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## Education

**New York University**, New York, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Expected 2021

- Dissertation Title: *Private Returns to Public Investment: Government Accountability and Infrastructure Investment in China and the United States*
- Dissertation Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (Chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, and Adam Przeworski
- Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy

M.A. in Politics, May 2018

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA

Master of Arts in Economics, May 2016

Master of Public Administration, May 2016

**China Foreign Affairs University**, Beijing, China

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, June 2014

Bachelor of Economics in International Economics and Trade, June 2014

## Publication

**Zhenhuan Lei** and Jeffrey B. Nugent. 2018. "Coordinating China's Economic Growth Strategy via Its Government-Controlled Association for Private Firms." *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46: 1273-1293.

## Working Papers

"Public Finance, Public Goods Provision, and Government Responsiveness: Evidence from Rural China."

"Distributive Politics in Stock Market: Evidence from China," with Yishuang Li (NYU).

"Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment: Evidence from China," with Junlong Zhou (NYU).

## Work in Progress

"Political Factional Ties, Infrastructure Investment, and the Variety of Growth: Evidence from China."

"Political Centralization and the Coordination Problem: Evidence from the Judicial Reform in China," with Yishuang Li (NYU).

"Divided Leadership and Government Performance: Evidence from China," with Yuhua Wang (Harvard).

"Beyond a Springboard into Politics: Why and How the State-Run Business Association Matters for Private Enterprises in China," with Jeff Nugent (USC).

## Presentations

2019:

- Chinese Politics Mini-Conference, Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 29 - September 1, 2019 (scheduled)
- International Conference on Comparative Political Selection, National School of Development, Peking University, Beijing, China, June 4-5, 2019 (scheduled)
- The Third Workshop on State Governance, School of Government, Peking University, Beijing, China, May 18-19, 2019 (scheduled)
- The Third Quantitative China Studies Seminar, Department of Politics, New York University, New York, April 26, 2019
- Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 7, 2019

2018:

- The Second CCER Summer Institute, National School of Development, Peking University, Yantai, China
- The 7th Chinese Forum on Public Administration, Xi'an, China
- The Second China-India Workshop on Development and Governance, School of Public and International Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL

Before 2018:

- Rethinking the Economic Role of State, National School of Development, Peking University, Beijing, China (2017)
- Annual Conference of World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, Boston MA (2016)
- The Second Summer Institute of New Structural Economics, National School of Development, Peking University, Beijing, China (2015)

## Teaching

New York University:

- TA, Quantitative Analysis II (graduate, 2019 spring)
- Head TA, International Politics (undergraduate, 2018 fall, evaluation: 4.3/5.0)
- TA, International Politics (undergraduate, 2017 fall, evaluation: 4.2/5.0)

University of Southern California:

- TA, Operations Research (graduate, 2016 spring, evaluation: 4.86/5.0)
- TA, Operations Research (graduate, 2015 spring)

## Awards & Grants

Urban Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2019 - 2020, \$3,000.

Provost's Global Research Initiative Fellowship, New York University, 2019 summer, approx. \$6,000.

George Downs Fellowship, Department of Politics, New York University, 2019 summer, approx. \$3,000.

Graduate Student Travel Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, New York University, May 2019, \$750.

Conference Coordinator, The Third Quantitative China Studies Seminar (QCSS-3), funded by Department of Politics and Center for US-China Relations, New York University, 2018-2019, \$7,500.

Field Trip Grant, Department of Politics, New York University, Dec 2018, \$1,000.

Conference Coordinator, The Second Quantitative China Studies Seminar (QCSS-2), funded by Department of Politics and Center for US-China Relations, New York University, 2017-2018, \$6,000.

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2016 - 2021.

Chinese Government Scholarship, Ministry of Education, P.R.C., 2014 - 2016.

Best Honors Thesis, China Foreign Affairs University, 2014.  
Outstanding Delegate, China Model United Nations Conferences, 2012.

### Services

Reviewer for *Economics & Politics*.  
Co-Founder and Coordinator, Quantitative China Study Seminar (QCSS), New York University, 2017-2019.  
Coordinator, Chinese Political Economy Working Group (CPEWG), New York University, 2019 Spring.  
Vice President, Student Union, China Foreign Affairs University, 2012-2013.  
President, Campus News, China Foreign Affairs University, 2012-2013.

### Professional Experience

**China-Africa Development Fund**, Beijing, China  
Summer Research Assistant, Department of Mines and Minerals, Jun-Aug, 2015.  
**China Development Bank**, Beijing, China  
Research Assistant, Department of International Finance, Jan-Mar, 2013.

### Others

Language: Mandarin Chinese  
Citizenship: China

### References

**Bruce Bueno de Mesquita** (Chair), Julius Silver Professor, Department of Politics, New York University. Email: bruce.buenodemesquita@nyu.edu.  
**Daniel C. Mattingly**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University. Email: daniel.mattingly@yale.edu.  
**Julia A. Payson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, New York University. Email: julia.payson@nyu.edu.  
**Adam Przeworski**, Carroll and Milton Professor, Department of Politics, New York University. Email: adam.przeworski@nyu.edu.