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Friday, October 16, 2020

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Monday, October 19, 2020

9:00 – 11:00 EST Panel #1: China in the World

Chair: Jessica C. Teets, Associate Professor, Middlebury College

- Maria Repnikova, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, *Exporting Authoritarianism or Igniting Gratitude: China's Elite Trainings of Ethiopian Officials*
- Li Hui, Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong and May Farid, Lecturer, University of Hong Kong, *International NGOs as Intermediaries in China's Going-Out Strategy*
- Kristen Looney, Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, *Mobilization Campaigns and Rural Development: The East Asian Model Reconsidered*
- Kerry Ratigan, Assistant Professor, Amherst College, *Are Peruvians Enticed by the 'China Model'? Chinese Investment and Public Opinion in Peru*
- Scott L. Kastner, Professor, University of Maryland; Margaret M. Pearson, Professor, University of Maryland; and Guan Wang, University of Maryland, *Chinese Economic Influence in an Age of Pandemic and Depression*

Discussant: Xiaoyu Pu, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Reno

12:00 – 1:00 EST LUNCH – mentoring zoom sessions

3:00 pm EST: Professional Development Workshop on Machine Learning

Workshop Leader: Weifeng Zhong, PhD

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

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Weifeng Zhong is a Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. His work focuses on bridging the field of natural language processing and machine learning to economic policy studies. He helps run the Policy Change Index (PCI), which is a series of open-source machine learning projects that predict authoritarian regimes' major policy moves by "reading" their propaganda publications. The first three projects inducted into the series are about China's policies and based on its official newspaper — the *People's Daily*.

1. [PCI-China](#): predicts China's policy changes from 1951 Q1 to the present.
2. [PCI-Crackdown](#): predicts how close in time the 2019-20 Hong Kong protests are to a Tiananmen-like crackdown by China.
3. [PCI-Outbreak](#): measures the severity of an epidemic outbreak in China, such as COVID-19.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

9:00-11:00 EST Panel #2: Bureaucratic Politics in Transition

Chair: Nele Noesselt, Professor, University of Duisburg-Essen

- Yumin Sheng, Associate Professor, Wayne State University, *Civilian Management of Military Elites in Post-Mao China: Evidence from the Leaders of the Military Region Commands*
- Elise Pizzi, Assistant Professor; Jielu Yao, PhD Candidate; and Yuehong Tai, PhD Student, University of Iowa, *Variations in Government Responsiveness: Policy Innovation and Diffusion during the COVID-19 Crisis*
- Weila Gong, Ph.D. Candidate, Technical University of Munich, *Local Leadership in an Authoritarian State: The Boundaries of Local Authority in China's Low-Carbon Energy Transition*
- Yuehong Tai, Graduate Student, University of Iowa, *Public Health and Provincial Governance: Determinants of Provincial Responsiveness to the 2018 Vaccine Scandal*
- Jiwei Qian, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, and Yoel Kornreich, East Asian Studies Department, Tel Aviv University, *Bureaucratic Responses to the Crisis of the COVID-19: a case from the Chinese Public Health System*

Discussant: John Kennedy, Professor, University of Kansas

11:30 – 1:00 EST Lunch Keynote: Jessica Chen Weiss on US-China Relations after Covid

Introduction by Jessica C. Teets, ACPS President

Jessica Chen Weiss is an associate professor of Government at Cornell University, a political science editor at the *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, and a nonresident Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Weiss is the author of *Powerful Patriots: Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2014). Her research appears in *International Organization*, *China Quarterly*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, and *Review of International Political Economy*, as well as in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Washington Quarterly*. Weiss was previously an assistant professor at Yale University and founded FACES, the Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford, while an undergraduate at Stanford University. Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, she received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego in 2008, where her dissertation won the 2009

American Political Science Association Award for best dissertation in international relations, law and politics. Weiss is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

1:30 – 3:00 EST: Professional Development Workshop on Fieldwork in China Today

Workshop Leaders: Juan Wang, Maria Repnikova, Dimitar Gueorguiev, Mindi Schneider, and moderated by Jessica C. Teets

Juan Wang is an associate professor of political science at McGill University. Her research interests include contentious politics, and law and politics. She will discuss the challenges and opportunities of doing archival research in China.

Maria Repnikova is an assistant professor in Global Communication at Georgia State University. Her research examines the processes of political resistance and persuasion in illiberal political contexts, drawing on ethnographic research in the field. She will be discussing conducting ethnographic research about China in other countries.

Dimitar Gueorguiev is an assistant professor of political science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Gueorguiev recently co-authored a Cambridge University Press book on Chinese governance institutions entitled *China's Governance Puzzle*. He will be talking about conducting online surveys and field collaboration.

Mindi Schneider is an assistant professor at Wageningen University. Her research focuses on development sociology and agricultural politics in China. She recently published [We, too: contending with the sexual politics of fieldwork in China](#) (with E Lord and J Wilczak).

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

9:00-11:00 EST Panel #3: Chinese Policy in the Global Economy

Chair: Gregory Moore, Professor of Global Studies and Politics, Colorado Christian University

- Zhaoying Han, Nankai University, Richard J. Cook, Nankai University, and Maximilian Ohle, University of Tübingen, *'Coordinated Economic Corridors': An Analysis on China's Extrinsic Performances as an Extension of Its Intrinsic Practices*
- Yujeong Yang, SUNY Cortland, *Bring Your Own Workers: Chinese Oversea Foreign Direct Investment and Local Employment*
- Mark Loo, Concordia University of Edmonton, *Belt and Road Initiative's Impact on ASEAN's Competitiveness: Gainers, Losers and Implications*
- Li Zheng, University of Houston, *Trading Up Half the Sky? Trade Openness and Gender Equality Perceptions in China*
- Yu Hongyuan, Shanghai Institute of International Studies, *Bridging Theory on Global Corporate Hierarchy and City Diplomacy: The Case of China*

Discussant: Wei Liang, Professor, Middlebury Institute for International Studies

12:00-1:30 EST Professional Development Workshop on Experimental Research Design

Workshop Leaders: Meina Cai and Jen Pan

Meina Cai is an assistant professor of Political Science and Asian/Asian American Studies Institute at the University of Connecticut. Her research interests focus on political economy of development. See her publications at her website: meinacai.com. In this session, Meina will talk about the use of choice experiments, including those used in these two publications: Meina Cai, Pengfei Liu and Hui Wang. 2020. "Political Trust, Risk Preference, and Policy Support: A Study of Land-dispossessed Villagers in China." *World Development* 125. 104687; Meina Cai, Pengfei Liu and Hui Wang. 2020. "Land Commodification and Hukou Policy innovation in China." *Journal of Chinese Governance*.

Jennifer Pan is an Assistant Professor of Communication, and an Assistant Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford University. Her research resides at the intersection of political communication and authoritarian politics, showing how authoritarian governments try to control society, how the public responds, and when and why each is successful. Her publications using experiments are listed below, and at her website at <http://jenpan.com/>:

Online "audit" experiments: King, Gary, Jennifer Pan, and Margaret E. Roberts. 2014. "Reverse-engineering Censorship in China: Randomized Experimentation and Participant Observation." *Science* 345, no. 6199: 1-10; Chen, Jidong; Pan, Jennifer; and Yiqing Xu. 2016. "Sources of Authoritarian Responsiveness: A Field Experiment in China." *American Journal of Political Science* 60(2): 383-400; Traditional audit experiment: Pan, Jennifer and Tongtong Zhang. "How Firms' Labor Market Practices Reinforce Authoritarian Rule." Working paper; Survey experiment: list experiment: Meng, Tianguang; Pan, Jennifer*; and Ping Yang. 2017. "Conditional Receptivity to Citizen Participation: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in China." *Comparative Political Studies* 50(4): 399-433; Survey experiment: conjoint experiment: Pan, Jennifer and Tongtong Zhang. "How Firms' Labor Market Practices Reinforce Authoritarian Rule." Working paper; Survey experiment: priming / vignette: Pan, Jennifer*, Shao, Zijie and Yiqing Xu. "The Effects of Television News Propaganda: Experimental Evidence from China." Working Paper; Fan, Yingjie, Pan, Jennifer, and Tongtong Zhang. "Compliance with Domination: Why and How Confucius Institute Teachers Carry Out the Aims of the Chinese Government" Working Paper; Fan, Yingjie, Pan, Jennifer, Shao, Zijie, Yiqing Xu. "How Discrimination Increases Chinese Overseas Students' Support for Authoritarian Rule" Working Paper.

1:00-3:00 EST Panel #4: Global Governance and Trade

Chair: Xi Chen, Associate Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- Wei Liang, Professor, MIIS, *Contested Regional Development Banks? A comparison of AIIB & ADB*
- Karl Yan, PhD Candidate, University of Toronto, *Navigating between China and Japan: Indonesia and Economic Hedging*

- Edward Yang, Professor, James Madison University, *China's Strategic Narratives in Global Governance Reform under Xi Jinping*
- Samantha A. Vortherms and Jack Zhang, University of Kansas, *Assessing the Trade War's Impact on Foreign Invested Enterprises in China*

Discussant: Min Ye, Associate Professor of International Relations, Boston University

Thursday, October 22, 2020

9:00 – 11:00 EST Panel #5: Contentious Politics: Protest, Political Rhetoric, and Media

Chair: Jing Chen, Associate Professor, Hartwick College

- Dan Chen, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Richmond, *Transgression by Self-Deprecation: The Political Rhetoric of Standup Comedy in China*
- Zhengqing Zhang, Assistant Professor, Hamline University, *Fighting an Unfinished War: Military Cultural Works and Identity Politics in China*
- Juan Wang and Mengxiao Tang, McGill University, *Where You Live Is Where You Stand: The Geography of Protest Choices in China*
- Jian Xu, PhD Candidate, Emory University, *Capital Investment and the Rule of Law: Authoritarian Reversal in Hong Kong*
- Xi Chen, Associate Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, *Restructuring Media Regulation in China: Trends and Prospects?*

Discussant: Yanhua Deng, Professor, University of Nanjing; and Ciqi Mei, Professor, Tsinghua University

12:00 – 1:30 EST Lunch Keynote: Taylor Fravel on Maritime Disputes

Introduction by Don Wyatt, the John M. McCardell, Jr. Distinguished Professor in Chinese History, Middlebury College

M. Taylor Fravel is the Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science and Director of the MIT Security Studies Program at MIT. Taylor is a graduate of Middlebury College and Stanford University, where he received his PhD. He has been a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University, a Predoctoral Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University, a Fellow with the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program and a Visiting Scholar at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also has graduate degrees from the London School of Economics and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, and *The China Quarterly*, and is a member of the board of directors

for the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. He is also the Principal Investigator of the Maritime Awareness Project.

2:00 – 3:30 EST mentoring sessions

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30 – 10:00 EST: Professional Development Workshop on Survey Research Design

Workshop Leaders: Wenfang Tang and Pierre Landry

Wenfang Tang is Head and Chair Professor of Division of Social Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His current research focuses on public opinion, mass politics and political culture in contemporary China. He has authored and coauthored several books published by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and Stanford University Press, and many articles in academic journals including *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Communication*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, among others. His book *Populist Authoritarianism: Chinese Political Culture and Regime Sustainability* (Oxford University Press, 2016) won the CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award.

Pierre Landry is a Professor of Government and Public Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (香港中文大学), as well as a Research Fellow with the Research Center for the Study of Contemporary China at Peking University and an affiliate with the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg. His research interests focus on Asian and Chinese politics, comparative local government, quantitative comparative analysis and survey research. He has written on governance and the political management of officials in China. Besides articles and book chapters in comparative politics and political methodology, He is the author of “Decentralized Authoritarianism in China” with Cambridge University Press (2008), and is also co-investigator of the [Barometer on China’s Development \(BOCD\)](#) at the [Universities Service Centre for China Studies](#) (Chinese University of Hong Kong).

12 – 1:30 EST Lunch Keynote: Ezra Vogel on Dengist Thought in China Today

Ezra Vogel is the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences, Emeritus at Harvard. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1950 and received his Ph.D. from the Department of Social Relations in 1958 from Harvard. In 1960–1961 he was an assistant professor at Yale University, and from 1961–1964 a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard, becoming lecturer in 1964 and, in 1967, professor. Vogel succeeded John Fairbank to become the second Director (1972–1977) of Harvard’s East Asian Research Center and Director of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies during 1973–1975 and 1995–1999. He has published extensively in his long career, and his most recent book was entitled *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China* (2011).

Introduction by **John Berninghausen**, Truscott Professor Emeritus of Chinese Studies

John Berninghausen, Professor Emeritus in Chinese language and literature at Middlebury College, earned his Ph.D. at Stanford University specializing in modern Chinese Literature. Having studied Chinese intensively in Taiwan and Hong Kong, he was first able to visit the People's Republic of China for five weeks in the spring of 1972 during the Cultural Revolution period---just a few weeks after the historic Nixon-Kissinger visit. He came to Vermont in the fall of 1973 to launch a new Chinese language program at the University of Vermont. Three years later he was recruited by Middlebury College to establish a program in Chinese language and literature which quickly took root and grew into a nationally recognized Department of Chinese Language and Literature which he led as founder and department chair for its first 24 years. His scholarly publications include editing a book on revolutionary Chinese literature, co-writer of an advanced language textbook on journalistic Chinese, several articles and translations of modern Chinese literature. Since 2004 he has been a founding member of the Advisory Board of the Public Intellectuals Project in Washington, DC and New York.

2:00 -4:00 EST: Panel #6 China's Foreign Policy Patterns

Chair: Gregory Moore, Professor of Global Studies and Politics, Colorado Christian University

- Joseph Miller, PhD Candidate, University of Auckland, *Is Xi Jinping's Nationalism Pragmatic in Foreign Policy?*
- Tamanna Ashraf, Florida International University, *India, Bangladesh, and China: Water and Geopolitics*
- David An, Catholic University of America, *Cooperation Between Possible Strategic Rivals: A New Method of Applying a Balance of Time Horizons to Better Explain US-China Security Cooperation*
- Haifeng Huang, University of California Merced, *Bravo My Country and the Inconvenient Truth: National Self-Image and Public Opinion in a Rising Power*
- Gregory Moore, Colorado Christian University, *Huawei, Cyber-Sovereignty and Liberal Norms: China's Challenge to the West/Democracies*

Discussant: Edward Yang, Professor, James Madison University

4:30 – 5:30 EST ACPS Business Meeting

ACPS Board Members will give updates and discuss elections to take place at the next conference

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Thank you for participating!