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Academic Appointments

- **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, George Washington University, 2024–2026.
  Primarily funded by a grant from the Schmidt Sciences *AI2050 Initiative*.
- **Research Affiliate**, Stanford University Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, 2023–24.
- **Junior Scholar**, Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network, Johns Hopkins SAIS Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, 2022–23.

Education

- **Ph.D. in Political Science**, Stanford University, 2024.
  Dissertation: *Artificial Intelligence and the Principal-Agent Problem in Autocracy: Digitalizing China's Government Operations*.
- **M.A. in East Asian Studies**, Stanford University, 2016.
- **B.A. in International Political Economy**, Peking University, 2014.
- **Exchange Student**, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University, 2013.
- **Program Student**, Institute for Qualitative and Multi Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2022.
- **Program Student**, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan Ann Arbor, 2015.

Research Interests

Artificial Intelligence; Information Technology and Politics; Authoritarianism; Political Economy; International Security / Geopolitics; Computational Social Science; China

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Luo, Jason (with Jean Oi and Yunxiao Xu). 2025. "A Perfect Storm: COVID, Collapse of the Property Sector, and Local Government Debt in China." *The China Journal*.

2. Luo, Jason (with Chih-yu Shih). 2023. "Ontological Security Dilemma: A Practical Model of Relational Deterrence." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

Working Papers

- "Spreading Jello Beyond the Wall: Is China Exporting Digital Authoritarianism?" (with Jeffrey Ding). (draft available upon request).
- "How Artificial Intelligence Affects Bureaucratic Control in Autocracy: Evidence from China." (draft available upon request).
- "Early Determination of Career Advancement? Evidence from Patronage Networks in the Chinese Bureaucracy." (draft available upon request).
- "Platform–dependent Censorship in China: New Evidence from the WeChat Public Accounts Platform." (draft available upon request).
- "When Patrons Fall: Measuring Hidden Firm–Official Connections in Authoritarian China." (with Charles Sun).

Selected Conference Presentations or Talks

- "Spreading Jello Beyond the Wall: Is China Exporting Digital Authoritarianism?" DC-Maryland-Virginia Empirical Political Science Workshop 2025; SPSA 2026.
- "When Patrons Fall: Measuring Hidden Firm–Official Connections in Authoritarian China." MPSA 2026.
- "How AI Affects Bureaucratic Control in Autocracy: Evidence from China." U.S.–China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) 2024 (invited closed-door presentation); Georgia Institute of Technology IGP Annual Workshop, "Does AI Need Governance? States, Markets, Networks, and the Digital Ecosystem" 2024; Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) "Cybersecurity, AI, and National Security" Papers Workshop 2024; Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences 2024; Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions 2024; IHS "AI and Authoritarianism" Conference 2024; AAS 2024; SPSA 2024; APSA 2023.
- "Early Determination of Career Advancement? Evidence from Patronage Networks in the Chinese Bureaucracy." APSA 2019; MPSA 2023.
- "Platform-dependent Censorship in China: New Evidence from the WeChat Public Accounts Platform." MPSA 2017; APSA 2017.
- "From 2008 Wild Strawberry to 2014 Sunflower: New Wave of Political Protests in Taiwan." SAIS Asia Conference 2015.

Selected Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

- Hayak Grant and Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies 2024, 2023
- Young Scholars Award, China Times Cultural Foundation 2023
- Fellowship and Research Grant, Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences 2024, 2023, 2022
- Fellowship and Research Grant, Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions 2024, 2023
- Fellowship and Research Funding, Stanford King Center on Global Development 2023, 2021
- Large and Small Research Grants, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

2022, 2021, 2020
- Dissertation Write-up and Research Grants, Stanford Center for East Asian Studies 2023, 2021, 2018, 2015
- Graduate Research Opportunity Fund, Stanford School of Humanities & Sciences 2021
- Fellowship Award, Stanford Center for Computational Social Science 2020
- Pre–doctoral Fellowship, Stanford Center at Peking University 2020
- Summer Fellowship, Stanford Immigration Policy Lab 2019

Teaching Experience and Evaluations

As Teaching Assistant at Stanford University:
- POLISCI 117/317: Chinese Politics and Society (Yiqing Xu), Winter 2024. Evaluation: 4.7/5.
- POLISCI 148/348: Chinese Politics (Jean Oi), Winter 2021. Evaluation: 4.4/5.
- POLISCI 450D: Political Methodology IV: Advanced Topics (Douglas Rivers), Autumn 2021. Evaluation: 4.5/5.
- POLISCI 450B: Political Methodology II: Causal Inference (Jens Hainmuller), Winter 2020. Evaluation: 4.2/5.
- POLISCI 450A: Political Methodology I: Regression Analysis (Yiqing Xu), Autumn 2019. Evaluation: 4.2/5.
- POLISCI 150B/355B: Machine Learning for Social Scientists (Kirk Bansak), Winter 2019. Evaluation: 4.0/5.
- SCPKU Graduate Seminar: Chinese Corporations: A Case Study Workshop (Andrew Walder and Zheng Lu), Summer 2019.

As Instructor:
- Research Methods in Social Sciences, Yangon School of Political Science (YSPS), Myanmar, Autumn 2020. *Highly rated in student feedback.*

Selected student comments are available at jason-luo.org/teaching.

Computational Skills and Qualifications

Python; R; MATLAB; Stata; C++.
GRE Quantitative Section, 170/170.
Certificate in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM).

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; Association for Asian Studies