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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Associate Professor, 2022-, Department of Political Science, **Rutgers University**

Assistant Professor, 2016-2022, Department of Political Science, **Rutgers University**

Postdoctoral fellow, 2014-2016, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, **University of Pennsylvania**

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, USA
Ph.D., Political Science, 2014
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Peking University, Beijing, China
M.A., Political Science, 2008
B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Social Protection under Authoritarianism: Health Politics and Policy in China, 2020 (paperback edition in 2022), Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles

Xian Huang, 2025, “Risk, Inequality, and Popular Support for Social Insurance Reform in China,” *Governance*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.70039>.

Cai Zuo, Xian Huang, 2024, “Benefit or Procedure? Determinants of Perceived Distributive Fairness in Rural China,” *World Development*, 186(106821).

Xian Huang, Cai Zuo, 2023, “Economic Inequality, Distributive Unfairness, and Regime Support in East Asia” *Democratization*, 30(2):215-237.

Xian Huang, Cai Zuo, 2023, “Bread or Roses: How Economic Inequality Affects Regime Support in China?” *Political Studies*, 71(3):869-892.

Xian Huang, 2021, “Peace in the Shadow of Unrest: Medical Disturbance and State Response in China,” *The China Quarterly*, Vol 247 (September):724-748.

Xian Huang, Bingxiao Wu, 2020, “Impact of Health Insurance Integration on Health Care: Evidence from Rural China,” *China Economic Review*, 64 (December): 101543.

Xian Huang, 2020, “The Chinese Dream: Hukou, Social Mobility, and Trust in Government,” *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(5):2052-2070.

Xian Huang, Sung Eun Kim, 2020, “When Top-Down Meets Bottom-Up: Local Adoption of Social Policy Reform in China,” *Governance*, 33(2):343-364.

Xian Huang, 2019, "Social Cleavages and Preferences for Redistribution in Contemporary China," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 54(3):415-450.

Xian Huang, Qin Gao, 2019, "Alleviating Poverty or Discontent: Impact of Social Assistance on Chinese Citizens' Views of Government," *China: An International Journal*, 17(1):76-95.

Xian Huang, Qin Gao, 2018, "Does Social Insurance Participation Improve Assessment of Government Performance? Evidence from China," *Social Science Research*, 70(February):28-40.

Xian Huang, 2015, "Four Worlds of Welfare in China: Understanding Subnational Variation in Chinese Social Health Insurance," *The China Quarterly*, 222(June):449-474.

Xian Huang, 2014, "Expansion of Chinese Social Health Insurance: Who Gets What, How and When?" *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol.23, No.89:923-951.

Xian Huang, 2013, "The Politics of Social Welfare Reform in China: Social Welfare Preferences and Reform Policies," *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 18(1): 61-85.

Book Chapters

Jing Yang, Xian Huang, "Gender-Related Inequalities in the Chinese Welfare State," in *Challenges for Chinese Women in the Early Twenty-first Century*, ed. by Gordana Malešević, World Scientific Publishing, forthcoming.

Xian Huang, "China's Social Protection System and Reform", in *The Oxford Handbook of Social Protection in the Global South*, eds. by Anis B. Brik, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Xian Huang, Jane Duckett, 2024 "China's Health Care System and Policies", in *Research Handbook on Health Policy*, eds. by Daniel Beland, Tuba Agartan, and Martin Powell, Edward Elgar Publishing, ISBN: 978-1-80088-755-8.

Xian Huang, 2023, "Welfare Policies at the Local Level", in *Handbook on Local Governance in China: Structures, Variations, and Innovations*, eds. by Ceren Ergenc and David S.G. Goodman, Edward Elgar Publishing, ISBN-13: 978-1-80088-323-9.

Xian Huang, 2012, "Collective Wage Bargaining and State-Corporatism in Contemporary China," in *The Chinese Corporatist State: Past, Present and Future*, eds. by Jennifer Hsu and Reza Hasmath. Routledge, pp. 50-65.

Other Publications

Xian Huang, 2025, "Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Comparing Socialist Approaches: Economics and Social Security in Cuba, China, and Vietnam, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2025, pp. 360 " *Journal of Latin American Studies*, forthcoming.

Xian Huang, 2025, "Is Common Prosperity a political slogan or a policy agenda?" UK National Committee on China, forthcoming.

Xian Huang, 2024, "The Quest for 'Common Prosperity' in China." *Current History*, 123/854 (September/2024).

Xian Huang, 2023, "Yan Wang, Pension Policy and Governmentality in China: Manufacturing Public Compliance, (LSE Press, 2022)." *LSE Review of Books*, August 14th, 2023.

Xian Huang, 2023, "After Zero-Covid: Challenges Facing China's Healthcare System." *Democracy Paradox*, February 1, 2023.

Xian Huang, 2022, "Kerry E. Ratigan, Local Politics and Social Policy in China: Let Some Get Healthy First, (Cambridge University Press, 2022). 228 p., \$99.99 hardcopy," *Journal of Chinese Political Science*. doi: 10.1007/s11366-022-09843-x

Xian Huang, 2022, "Response to Yanzhong Huang's Review of Social Protection under Authoritarianism: Health Politics and Policy in China," *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(2), 690-691.

Xian Huang, 2022, "Toxic Politics: China's Environmental Health Crisis and Its Challenge to the Chinese State. By Yanzhong Huang. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. 280p. \$89.99 cloth, \$29.99 paper," *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(2), 686-688.

Working Paper

"Self-Interested Altruism: Understanding Preferences for Social Welfare Inclusion in Aging China," with Yesola Kweon

"Class, Place, and Interregional Economic Inequality in Chinese Fairness Perceptions," with Dong Wook Lee

"From Easy to Hard Redistribution in China: Evidence from a Text Analysis of Government Documents," with Anzhi Chen

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Dynamic Cleavages in Public Discourse about China's Retirement Age Reform," with Yan Wang

"Fair Inequality or Unfair Equality? Distributive Fairness and Redistribution Preference in China," with Dong Wook Lee

"Centralization and Inter-regional Redistribution: Pension Reform in China and Russia"

The Politics of Inequality and Redistribution in China during the Xi Era (book project)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Machine Learning in Social Sciences, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Workshop, University of Michigan, 2023

Data Science and Text Analysis, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Course, University of Michigan, 2022

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science(SICSS), Rutgers University, 2021

AWARDS & GRANTS

Clyde Mitchell Grant, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, April 2025, \$8,000, Co-PI with Jan Kubik

Clyde Mitchell Grant, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, May 2024, \$3,000

COVID Impact on Scholarly Productivity Faculty Grant, Rutgers University, July 2021, \$4,800

Winner of the Hung-dah Chiu Award for the best paper presented in the social sciences division at the Annual Meeting of American Association for Chinese Studies, 2013

Chiang Ching-Kuo Doctoral Academic-Year Fellowship, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2013, \$15,000

Sasakawa Young Leaders Academic-Year Fellowship, Columbia University, 2013, \$12,000

CIBER Doctoral Research Grant, Center for International Business Education and Research, Columbia University, 2012, \$2,500

Daniel and Marianne Spiegel Fund Summer Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 2012, \$2,000

Y.F. and L.C.C. Wu Fellowship Summer Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 2011, \$2,000

Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2011, \$4,000

INVITED TALKS

The University of Sydney, China Studies Centre, June 2025 (virtual)

South China Normal University, School of Politics and Public Policy, August 2024

Bielefeld University, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, March 2024

Princeton University, Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China, February 2024

Tel Aviv University, Department of East Asian Studies, June 2023

Baruch College, CUNY, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, May 2023

University of California-Irving, Long U.S.-China Institute and Center on Globalization, Law, and Society, February 2023

University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, June 2022

Rowan College, in conjunction with Rowan University, Global Studies Lecture Series, September 2021 (virtual)

Utah State University, Tanner Talk Series on Welfare and Warfare in Crisis in Europe and Asia, March 2021 (virtual)

University of Glasgow, Scottish Center for China Research, February 2021 (virtual)

University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, October 2020 (virtual)

Columbia University, China Center for Social Policy, October 2020 (virtual)

Rutgers University, Center for Chinese Studies, September 2020 (virtual)

Rutgers University, Center for Chinese Studies, September 2019

Fudan University, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, June 2019

Shanghai Jiaotong University, School of International and Public Affairs, June 2019

Zhejiang University, Department of Sociology, June 2019

South China Normal University, School of Public Administration, June 2019

Columbia University, China Center for Social Policy, March 2018

Emory University, The Claus M. Halle Institute for Global Research, November 2015

Rutgers University, School of Management and Labor Relations, October 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association annual meetings (2012,2014-2016,2017-2019,2020,2022-2025)

Midwest American Political Science Association annual meetings (2011,2013,2014,2016,2017,2019,2021-2023,2025)

Southern American Political Science Association annual meetings (2014,2019,2021,2025)

Northern American Political Science Association annual meetings (2010,2011)

Association for Asian Studies annual meetings (2010,2013,2014,2022,2023)

Association of Chinese Political Studies annual meeting (2013,2019)

American Association for Chinese Studies annual meeting (2013)

The 5th Forum of International Sociological Association (ISA) 2025

International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility Summer Meeting, Princeton University, 2019

International Forum on Social Policy, Sun Yat-Sen University, 2011

Annual Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy, New York University, 2013

Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2012

Postgraduate Research Conference, University of Hong Kong, 2011

Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Political Change in China (undergraduate), Rutgers University, 2017-present

Political Economy of East Asia (undergraduate), Rutgers University, 2017-present

Comparative Political Economy (undergraduate), Rutgers University, 2016-present

Politics of Authoritarian Regimes (undergraduate), Rutgers University, 2022

Comparative Political Economy (graduate), Rutgers University, 2017-present

Politics of Authoritarian Regimes (graduate), Rutgers University, 2021-present

Teaching Assistant/Fellow

Columbia University Global Scholars Program Summer Research Workshop, 2013

Introduction to Contemporary Chinese Politics, Barnard College, 2013

Social Protection around the World, Columbia University, 2012

American Politics & Welfare Policy, Columbia University, 2011

Chinese Foreign Policy, Columbia University, 2010 & 2011

Introduction to International Politics, Barnard College, 2010

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Field Chair, Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2024-25

Chair, Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2023-24, 2024-25

Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2022-25

PhD placement director, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2022-25

Co-organizer, Conference on Political Economy of Risk and Inequality: Government Policy, Firm Strategy, and Public Opinion, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2022

Graduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2021-2022

PhD Student Admission Committee, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2019-2023, 2024-25

Faculty delegate to China, Department of Political Science, Global Center, Rutgers University, June 10-21, 2019

Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2016-2019, 2024-

Comparative Politics Major Exam Reading Committee, 2016-present

Comparative Politics Minor Exam Reading Committee, 2016-present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of Advisory Committee for Appointments and Promotions, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University, 2022-24

Member of Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University, 2024-

Faculty Affiliate, Global Asias, Rutgers University, 2023-

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University, 2017-2023

Co-founder and Co-organizer, China Lunch Hour Seminar, Rutgers Center for Chinese Studies, 2016-

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA) (2008-)

Member, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) (2009-)

Member, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)(2013-)

Member, Association for Asian Studies (AAS) (2010-)

Member, International Sociological Association (2019-2023, 2025-2026)

Committee Member, Olson Best Dissertation Award, 2018 APSA

Co-organizer, Chinese Politics Mini-Conference, 2021 APSA

Panel Organizer: APSA (2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2022), MPSA (2015,2017), AAS (2014)

Panel Chair/Discussant: APSA (2017,2019,2023,2024), MPSA (2014,2016,2017,2019,2021,2022,2023,2025), SPSA (2019,2021,2025), AAS (2023)

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Asian Survey, British Journal of Political Science, China Perspectives, China Quarterly, China: An International Journal, Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Democratization, Economic Analysis and Policy, Financial Innovation, Global Social Policy, Governance, Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy, Health Policy and Planning, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Political Science Review, Journal of Asian Public Policy, Journal of Asian Studies, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Journal of Current Chinese Affairs, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Health Politics, Journal of Politics, Policy and Law, Journal of Social Policy, Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy, Journal of Public Policy, Mobilization, Policy Studies Journal, Policy Sciences, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Problems of Post-Communism, Regulation & Governance, Routledge Books, Research and Politics, SAGE Books, Social Forces, Social Policy & Administration, Social Policy and Society, Socio-Economic Review, Social Science Journal, Social Science & Medicine, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics