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## Research Interest

Comparative politics; politics and society; Chinese governance; applied statistics

## Current Position

Assistant Professor, Center for Social Research, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University (Aug. 2021 -)

## Previous Positions

Peking-Princeton Postdoctoral Associate

Department of Applied Economics, Peking University (2019 - 2020)

Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China, Princeton University (2020 - 2021)

## Education

### **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2019 (Advisor: Barbara Geddes)

M.S. in Statistics, 2019

### **The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)**

M.Phil. in Social Science, 2012

### **Nankai University (Tianjin, China)**

LL.B. in Political Science & B.M. in Corporate Finance, 2010

## Research

### Peer-reviewed Articles

# indicates (co-)corresponding authors

Manoel Gehrke and **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup> (Equal Contribution). 2025. High-Profile Corruption Convictions, Government Reactions, and Public Approval: A Comparative Analysis across Levels of Democracy. *Governance*, accepted.

**Feng Yang**, Airan Liu<sup>#</sup>, and Wangyang Li. 2025. Public Perceptions of Intergenerational Mobility in China, *The China Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Yu Xie<sup>#</sup>, **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup>, Junming Huang, Yuchen He, Yi Zhou, Yue Qian, Weicheng Cai, and Jie Zhou. [Declining Chinese Attitudes toward the United States amid COVID-19](#), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 2024, 121(21): e2322920121.

Lin Zhu and **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup> (Equal Contribution). [Trading Integrity for Competence? The Public's Varying Preferences for Bureaucratic Types across Government Levels in China](#), *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2023, 11(4): 877-892.

Xinyu Fan and **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup> (Equal Contribution). [Strategic Promotion, Reputation, and Responsiveness in Bureaucratic Hierarchies](#), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2019, 31(3): 286-307.

Joshua Eisenman<sup>#</sup> and **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup>. [Organizational Structure, Policy Learning, and Economic Performance: Evidence from the Chinese Commune](#), *Socius*, 2018, 4:1-18, doi:10.1177/2378023118757650.

David Zweig<sup>#</sup> and **Feng Yang**. [Overseas Students, Returnees and the Diffusion of International Norms into Post-Mao China](#), *International Studies Review*, 2014, 16(2), 252-263.

Deyong Ma<sup>#</sup> and **Feng Yang**<sup>#</sup>. [Authoritarian Orientations and Political Trust in East Asian Societies](#), *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, 2014, 31(4), 323-41.

### Work in Progress (Selected)

Misperceived Corruption Norms (with Lin Zhu; Equal Contribution).

Targeted Policies with Broad Impacts: How the Rural Old-Age Pension Scheme Enhances Government Approval in China (with Yi Zhou).

The Power of Enduring Culture: Imperial Civil Exam, Family SES, and Education Achievement in Contemporary China (with Airan Liu and Yu Xie).

Private Benefits as Public Signals: Evidence from Listed Firms in China.

Modeling and Estimating Unpredictability with Applications in Political Economy.

The Rise of the Super Rich and Authoritarian Survival.

## Seminar and Conference Presentations (Selected)

Asian Polmeth, 2025.

Renmin University of China, 2023, 2024.

Sun Yat-sen University, 2023, 2024.

Tsinghua University, 2024.

Graduate Seminar on China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2019.

APSA annual conferences: 2013, 2015, and 2018.

MPSA annual conferences: 2012, and 2015.

EITM summer institute, University of Houston, 2017.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Research Grant for Digital Humanities, 2024-2025, Peking University.

Faculty Research Grant, 2022-2024, Peking University.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019, UCLA.

Doctoral Fellowships, 2018-2019, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (declined).

Duthie-Secchia Fellowship, 2018 summer, UCLA Center of Chinese Studies.

China Times Young Scholar Award, 2017, China Times Cultural Foundation.

EITM Summer Institute Fellowship, 2017, University of Houston.

Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, 2017, UCLA International Institute.

## Teaching Experience

### *Instructor*

Comparative Governance: Research Design and Methods, UG/PG level, 2023-, PKU.

Governance and Development, PG level, 2022, PKU.

Social Statistics, PG level, 2022-, PKU.

Social Science Research: Theory and Practice I & II (with Yu Xie, Qiang Ren, Yi Zhou, Airan Liu, Jia Yu, and Hao Dong), PG, 2021-, PKU

Politics and Strategy, UG level, 2019 summer, UCLA.

## Additional Training and Service

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), University of Houston, Summer 2017.

Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Development Policy Review*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *International Political Science Review*, *Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies Review*, *China: An International Journal*.

Panel Chair/Discussant for: Annual Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics at UCLA, 2019; Princeton Research on Contemporary China (PRCC) Annual Conference at Princeton, 2019; Comparative Politics Workshop, Tsinghua University, 2021, 2022 & 2023; *Xinrui* Political Research Workshop, Sun Yat-sen University, 2022 & 2024; Asian Polmeth, 2025.