Política Exterior*
- Media: *CNBC*, *El País* [Spain], *Indian Express* [India], *La Presse* [Canada], *RTP* [Portugal], podcast interview at *SupChina*

2022. "The Problem with Zero: How Xi's Pandemic Policy Created a Crisis for the Regime." *Foreign Affairs* (online edition), 2 December 2022. [Essay]

- Translated into Arabic in *Independent Arabia*
- Podcast interview on SOAS *China in Context*

2021. "Decoding Xi Jinping: How Will China's Bureaucrats Interpret His Call for Common Prosperity?" *Foreign Affairs* (web edition), 8 December 2021. [Essay]

2018. "Domestic Flying Geese: Industrial Transfer and Delayed Policy Diffusion in China." *The China Quarterly*, Vol. 234, pp. 420-443. [Article]

2018. "Directed Improvisation in Administrative Financing." In *Zouping Revisited: Adaptive Governance in a Chinese County*, edited by Jean Oi and Steve Goldstein. Stanford University Press. [Chapter]
2016. "Co-optation & Clientelism: Nested Distributive Politics in China's Single-Party Dictatorship," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol 51(3): 235-256. [Article]
2014. "Authoritarian Restraints on Online Activism Revisited: Why 'I-Paid-A-Bribe' Worked in India but Failed in China," *Comparative Politics*, Vol 47 (1): 21-40 [Article]
2014. "Perverse Complementarity: Political Connections and the Use of Courts Among Private Firms in China" (with Nan Jia), *The Journal of Politics*, Vol 76 (2): 318-332 [Article]
2012. "Counting Cadres: A Comparative View of the Size of China's Public Employment," *The China Quarterly*, Volume 211: 676-696 [Article]
2009. "Centralizing Treasury Management in China: The Rationale of the Central Reformers," *Public Administration & Development*, Vol 29(4): 263-73 [Article]

China, America & the World / The China Model

2024. Yuen Yuen Ang, Twila Tardif, Wenjia Song. "Who is Blamed for the Pandemic? Survey Findings & Implications for the China Model," *Chinese Politics*, edited by Dan Lynch & Stanley Rosen. Routledge. [Chapter]
2023. "The Moral of the China Story." *Project Syndicate, The Year Ahead 2024*. 29 Dec 2023. [essay]
2022. "The Clash of Two Gilded Ages," *Noema*, 31 August 2022. [Essay]
- Finalist (5 named) for Best Magazine Commentary, 65th SoCal Journalism Awards
 - Noema's Top 10 Articles Of 2022
 - Quoted by Rep. Ro Khanna in House Select Committee on US-China Competition
 - Media: *Compact*, *The Wire China*, *BusinessLive* [South Africa], *Hindustan Times* [India], *South China Morning Post*, *USCPM* (in Chinese)
 - Featured on *NYT's The Ezra Klein Show*
 - Translated into Turkish in Dizgin (2024)
2022. "Has China's Economic Success Proven that Autocracy is Superior to Democracy?" In *China Questions II: Critical Insights into US-China Relationship*, edited by Maria Carrai, Jennifer Rudolph, and Michael Szonyi. Harvard University Press. [Chapter]
2022. "Why the World Needs China to be Pragmatic Again." *Noema*. 30 March 2022. [Essay]
2021. "The Robber Barons of Beijing: Can China Survive Its Gilded Age?" *Foreign Affairs*, Print Issue on *Can China Keep Rising*. [Essay]
- Selected by the Atlantic Council as "This Week's Top Reads"
 - Translated into Italian in *Aspenia* Vol. 94 (2021)
2020. "When COVID-19 Meets Centralized, Personalized Power." *Nature Human Behavior*. [Article]

2019. "Demystifying China's Belt and Road: The Struggle to Define China's Project of the Century," *Foreign Affairs*, May 22, 2019. [Essay]

2018. "The Real China Model: It's Not What You Think It is," *Foreign Affairs*, Web edition, June 29, 2018. [Essay]

2018. "Autocracy with Chinese Characteristics: Beijing's Behind-the-Scenes Reforms," *Foreign Affairs*, Print Issue on "Is Democracy Dying?" [Essay]

- *Foreign Affairs* "Best of Print 2018"
- Included in *Foreign Affairs'* reading list on "How to Understand the United States and China."
- Mentions: *The New York Times* (Philip Pan), *CNN* and *Washington Post* (Fareed Zakaria), *Democracy Works* (former Nigerian President Obasanjo)
- Featured on *NYT's The Ezra Klein Show*

Chinese Innovation & Industrial Policy

2023. Yuen Yuen Ang, Nan Jia, Yang Bo, and Kenneth Huang. "China's Low-Productivity Innovation Drive: Evidence from Patents," *Comparative Political Studies*. Published online 3 Nov 2023. [Article]

- Mentioned in *Foreign Affairs*

2023. Yifan Wei, Yuen Yuen Ang, Nan Jia. "The Promise and Pitfalls of Government Guiding Funds in China," *The China Quarterly*, pp. 1-21. Published online 23 April 2023. [Article]

Adaptive, Inclusive & Moral (AIM) Political Economy

2024. "Adaptive Political Economy: Toward a New Paradigm," *World Politics*, Anniversary Issue, 75 no. 5 (December 2023) 1-18. [Essay]

- Invited talks: Inaugural Lecture at SOAS Development Leadership Dialogue (2024); SASE Women & Gender Forum
- Reviewed in Carnegie India's newsletter, by CI Deputy Director Suyash Rai
- Policy citations: ODI's Expert Comment on "How Britain Can Rebuild Trust in Lower-Income Countries;" UNDP, "Responsive Governance in the Pacific;" SPARC (Supporting Agriculture in Africa)-Knowledge

2023. "Ambiguity and Clarity in China's Adaptive Policy Communication," *The China Quarterly*. 1-18. Published online 20 July 2023. [Article]

2021. "Beyond Elite Innovation." *Boston Review*, Forum on "Making Prosperity Local" (led by Daniel Breznitz). In *Public Purpose: Government's Role in Shared Prosperity*. MIT Press. [Chapter]

2017. "Beyond Weber: Conceptualizing an Alternative Ideal-Type of Bureaucracy in Developing Contexts." *Regulation & Governance*, Vol 11 (3): 282-298. [Article]

2017. "Do Weberian Bureaucracies Lead to Markets or Vice Versa? A Coevolutionary Approach to Development," In *States in the Developing World*, edited by Atul Kohli, Deborah Yashar & Miguel Centeno, Cambridge University Press. (Volume for Princeton Network on State-Building in the Developing World) [Chapter]

Unbundled Corruption Index (UCI)

2020. "Unbundling Corruption: Revisiting Six Questions on Corruption," *Global Perspectives*, April 2020. [Article]
- Extensive citation and application in Helen Clark Foundation's "Shining a Light" Report (2024)
 - Op-ed version appeared as "Mismeasuring Corruption" (Project Syndicate, 2024) and "Unbundling Corruption" (OECD Development Blog, 2020)

Global Development

2023. "Reinventing Multilateralism: What to Do, What to Study, and Why." *Global Perspectives*. Special Issue on Reinventing Multilateralism, edited by Michael Woolcock and JP Singh. 4 (1): 72709. [Essay]
2018. "Going Local 2.0: How to Reform Development Agencies to Make Localized Aid More than Talk." *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, October 8, 2018. [Essay]
- Adapted from essay that won Gates Foundation-GDN global contest seeking "original and innovative thinking on development assistance"

OTHER ACADEMIC & POLICY WRITING

Feature interview

2023. "Ask a Political Scientist: A Conversation with Yuen Yuen Ang." *Polity*. (Extended print interview with Charles Tien and Robyn Marasco on my scholarship.) Vo. 55, No. 3, pp. 638-648.

Policy reports

2022. Testimony delivered to the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on the topic of "CCP Decision-Making and the 20th Party Congress," January 27, 2022.
2021. Testimony delivered to the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on "U.S.-China Relations at the Chinese Communist Party's Centennial," January 28, 2021.
2019. "Integrating Big Data & Thick Data to Transform Public Services Delivery," IBM Center for the Business of Government Research Report
- One of three research awards granted out of 50 proposals; received over 165,000 views

Book reviews

2022. Review of *Overreach: How China Derailed Its Peaceful Rise*, by Susan Shirk, in *Foreign Affairs*.
2020. "Three Factors Confounding China's Growth Trajectory," Review of *The State Strikes Back: The End of Economic Reform in China*, by Nicholas Lardy, in *Asia Policy*, roundtable with Kenneth Pomeranz and Loren Brandt
2017. Review of *China's Governance Puzzle: Transparency and Participation in a Single Party-State*, by Edmund Malesky et al, in *Foreign Affairs*

2012. Review of *China's Local Public Finance in Transition*, by Joyce Yanyun Man & Yu-Hung Hong, in *The China Quarterly*, 208: 1028-1030.

2006. Review of *Corruption and Market in Contemporary China*, by Sun Yan, in *Review of Politics*, 68(1): 152-155.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book

Writing a book extending on my 2024 essay in *World Politics*, "Adaptive Political Economy"

Projects

Adaptive Policy Communication: studying Chinese policy directives using natural language processing methods, extending on my 2023 article in *The China Quarterly*, with support from the US National Science Foundation (NSF)

Unbundled Corruption Index 2.0: extending on comparative chapter in *China's Gilded Age*, featured in *Freakonomics Radio*; with support from CES

- Feedback workshop with academics and anti-corruption practitioners in July 2024

Volume chapter

"Partial Fairy Tales in Western Development: Taxless Public Financing in the US and China" (invited chapter, volume on political economy, edited by Sarah Quinn, Marion Fourcade, Greta Krippner)

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Ongoing Series at CES

"The World & US-China" Dinner Series, Washington DC

- Private roundtable series featuring international guest speakers to discuss US-China relations from the perspective of the rest of the world, especially the Global South

"Adaptive Political Economy" roundtables, Washington DC

- Convenings to explore a new political economy amid twenty-first century disruptions

Events

2024. Feedback Workshop for "Unbundled Corruption Index (UCI) 2.0," JHU Bloomberg Center, with discussants from JHU, IMF, USAID, US State Department, The Diplomat. 13 July 2024.

2024. Hosted fireside chat with former Singaporean trade minister, Lee Yi Shyan, on "Singapore's role in China's Development," Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University, 17 Jan 2024.

2023. Faculty lunch with Xi Xiaoxing & JHU faculty, "Ethnic Profiling & the Implications for Social Science & Humanities." JHU Agora Institute. 15 Nov.

2023. Breakfast roundtable with Ma Liang & DC-based China scholars. "Revisiting Adaptive Governance in China."
JHU Bloomberg Center. 14 Nov.

TEACHING

I teach courses on (1) Chinese political economy, (2) China's relationship with the US and the world, (3) Development and innovation, (4) mixed methods research, in addition to executive courses.

Undergraduate courses

- China and the World (co-taught with John Yasuda, received JHU Nexus Award)
- China's Rising Global Role (lecture)
- State & Market in Contemporary China (lecture)
- Development and Governance (seminar)
- The State and Innovation in Emerging Markets (seminar)

Graduate courses

- Politics & Institutions in Developing Countries
- Studying China in Comparative Perspective
- Research Design & Perspectives in the Study of China
- Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research

Advising at JHU

- PhD advisee: Zhang Yue (2023-present)

Other mentoring

- JHU: Faculty discussant at CES Graduate Symposium; office hours with JHU students across SAIS (PhD, DIA, MA programs), Political Science, History; organized coffee hour with SAIS PhD students. 2024.
- JHU: Organized graduate student meetings with guest speakers Dr. Ma Liang & Xiaojun Li, part of "China & the World" course. 2023.
- Schwarzman Scholars Alumni Seminar, Washington DC; spoke at panel with Amb Craig Allen & interacted with alumni at dinner. 2023.
- MIT: Coffee Hour with Women in Political Science & Security Group, discussion on research, professional skills, and overcoming gender barriers. 8 March 2023.
- Harvard University: Discussant at 25th Harvard University East Asia Graduate Conference, organized by graduate students in East Asian studies. 20 Feb 2022.
- American Council of Learned Societies: "Collegial Mentoring to Assist Recent PhDs," Brainstorming session with Joy Connolly (president of ACLS) and task force, 1 Dec 2021.
- University of Washington: Book workshop for Ma Xiao (currently faculty at Peking University). March 2, 2020.
- University of Manchester: Masterclass on research design for graduate students, 1 Nov 2018.

Executive training

- SOAS DLD Future Leaders Program, "Adaptive Governance in the Mekong Delta," 2024 (declined due to leave)
- IMF, Institute for Capacity Development, training for IMF economists, lecture on "Unbundling Corruption," Feb 2024

- University of Michigan Ross Business School, created and taught new course on “Global Communication” for Chinese financial executives, 2017-19
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Lecture to ASEAN financial regulators on Chinese governance, 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICES AT JHU

Johns Hopkins University Council (JHUC), Subcommittee on “Anti-Asian Sentiment”

- Contributed extensive memo advocating for faculty freedom and protection. 2024.
- Organized faculty lunch with guest speaker Xi Xiaoxing to spark awareness of ethnic profiling, 2023.

JHU Kreiger School of Arts & Sciences

- Dean’s Advisory Board, NYC; faculty panel on why and how to do public-facing scholarship, May 2023

JHU Department of Political Science

- Promotion Committee, 2023
- Discussant, Racial Politics Lunch, March 2023

JHU SNF Agora Institute (strengthening global democracy)

- Selection Committee for Agora Fellows, March 2023, 2024
- Consulted on Agora’s Marquee Debate, Sep 2023
- Pop-up seminar, Democracy Day, August 2023
- Guest speaker at foundational “Civics Course,” April & Nov 2023

JHU SAIS

- Amici Symposium for SAIS Europe Alumni, panel on “America at the Polls,” 2024
- Senior China Faculty Search Committee, 2023

ACADEMIC SERVICES

In addition to university and departmental services, I have served on award committees across disciplines, at APSA, ASA, SASE, and on the editorial boards of both disciplinary and China-studies journals and book series.

Award & Nomination Committees

Political Science

APSA (American Political Science Association), Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, Nominating Committee, 2022

APSA Comparative Politics Section, Committee for the Theda Skocpol Prize for Emerging Scholar, 2021

APSA Qualitative & Multi-Method Research Section, Executive Committee, 2018-2020

APSA Political Economy Section, Mancur Olson Dissertation Award, Award Committee, 2017

APSA Political Economy Section, Nominating Committee, 2016

Sociology

ASA (American Sociological Association), Comparative Historical Sociology Section, Barrington Moore Book Award Committee, 2022

Socio-Economics

SASE (Society for Advancement of Social Economics), Alice Amsden Book Award Committee (Chair), 2023

Editorial Boards

Politics & Political Economy

Comparative Political Studies, Editorial Board Member, 2020-present

Global Perspectives, Section on Political Economy, Markets & Institutions, Editorial Board Member, 2019-present

World Politics, Editorial Committee Member, July 2021-Dec 2023

China Studies

Modern China, Editorial Board Member, 2024-present

The China Quarterly, Editorial Board Member; jury member, Gordon White Prize, 2023-present

Book publishers

Cambridge University Press, Elements Series on "The Politics of Development," Advisory Board Member, 2017-present

University of Michigan Press, Executive committee (reviewed 10-15 manuscripts each month; advocated for diversity and inclusion in editorial choices), 2021-2022

Referee Services

Journals: *American Economic Review Insights*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China An International Journal*, *China Information*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Governance*, *Global Perspectives*, *Global Policy*, *Issues & Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Modern China*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Sage Open*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Social Psychological & Personality Science*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *World Development*, *World Politics*

Press: Cambridge University Press, Chicago University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Polity

Policy reports: World Bank's *Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report 2020*

Others

Referee for appointment and/or promotion cases: Academia Sinica [Taiwan], Chinese University of Hong Kong, Harvard Business School, Oxford University, Peking University [China], Nanyang Technological University [Singapore].

Book endorsements: Ali Wyne (Polity, 2021); Ma Xiao (OUP, 2022); Stephen Dercon (Hurst, 2022); Michael Woolcock (Polity, 2022), Pascale Massot (Oxford, 2023), Lizhi Liu (Princeton, 2024)

POLICY ADVISING & INPUTS

On development policy, I have advised international agencies, including UNDP at the headquarters, regional, and country-level, and national organizations such as CIKD (China), FCDO (UK), NORAD (Norway), USAID (US). On China, I have shared my expertise with the US-China Economic & Security Commission and US State Department.

International

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), NYC Headquarters

- UNDP Global Retreat, Keynote Session with UNDP Chief Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner, 26 Nov 2024
- Virtual roundtable with UNDP Chief Administrator on “existential risk and responsibility,” May 2022
- Expert conference on “The Future of Development,” London, Feb 13-14, 2019
- Full-day consultation with UNDP Chief Administrator & HQ innovation team on UNDP’s Accelerator Labs, Jan 2019
- Online launch of Accelerator Labs with UNDP Chief Administrator and HQ team, 2019.

UNDP Crisis Bureau, NYC

- Consulted on report on uncertainty and human agency in crisis settings, Oct 2024

UNDP-Asia Pacific

- Consulted and delivered lecture on “Enabling Innovation.” October 2018.

UN/UNDP-Cambodia

- Keynote speeches and consultation on inclusive & sustainable development and China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with field visit to Sihanoukville
- Invited lectures to partners in Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Personnel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs on development lessons from China; dialogue with all UN agencies in Cambodia, 2017-2019.

UNDP-Vietnam

- Keynote speech and consultation on lessons from China’s development; adaptive and experimental governance, 2018.

UN/UNDP-Malaysia

- Keynote speech and consultation on enabling inclusive prosperity in a middle-income economy, 2019.

UNDP-Uruguay

- Consulted cross-interdisciplinary team on Uruguay’s national development strategy and economic relations with China, December 2019

United Nations, Department of Economic & Social Affairs (DESA)

- Presented at expert roundtable and provided recommendations on development policy, 2017

World Bank

- External reviewer for *Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report 2020*, flagship document that tracks progress on the Bank’s twin goals of eliminating extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity.
- Keynote on “Doing Development in the Age of Disruption,” World Bank Virtual Learning Session for staff members at Social Sustainability and Inclusion Unit, March 2021.
- Invited to share insights with the bank’s managers at multiple conferences.

National

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC)

- Testified on China's policy implementation, communication, and common prosperity drive, January 27, 2022
- Testified on US-China relations and the Chinese Communist Party's Fifth Plenum in 2020, January 28, 2021
- Expert input for USCC hearing on trends in U.S.-China relations and trade frictions, August 2019

US State Department

- Analytic exchange on "The PRC's Economy," 2024 (declined due to leave)
- Analytic exchange on "Effectiveness of Party Discipline and Anti-Corruption under Xi," 2024

USAID (US Agency for International Development)

- Presented "Unbundled Corruption Index" at Evidence & Learning Series, 2023
- Consultation on new Democracy, Human Rights & Governance Strategy, 2022

State Council-CIKD (Center for International Knowledge on Development) [China]

- Keynote at conference on poverty reduction, jointly hosted by CKID & DFID; book talk and seminar on research methods, 2017

FCDO (UK Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office, previously DFID)

- Presented at Economics Seminar Series, moderated by chief economist Adnan Khan, 10 Feb 2022.
- Consulted Deputy Head of Economic Affairs and the Economics and Evaluation Directorate on the political economy of development, 28 March 2022

NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation)

- Keynote at NORAD Conference; consultation with UNDP-Norway and development partners, 2023

SELECTED MENTIONS IN POLICY, BUSINESS & PHILANTHROPY

My work has been cited in a wide range of policy, business, philanthropic publications, including (1) on China, by the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC), US House Select Committee, the State Council, Brookings, and (2) on adaptive development, by Carnegie India, IMF, UNDP, USAID, World Bank.

2024: Carbon Brief, citing "China's Economic Paradox"

2024: Helen Clark Foundation, "Shining a Light"

2024: UNDP, "Responsive Governance in the Pacific"

2024: SPARC, "Participatory Planning in East Africa"

2024: ODI Expert Comment, "How Britain Can Rebuild Trust in Lower-Income Countries"

2024: Cato Institute, Commentary, "Industrial Policy's Corruption Problem"

2023: House Select Committee Hearing on US-China Competition, quoted by Rep. Ro Khanna on America's and China's Gilded Age

2023: First book mentioned by former Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana of Kenya in *The Standard*

2022: World Bank & State Council DRC, "Four Decades of Poverty Reduction"

2022: Carnegie India, "Corruption and Development in India"

2022: World Bank, Working Paper 9918, "The Potential of Mixed Methods"

2022: Matthews Asia, "China's Road to Pragmatism"

2021: World Bank Development Blog, "Institutions Matter for Prosperity"

2021: Institute of Development Studies (IDS), "Exploring China's Impact on Development Thinking & Practices"

2021: USCC, Annual Report to Congress
 2021: American Enterprise Institute, "Political Influence Efforts in the US"
 2021: OECD, Perspectives on Global Development
 2021: ODI, Institutions for Inclusive Development Learning Brief, "Purposive Muddling"
 2021: IMF, The Global Informal Workforce, Chapter 8
 2021: Xinhua, "Chinese Poverty Alleviation Studies"
 2020: The Asian Aspiration: Why and How Africa Should Emulate Asia and What it Should Avoid (book by two former African leaders, President Obasanjo of Nigeria and Prime Minister Desalegn of Ethiopia)
 2020: USCC, Annual Report to Congress
 2020: Qiushi (journal of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party)
 2020: ODI, Adaptive Bureaucracies: Lessons from DFID to the World
 2019: Democracy Works (book coauthored by former Nigerian president Obasanjo)
 2019: UNDP Country Accelerator Labs Network (proposal)
 2019: USAID Learning Lab, "Adaptive Rigor"
 2019: OECD, Perspectives on Global Development
 2019: Tony Blair Institute, "Adapting to the 4IR: Africa's Development in the Age of Automation"
 2019: UNDP Accelerator Labs, "What Does Success Look Like for UNDP?"
 2019: UNDP, Regional Innovation Center in Bangkok, "A New Age of Strategic Innovation"
 2019: World Bank, Working Paper 8734, "What is State Capacity"
 2019: Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, "Assessing Systems Change"
 2019: Brookings, "The China Challenge," by Tarun Chhabra
 2018: State Council, Development of Research Council, review in Chinese of How China Escaped the Poverty Trap
 2018: Stockholm Resilience Center, "Transformation is Feasible" (a report to the Club of Rome for its 50th Anniversary)
 2017: World Bank Malaysia, Research & Policy Briefs, "Enhancing the Quality of Public Service"

INVITED SPEAKING

Since 2016, I have received over 500 invitations to speak at academic, business (e.g., Bridgewater Associates, Ikhlas Capita, JP Morgan), civil society (e.g., Let's Talk Democracy, 1990 Institute), development policy (e.g., IMF, World Bank, USAID), and US-China (e.g., Business China [Singapore], Council of Foreign Relations, RAND) communities, and across the world: Africa, America, Europe, East Asia, Middle East, Southeast Asia. Due to time limitations, I am only able to accept some invitations.

Keynote lectures

[2024]

- UNDP Global Leadership Retreat in Johannesburg, "Development in a Time of Disruption," Speaker at keynote session with UNDP Chief Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner
- SOAS Development Leadership Dialogue, Inaugural Lecture, "Adaptive Political Economy" [UK]

[2023]

- Reed College, Rising China Distinguished Lecture Series
- CFA Society South Africa [Virtual]
- Norway Development Agency [Norway]

[2022]

- Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST): Leadership & Public Policy Program Distinguished Lecture
- [2021]
- Center for Global Development: “Development Lessons from China.” Series on the Future of Development. Moderated by Shanta Devarajan.
 - World Bank: Sustainability and Inclusion Unit, Regional Learning Retreat, “Doing Development in the Age of Disruption” [Virtual]
- [2020]
- UN/UNDP-Cambodia [Cambodia]
 - HKUST: Leadership & Public Policy Program Distinguished Lecture
- [2019]
- Camden Conference: Lecture on “How the West & Beijing Got China Wrong” (posted on Youtube and viewed over 170,000 times)
 - UN/UNDP-Malaysia & World Bank [Malaysia]
 - UNDP-Vietnam: Keynote lecture on adaptive governance [Vietnam]
- [2018]
- UN/UNDP-Cambodia: “The Real China Model: What Should Other Developing Countries Learn from China?” August 2018. Discussants: Xu Haoliang (UNDP Regional Director for Asia-Pacific) & Mey Kalyan (Supreme National Economic Council, Cambodia)
 - UNDP—Istanbul: Istanbul Development Dialogue [Virtual]
 - UNDP—Asia Pacific: Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting [Singapore]
 - Nanyang Technological University: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies. Moderated by Ambassador Ong Keng Yong [Singapore]
 - University of Manchester: Global Development Institute, Adrian Leftwich Memorial Lecture
- [2017]
- DFID (UK Department of International Development) & CIKD (Center for International Knowledge of Development): Discussants include representatives of ADB, DFID, World Bank, UNDP. 2017. [China]

Academic

- [2025]
- Cambridge University, “Building a Post-Liberal World”
- [2024]
- George Mason University: PPE Workshop hosted by Peter Boettke
 - Harvard Kennedy School: “Industrial Policy in Developing Countries”
 - Anhui University: “Asian Developmental States”
 - Tsinghua University: “Why and How to Do Mixed Methods?”
 - Peking University: “Is China Exceptional?”
- [2023]
- Social Science History Association: Panel on book by Anna Grzymala-Busse
 - Social Science History Association: Panel on book by Yang Su
 - Griffith University: Centre for Governance and Public Policy [Australia]
 - East Asia Institute: Lecture on “Adaptive Policy Communication” & private roundtable [Singapore]
 - Stanford University: “Zouping Memories,” online exchange between US and China scholars, organized by Jean Oi & co-hosted by Shandong Provincial Foreign Office
 - Book-Hunter: Meet-the-readers, Vietnamese edition of “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap” [Vietnam]
 - Hertie School of Governance [Germany]

- MIT: Department of Political Science, presented “Low-Productivity Innovation”
- Harvard Yenching Institute: Wealth & Power in Asia, hosted by Elizabeth Perry with Pasuk Phongpaichit
- University of Chicago: Department of Political Science, presented “Adaptive Policy Communication”
- SOAS: China Studies Center
- JHU: Center for Economy & Society (CES), “Grand Narratives in Political Economy”

[2022]

- Tsinghua University: School of Public Policy, International MPA Program, hosted by Zheng Zhenqing
- Oxford Saïd Business School: “Comparative Political Economy of Global Business,” hosted by Akshay Mangla
- JHU: CES, Supply-Side Progressivism Workshop, hosted by Steve Teles & Ezra Klein
- Georgetown University: “Decoding Common Prosperity”
- Indiana University: “International Development in Age of Great Power Competition”
- London School of Economics: The Future of US-China Relations Series
- Harvard Kennedy School: Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, with Patrick Okigbo
- University of Southern California: Presented “Adaptive Policy Communication”
- Vanderbilt University: Presented “Two Paradigms”

[2021]

- Princeton University: Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy and Finance, China’s Gilded Age”
- Australia National University: RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance [Australia]
- Harvard University: Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, “Overcoming Challenges in Research Environment in China”
- University of California-Berkeley: Department of Political Science, presented “Two Paradigms”
- Oxford University, Blavatnik School: Joint BSG-PKU Workshop, presented “Who is Blamed for the Pandemic?”
- Huanan Shifan University: Presented “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap”
- Renmin University: Presented “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap”
- Nineteenth Century US Political Economy Group
- USC Marshall School of Business: Strategy & Environment Business Conference, presented “Low-Productivity Innovation”
- Stanford University Asia Pacific Research Center: Presented “China’s Gilded Age”
- UC-Berkeley: New Political Economy Network, “China Case as a Puzzle for Political Economy”
- University of Pennsylvania: Center for Contemporary China
- Hong Kong University Law School
- Stanford Graduate School of Business: Corporations & Society Initiative with Chicago School of Business, hosted by Anat Admati
- University of Cambridge: Guest lecture at Ha-Joon Chang’s course on international development
- Mackenzie Presbyterian University: International Anti-corruption Series [Brazil]
- Asia Joint Economics Department Seminar: National University of Singapore, National Taiwan University, Hong Kong Baptist University, China Europe International Business School
- Harvard University: Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Presented “China’s Gilded Age”
- London School of Economics: Cutting Edge Series, Presented “China’s Gilded Age,” hosted by Duncan Green
- Global Perspectives: “Rethinking Multilateralism for the Post-COVID Era”
- APSA: Invited discussant at Chinese Politics Mini Conference & Global Forum of Chinese Political Scientists

[2020]

- Harvard Kennedy School: MPAID program, hosted by Michael Walton

- London School of Economics: Comparative Political Economy Webinar, Presented “China’s Gilded Age”
- University of California, San Diego: Presented “China’s Gilded Age”
- University of Washington, Seattle: Book Workshop for Ma Xiao
- USC Marshall School of Business: MBA Seminar on Competing in Emerging Markets, hosted by Jia Nan
- Columbia University: Columbia World Projects, “Institutional Weakening,” hosted by Victoria Murillo, Daniel Brinks, Steve Levinsky
- Yale University: Department of Political Science, Leitner Political Economy Seminar & Comparative Politics Workshop
- Duke University: Third Conference on “State of the Field in Chinese Politics,” submitted memo
- Ohio State University: Center for Historical Research & Department of History

[2019]

- Oxford University: Briefing with “China, Law & Development,” hosted by Matthew Erie
- Princeton University: “Decarbonization in a Complex System,” hosted by Robert Keohane
- University of Chicago: Department of Political Science, Presented “China’s Gilded Age”
- USC Marshall School of Business: China Social Science Research Seminar, Presented “China’s Gilded Age”

[2018]

- Princeton University: “Complexity and Systems Thinking in Action,” organized by Stephen Kotkin
- London School of Economics: Cutting Edge Series, presented “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap,” hosted by Duncan Green
- Chinese University of Hong Kong: University Services Center, Chinese edition of *How China Escaped the Poverty Trap*
- University of Toronto: Munk School of Global Affairs Asia Institute
- University of Sussex: Institute of Development Studies, Seminar on Complexity & Development
- Harvard Kennedy School: MPA-International Development
- Notre Dame University: Kellogg Institute of International Studies

[2017]

- Southern Methodist University: Tower Center for Political Studies
- East Asia Institute [South Korea]
- Tsinghua University: School of Public Policy & Management
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy [Singapore]
- Academia Sinica [Taiwan]
- National Taiwan University
- Fudan University: Department of Economics
- Fudan University: Center for American Studies
- Harvard Kennedy School: MPA-International Development
- University of California, Irvine: Long U.S.-China Institute

[2016]

- University of British Columbia: Center for Chinese Research Lecture Series
- George Washington University: Sigur Center for Asian Studies
- University of Arizona, Tucson: Mixed Methods Symposium
- Harvard University: Department of Government, Comparative Politics Speaker Series
- Brown University: Watson Institute, “Going Beyond Governance,” by Andrew Schrank & Patrick Heller
- JHU-SAIS: Research Workshop on Implementation
- JHU-SAIS: Seminar on International Political Economy

Policy & Civic Organizations

[2025]

- 1990 Institute: Teacher's Workshop on Chinese Economy; Q&A with high school teachers on my INET video series

[2024]

- UNDP: Global Leadership Retreat in Johannesburg
- Helen Clark Foundation: Webinar on "Shining a Light" report, citing Unbundled Corruption Index [New Zealand]
- RAND: China Research Center Inaugural Conference
- Cologne Philosophy Festival [Germany]
- Georgetown University: US-China Cling Conference
- Wilson Center: Congressional Foreign Policy Fellowship Program
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics: Dialogue with Nadeem Haque [Pakistan]
- Yale Law School: Asian American Law Students Association

[2023]

- World Bank: Europe and Central Asia Practice Managers
- Council on Foreign Relations: Webinar debating "Peak China"
- Aspen Institute: Africa Initiative, "What should Africa learn from China?" [Kenya]
- Business China, Future China Global Forum: my remarks featured in *Straits Times* and *Lianhe Zaobao* [Singapore]
- USAID: Center for Democracy, Human Rights & Governance
- JHU: CES, Speaker at Economics & Security Dinner, with Dan Wang
- Global Yenching Symposium [China]
- Let's Talk Democracy: Queens-based, grassroots organization for civic empowerment

[2022]

- Center for Strategic & International Studies
- National Committee on US-China Relations
- Council on Foreign Relations: Annual Conference, "China on the Global Stage," with Matt Turpin, Rush Doshi, and Lingling Wei.
- King Faisal Center [Saudi Arabia]
- South China Morning Post: Expert Sidebar on China-ASEAN relations, with Wang Huiyao
- Council on Foreign Relations: Hauser Symposium, "China's Economic Rise: End of the Road?" with Scott Rozelle, Ian Johnson, Rana Foroohar
- Asian Century Foundation [India]: Presented "China's Gilded Age" with China-India Visiting Fellows
- FCDO (UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office): Economics Seminar Series, with Adnan Khan
- Stanford University & Asia Society: Private Roundtable on China's Common Prosperity

[2021]

- UCSD US-China Forum: By invitation "strategic discussions among leaders in various sectors of American Society." Hosted by Susan Shirk, Charlene Barshefsky, Stephen Hadley.
- INET: US-China Virtual Summit, with Orville Schelle & Martin Wolf (Financial Times)
- OECD Development Center & UNU-WIDER: "Taxless Public Finance"
- Council on Foreign Relations: Issue launch, "Can China Keep Rising?", with Jude Blanchette & Daniel Kurtz-Phelen
- Peterson Institute for International Economics: Presented "Low-Productivity Innovation"
- United Nations University-WIDER: "Building Fiscal States in the Developing World"
- Omidyar Group

- Oxford Economics Society
 - Ikhlas Capital: Second Annual Partner Conference, hosted by Gita Wirjawan
- [2020]
- SUPChina: 4th Annual NEXT China Conference, with Craig Allen & Susan Thornton
 - American Bar Association Anti-Corruption Committee
 - Overseas Development Institute [UK]
 - UNU-WIDER
 - National Committee of US-China Relations: Presented “China’s Gilded Age,” hosted by Steve Orlins
 - European Union Chamber of Commerce in China: with Joerg Wuttke (President of EU Chamber) and David Rennie (*The Economist*)
 - Shanghai Foreign Correspondents Club of China
 - Beijing Foreign Correspondents Club of China
 - National Committee on US-China Relations: “Impact of COVID-19 on China,” with Amy Celico (Albright Stonebridge) and Elizabeth Knup (Ford Foundation)
 - Darien Community Association
 - Asia Society: “The Future of US-China Relations” with Ken Wilcox (Silicon Valley Bank) & Vijay Vaitheeswaran (*The Economist*)
- [2019]
- University of Richmond
 - Brookings Institution & Oxfam: “Understanding China’s Approach to Development,” presented BRI essay in Foreign Affairs
 - Oxford University: Oxford Forum for International Development
 - Center for Global Development: “Technology, Comparative Advantage & Development Prospects”
- [2018]
- Bridgewater Associates: Forum on Macro & Markets
 - Tony Blair Institute for Global Change: Dialogue on China’s role in global development
 - Rajaratnam School of International Studies [Singapore]: Seminar “Behind the Controversy of the China Model”
 - Monetary Authority of Singapore: China Perspectives Lecture
 - Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club of China
 - Council on Foreign Relations: Launch of Foreign Affairs issue on “Is Democracy Dying?,” NYC
 - Norwegian Institute of International Affairs [Norway]
 - DFID (UK Department of International Development)
 - Overseas Development Institute: “Transformative Ideas in Economics,” with Kunal Sen (UN-WIDER) & Rachel Glennerster (DFID), Feb 9, 2018. [UK]
 - OECD Development Center [France]: Experts meeting on “Perspectives on Global Development”
 - UNDP Innovation Conversation Series: “Three Fallacies of Embracing Complexity”
 - World Bank, DC: “States of Disruption”
 - Center for Global Development: Study Group on “Technology, Comparative Advantage & Development Prospects” with leading researchers, business leaders, and policymakers in technology, 1st meeting
- [2017]
- World Bank, DC: “Innovating Bureaucracy”
 - British Academy & DFID Anti-Corruption Program
 - United States Institute of Peace
 - Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD)
 - Brookings & World Vision: Institutions-Building in Fragile States
 - National Committee on US-China Relations: Book launch, “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap”

- World Resources Institute
 - Global Integrity
 - World Learning
 - Institute of Policy Studies [Singapore]: Presented “Role of Relations in US-China Relations”
 - World Bank Group: International Finance Corporation in Singapore
 - World Bank, Malaysia: “Enhancing Quality of Services Delivery,” hosted by Michael Woolcock
- [2016]
- World Bank, DC: Book talk “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap,” hosted by Yongmei Zhou
 - Brookings Institution & Global Development Network [India]

MEDIA INTERVIEWS & APPEARANCES

I have been profiled in CGTN, Endgame (with Gita Wirjawan), Freakonomics Radio (with Stephen Dubner), INET (with Rob Johnson), The Ezra Klein Show, and The New York Times. To date, I've done over 50 print, podcast or web interviews in America, Britain, China, India, Indonesia, Europe, and other regions, which have appeared in English, Chinese, Danish, German, Korean, Norwegian. My work and quotes are mentioned in media outlets worldwide.

Print interviews

2024: *The Information* (in Danish), interview published online and in a volume with 90 other global public intellectuals

2024: Profiled faculty in JHU Arts & Sciences Magazine

2023: *The Economy Chosun* (in Korean)

2023: *Die Zeit* (in German); reprinted in *Hankyoreh* (South Korea)

2023: *Bistandsaktuelt* (in Norwegian)

2023: *Morgenbladet* (in Norwegian)

2023: *Aftenposten* (in Norwegian)

2022: IMD

2022: *Swiss Daily* (in German)

2021: *Project Syndicate, Say More*

2020: *Young China Watchers*

2020: *City Monitor*

2020: *The Wire China*

2020: *The Diplomat*

2020: *CKGSB (Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business) Knowledge*

2020: *CNPolitics / Zhengjian* (in Chinese)

2019: *The New York Times – Chinese*

2018: *Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly / Xinbao*

2018: *Initium Media / Duanchuanmei* (Hong Kong, in Chinese)

2018: *Jiemian* (China, in Chinese)

2018: *Bistandsaktuelt* (in Norwegian)

2018: *Yorokobu* (in Spanish, reprinted in World Economic Forum)

TV/Youtube interviews

2021: Endgame, hosted by Gita Wirjawan in Indonesia

2020: National Committee of US-China Relations, interview with Steve Orlins on *China's Gilded Age*

2019: Featured on CGTN-America's *Visionaries* (previous guests include Bill Gates, Yo-Yo Ma, Lee Kai-Fu)
2018: Interviewed on CGTN documentary "Road to Riches"

Podcast interviews

2024: The Economist Money Talk, hosted by Mike Bird
2024: SASE Women & Gender Forum, hosted by Basak Kus
2024: Oxford Global Society, Democracy and Development Podcast
2023: The Ezra Klein Show (NYT), "There's Been a Revolution in How China is Governed," hosted by Ezra Klein; full-page feature in South China Morning Post; mentioned in China Daily
2023: SOAS China in Context, hosted by Duncan Bartlett [UK]
2022: ABC's Counterpoint, hosted by Amanda Vanstone [Australia]
2022: SupChina, hosted by Kaiser Kuo
2022: Freakonomics Radio, "Is the US Really Less Corrupt than China—and How About Russia?", updated and rebroadcast nationwide
2022: Making a Killing, hosted by Nate Sibley
2022: Oxford PPE Society, hosted by Zhang Jiayi [UK]
2021: INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking), "The Clash of Two Gilded Ages," hosted by Rob Johnson
2021: Freakonomics Radio, "Is the US Really Less Corrupt than China?", hosted by Stephen Dubner
2021: The Economist Money Talks, hosted by Simon Cox
2021: SupChina, hosted by Kaiser Kuo
2021: Center for International Private Enterprise, hosted by Cathy Tai and Frank Brown
2021: New Books Network in Political Science, hosted by Susan Liebell
2021: Charter City Podcast, hosted by Kurtis Lockhart
2020: Slate Money, hosted by Felix Salmon
2020: ChinaTalk, hosted by Jordan Schneider
2020: New Books Network in Economics, hosted by Andrea Bernardi
2020: In Pursuit of Development, hosted by Dan Banik [Norway]
2020: From Poverty to Power, hosted by Duncan Green, LSE
2020: States of Anarchy, hosted by Hamsini Hariharan [India]
2019: New Books Network in Economics, hosted by Andrea Bernardi
2019: Sounds Robotics, hosted by Charles Kenny
2018: From Poverty to Power, hosted by Duncan Green [UK]
2018: Rocking Your Priors, hosted by Alice Evans [UK]

Academic interviews

2023: Ask a Political Scientist, *Polity*
2020: Q&A, Skocpol Prize for Emerging Scholar, *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, Fall 2020
2018: "Meet 2018 Carnegie Fellow," *Political Science Now*, Hosted by APSA, 17 August 2018

Invited responses to expert debates

Boston Review
ChinaFile
Foreign Affairs, Ask the Experts
Política Exterior (in Spanish)

Project Syndicate, Best Reads
Project Syndicate, Predictions
Project Syndicate, The Big Question
The International Economy

Media mentions & quotes (selected)

Global & North America

AFP News, American Prospect, Axios, BBC, Bloomberg, CNBC, CNN-Zakaria GPS, Forbes, Financial Times, Foreign Affairs, Guardian, Inter-Press Service News Agency, Monkey Cage, National Interest, National Public Radio, Newsweek, PBS Frontline, Project Syndicate, Reuters, SupChina, The Economist, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Time

China

China Daily-English, 求是网 (Qiushi), 中国扶贫在线 (State Council Information Office), 新华社 (Xinhua), 北京日报 (Beijing Daily News), 财新博客 (Caixin Blog), 参考消息网 (Cankao Xiaoxi, ranked 1st in China by circulation), 观察 (Guancha), 杭州日报 (Hangzhou Daily), 界面 (Jiemian), 环球时报 (Global Times), 澎湃 (The Paper), 搜狐 (Sohu), 文学城博客 (Wenxuecity Blog), 新浪网 (Sina News), 新浪微博 (Sina Weibo), 新浪科技 (Sina Tech).

Asia

Citizen [India], Channel News Asia [Singapore], Hindustan Times [India], Khmer Times [Cambodia], Indian Express [India], Lianhe Zaobao [Singapore], Mint [India], Nikkei Asia [Japan], Straits Times [Singapore], South China Morning Post [Hong Kong], The Diplomat, UDN News [Taiwan], Yahoo Berita [Indonesia]

Europe

Der Standard [Austria], De Standaard [Belgium], DW [Germany], Die Zeit [Germany], El País [Spain], NZZ International [Switzerland]

SELECTED MEDIA WRITING

I have contributed over 40 editorials in global outlets such as Project Syndicate and The New York Times, in Asian outlets such as Pengpai (Chinese) and Straits Times, and blogs hosted by CSIS, OECD, UNDP, on the themes of: (1) China & global politics, (2) Chinese political economy, (3) Political economy. Below is a recent selection.

2024. "China's Economic Paradox." *Project Syndicate*. 4 Sep 2024.

2022. "What is New and Not New about Xi's Common Prosperity Drive?" *CSIS Interpret*. 27 December 2021.

2022. "An Era Just Ended in China." *The New York Times*. 26 October 2022.

2020. "Unbundling Corruption: Why it Matters and How to Do It," *OECD Development Matters Blog*, 25 June 2020.

2019. "What's Next for the Belt and Road?" *South China Morning Post*, April 24, 2019.

2018. 中国改革开放 40 年 | 中国经验给世界带来什么启示. 《澎湃》 October 12, 2018.

2018. "China's Belt-and-Road is a Campaign, Not a Conspiracy," *Bloomberg*, Sep 28, 2018.