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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University 07/2021–
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University 01/2020–06/2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Pennsylvania State University 08/2014–12/2019
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

PUBLICATIONS

8. **Xu, Xu**, Genia Kostka, and Xun Cao. Forthcoming. “[Information Control and Public Support for Social Credit Systems in China.](#)” *Journal of Politics*.
7. Su, Zheng, **Xu Xu***, and Xun Cao. Forthcoming. “[What Explains Popular Support for Government Surveillance in China?](#)” *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. [*co-first author]
6. Cheng, Zhiyuan, Xin Jin and **Xu Xu***. 2021. “[Is a Corruption Crackdown Really Good for the Economy: Firm-level Evidence from China.](#)” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. [*co-first author]
5. **Xu, Xu**. 2021. “[To Repress or To Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.](#)” *American Journal of Political Science*, 65.2: 309-325.
4. Frantz, Erica, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and **Xu Xu**. 2020. “[Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships.](#)” *Journal of Politics*, 82(1):372-377.
3. 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. [*co-first author]
2. **Xu, Xu**, and Xin Jin. 2018. “[The Autocratic Roots of Social Distrust.](#)” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46.1: 362-380.
1. Von Schrader, Sarah, **Xu, Xu**, and Susanne M. Bruyere. 2014. “[Accommodation Requests: Who Is Asking for What?](#)” *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education* 28.4: 329-344.

WORKING PAPERS

2. **Xu, Xu**. “[The Social Costs of Digital vs. In-Person Surveillance.](#)”
1. Jin, Xin and **Xu, Xu***. “[Incentivizing Corruption: An Unintended Consequence of Bureaucratic](#)

Promotions in China.” [*co-first author]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book

1. **Xu, Xu**. “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance.”

Articles

6. Feng, Bo, Qiwei He, Xin Jin, and **Xu Xu**. “The Sources of Popular Support for One-Party Dictatorships: Incentives and Misperceptions to Join the Party-State in China.”
5. Pan, Jennifer, Wenwei Peng, **Xu Xu**, and Han Zhang. “Social Goods or Repressive Tools? The Impacts of Surveillance Cameras on Protest and Crime in China.”
4. Lu, Yingdan, Jennifer Pan, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “The Evolution of Propaganda in the Digital Age.”
3. Pan, Jennifer, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “Security Misperceptions and Public Support for State Repression in Dictatorships.”
2. Pan, Jennifer, **Xu Xu**, and Yiqing Xu. “The Art of Silencing Dissent: Disguised Repression in Dictatorships.”
1. Chen, Ted, Christopher Fariss, and **Xu Xu**. “The Effect of Disaster-induced Displacement on Social and Political Behavior: The Case of Hurricane Harvey.”

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker, “The Evolution of Propaganda in the Digital Age”, Political Economy Workshop jointly organized by CEIBS (Shanghai), NUS (Singapore), HKBU (Hong Kong), and NTU (Taiwan), May 2022 (Scheduled)

Invited Speaker, “Information Control and Public Support for Social Credit Systems in China”, 21st Century China Center, School of Global Policy & Strategy, UCSD, February 2022 (Scheduled)

Invited Speaker, “The Social Costs of Digital vs. In-Person Surveillance”, Political Economy Workshop at the Higher School of Economics, Russia, March 2021

Invited Speaker, “Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance: The China Miracle?”, China Social Science Workshop, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, March 2021

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| 2022 | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Accepted) |
| 2021 | China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Seminar on Political Economy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia |
| 2020 | Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics at the APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
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

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Best Dissertation, Information Technology and Politics Section, American Political Science Association.
- 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 Steighton (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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- POL376: Dictators and Their Demise Spring 2022
 – *Sole Instructor*
- SPI403: Digital Authoritarianism Fall 2021
 – *Sole Instructor*
- 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

- Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University
 – *Research Assistant to Dr. Susanne Bruyère* 2013–2014

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*, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China Journal*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Crime, Law and Social Change*, *Energy Efficiency*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *European Political Science Review*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, *Sociological Forum*, and *World Politics*.

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

Chair of the Information Technology and Politics Best Dissertation Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2021

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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, STATA, GIS, SAS.