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Research fields: Comparative Politics, Authoritarian Politics, Law and Courts, Chinese Politics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

IE University, Assistant Professor of Political Science

2023–present

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Government

2023

Dissertation: “Three Essays on Judicial Politics in China”

Committee: Xiaobo Lü (chair), Daniel M. Brinks, Zachary Elkins, Margaret E. Roberts

M.S. in Statistics

2021

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

M.Phil. in Social Science

2016

M.Sc. in Global China Studies, Dean’s List

2014

Sun Yat-sen University

B.A. in Sociology

2014

Exchange, Soochow University (Taiwan)

2013

WORKING PAPERS

- “Ruling with the People? How Authoritarian Regimes Balance Legitimacy and Control in Legal Institutions.” *Conditionally accepted, American Political Science Review.*
- “Political Connections after Anti-Corruption Shocks: Evidence from Appeals in Chinese Courts” *Submitted.*
- “Autocrats’ Laws and the Agency Problem in Selective Repression.” *Available upon request.*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “How Autocratization Reshapes a Judiciary: Evidence from Hong Kong.”
- “Representation or Competence? Citizen Preferences for Lay Judges in China.”
- *Transitional Injustice.* Book project.

PRESENTATIONS

Association of Chinese Political Studies Annual Conference	2026 (scheduled)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2016, 2023–2025; 2026 (scheduled)
LSE Political Economy Seminar (<i>invited</i>)	2025
Hertie School Political Economy Lunch Seminar	2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021–2025
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2025
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting	2025
EPSA Pre-Conference on Political Connections	2025
Junior Law and Politics Research Community	2022, 2025
Madrid Empirical Social Science Workshop	2024, 2025
Political Behavior and Institutions CIVICA Conference	2024
Conference on Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data	2024
Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, Princeton University	2024
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars (<i>invited</i>)	2022
Quantitative China Studies Seminar, New York University	2022
Second China Research Group Doctoral Symposium, USC Marshall	2022
Texas Comparative Politics Circle Conference	2020, 2022
Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series	2021, 2022
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	2021
Fudan–UC Young Scholars Conference, UC San Diego	2017
Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis	2016

TEACHING: INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

IE University

Institutional Economics

2025, 2026

The Politics and International Relations of China

2024–2026

Comparative Politics

2023, 2025, 2026

University of Texas at Austin

Government and Politics of China

2023

Human Rights and World Politics

2022

THESIS SUPERVISION**Undergraduate, IE University**

Chiara Carminati, “The Chinese EV Shock”

2026

Pablo Picó Salort, “Building States, Building Peace”

2026

Nour AlQudah, “Developing Countries in the Middle East and the BRI”

2024

Master’s, IE University

Panzer Grégoire, “The Revenge of Authoritarianism”

2025

Youssef El Haji and Davide Domenighini, “The Future of Transatlantic Relations” (in collaboration with the IE University Global Policy Center)

2025

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**University of Texas at Austin**

Machine Learning in Political Science

2022

United States Foreign Policy

2021

Business and Society

2020

Western European Politics

2019

Human Rights and World Politics

2018–2020

Politics in Contemporary China

2018

Politics of Poverty

2017

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Party-State System in China

2016

Modern Dictatorship: West and East

2015

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

CIVICA Faculty Short Visit Grant (€1,000)

2024

Accessibility Champion, Disability and Access, UT Austin

2023

Brumley Senior Fellow, Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law (\$500)

2022

Texas Politics Project Research Grant (\$2,200)

2021

Ward Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts (\$4,000)

2021

Graduate School Fellowship, UT Austin (\$20,000)

2021

Brumley Next Generation Graduate Fellowship, Robert Strauss Center (\$3,500)

2021

Departmental Sponsorship for ICPSR Summer Program (\$2,300)

2020

Participant Fellowship, Ronald Coase Institute (\$2,000)

2016

Research Travel Grant, HKUST (HKD 10,000)

2016

ACADEMIC SERVICEManuscript reviewer, *Comparative Political Studies*

2026–present

Organizing team, Authoritarian Political Systems Group

2024, 2026

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2025

Discussant, Junior Law and Politics Research Community

2025

Discussant, European Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2025

Discussant, CIVICA Workshop on Technology, Globalization and Democracy

2025

Discussant, Madrid Empirical Social Science Workshop

2024, 2025

Discussant, Conference on Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data

2024

METHODS AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

AI Academic Upskilling Program for Social Scientists, Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative

2026

Masterclass in Large Language Models and Machine Learning for Unstructured Data, Fundación Ramón

2024

Areces–IESE

Oxford LLMs Workshop, University of Oxford

2024

Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen

2022

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Maastricht Law & Tech Lab

2021

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan

2020

Annual Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University

2018

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS**Languages:** Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (conversational), Spanish (basic)**Software:** Python, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$