

LINAN YAO

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York

Ph.D., Political Science (2023)

Subfield: Major in Comparative Politics, Minor in American Politics

Dissertation Title: Popular Propaganda in Pop Culture: How China Sells Its Ideology

Advisors: Donald Green, Andrew Nathan, John Marshall

M.Phil., Political Science (2020)

M.A., Political Science (2017)

Yale University, New Haven

M.A., East Asian Studies (2015)

Peking University, Beijing

B.A., International Relations and Economics (2014)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt University, Nashville

2023 - Present

Postdoctoral Researcher, Political Science Department

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin

Spring 2021

Visiting researcher, Institutions and Political Inequality Unit

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Robert S. Erikson, Karl Sigman, and Linan Yao. Electoral college bias and the 2020 presidential election. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2020

WORKING PAPER

Manuscripts in Submission

Entertainment as Trojan Horse: Voluntary Consumption of Propaganda in China, with Hanzhang Liu

Selling Ideology: How China Engages Cultural Elites to Popularize Propaganda Films

Manuscripts in Preparation

From Screen to Mind: An Experimental Study of Blockbuster Propaganda's Effects on Public Opinion in China

GRANT & AWARDS

2023, CELSS Dissertation Grant, Columbia Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences

2022, Weatherhead Summer Grant, The Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University

2022, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis International Fellowship, Columbia University

2022, CELSS Seed Grant, Columbia Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences

2021, Dissertation Fellowship, Political Science Department at Columbia University

2021, Weatherhead Summer Grant, The Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University

2020, Weatherhead Summer Grant, The Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University

2020, Dissertation Development Grant, Political Science Department at Columbia University

2017, Dean's Fellowship, Political Science Department at Columbia University

2014, The Edison Dick Fellowship, Yale University

2012, Guanghua Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Peking University

2011, Hong Kong Engineering Scholarship, Peking University

2010, Peking University Scholarship for Outstanding Freshman, Peking University

TEACHING

Vanderbilt University (Instructor)

Chinese Political System Fall 2023

Columbia University (Teaching Fellow)

Experimental Research Spring 2023, Spring 2019

Voting and American Politics Fall 2022

Game Theory Spring 2018

Introduction to Human Rights Fall 2018, Fall 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 Chinese Politics Research in Progress
 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference
 Special Issue Workshop on Chinese Propaganda and Public Discourse
 Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia (FEREA) 2023
 The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference 2023
 2023 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference

2022 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference
 UCSD Young Scholars Conference
 USC 2nd China Research Group Doctoral Symposium

2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference
2019 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China, Beijing Summer 2013
IBM consulting, Beijing Summer 2012
China Beijing International Mining Exchange, Beijing Summer 2011

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

University of California, Los Angeles Spring 2016
Research assistant for Professor James Tong
ICPSR Summer School, Ann Arbor Summer 2015
Student
National Taiwan University, Taipei Fall 2013
Exchange student

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Columbia Food Pantry, New York March 2020 - current
Columbia Students of Color Alliance E-board, New York September 2018 - June 2019
Common Language (LGBT non-profit), Beijing February 2013 - June 2013

SKILLS

Programming R, Python, MySQL
Packages Scrapy, Jieba, Word2vec, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, GGPlot2
Languages Chinese (native), English

REFERENCES

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