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Education

New York University, New York, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, **Wilf Family Department of Politics**, Expected 2020

- Dissertation Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (Chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, and Adam Przeworski
- Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Master of Arts in Economics, **Department of Economics**, May 2016

Master of Public Administration, **Sol Price School of Public Policy**, 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

“Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China,” with Junlong Zhou (NYU). Under review.

“Public Finance, Public Goods Provision, and Government Responsiveness: Evidence from Rural China.” Under review.

“Distributive Politics in the Stock Market: Evidence from China,” with Yishuang Li (NYU). Under review.

Work in Progress

“Private Returns to Public Investment: Government Accountability, Political Career Incentives, and Infrastructure Investment in China and the United States.” Book manuscript in preparation.

“The Political Resource Curse: Political Factional Ties, Infrastructure Investment, and the Variety of Growth Model in China.”

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

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

Presentations

2019:

- Chinese Politics Mini-Conference, Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 29 - September 1, 2019
- International Conference on Comparative Political Selection, National School of Development, Peking University, Beijing, China, June 4-5, 2019

- The Third Workshop on State Governance, School of Government, Peking University, Beijing, China, May 18-19, 2019
- 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)
- TA, International Politics (undergraduate, 2017 fall)

University of Southern California:

- TA, Operations Research (graduate, 2016 spring)
- TA, Operations Research (graduate, 2015 spring)

Services

Reviewer for *Economics & Politics* and *Journal of Politics*.

Co-Founder and Coordinator, Quantitative China Studies Seminar (QCSS), New York University, 2017-2019.

Coordinator, Chinese Political Economy Working Group (CPEWG), New York University, 2019 Spring and 2019 Fall.

Vice President, Student Union, China Foreign Affairs University, 2012-2013.

President, Campus News, China Foreign Affairs University, 2012-2013.

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, \$8,000.

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.

Professional Experience

China-Africa Development Fund, Beijing, China
Summer Intern, Department of Mines and Minerals, Jun-Aug, 2015.

China Development Bank, Beijing, China
Intern, Department of International Finance, Jan-Mar, 2013.

Others

Language: Mandarin Chinese (native)

Programming skill: Stata, R, L^AT_EX

References

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, 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.

Shui Yan Tang, Chair and Frances R. and John J. Duggan Professor, Department of Governance, Management and the Policy Process, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California. Email: stang@usc.edu.