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- Academic Appointment**      **University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science & Public Policy, 2020–present  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for East Asian Studies, 2020–present
- Education**                      **New York University**  
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2016–2020  
Other degrees: M.A. (2018) and M.Phil. (2020)  
Dissertation Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (Chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, Adam Przeworski, and Hye Young You
- University of Southern California**  
Master of Public Administration, 2014–2016  
Master of Arts in Economics, 2014–2016
- China Foreign Affairs University** (外交学院)  
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, 2010–2014  
Bachelor of Economics in International Economics and Trade, 2010–2014
- Publication**                      **Zhenhuan Lei** and Junlong Zhou. 2020. “Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China.” Forthcoming at *the Journal of Politics*.
- 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**                      “The Variety of Economic Growth through Patronage: Evidence from China”  
“The Limits of a Central Bureaucracy: Evidence from the Stock Market in China,” with Yishuang Li (NYU).  
“One-Party State,” with Zhaotian Luo (UChicago) and Adam Przeworski (NYU).  
“Authoritarian Rule of Law through Centralization: Evidence from a Judicial Reform in China,” with Yishuang Li (NYU).
- Work in Progress**                      *The Political Logic of Public Investment: Political Accountability and Infrastructure Projects in China and the United States* (book project)  
“State and the Development of Clean Energy: Evidence from China’s West-East Electricity Transfer Project” with Mingxin Zhang (UW-Madison)  
“Lobbying the Autocrat: Evidence from China’s Local Congresses” with Junlong Zhou (NYU) and Junda Li (Columbia)
- Presentations**                      Workshops:  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chinese Politics and Policy Seminar (job talk), October 22, 2019

Peking University, National School of Development, International Conference on Comparative Political Selection, June 4-5, 2019

Peking University, School of Government, Workshop on State Governance, May 18-19, 2019

Peking University, National School of Development, CCER Summer Institute, June 18-20, 2018

Fudan University, China-India Workshop on Development and Governance, June 8, 2018

Peking University, National School of Development, Rethinking the Economic Role of State, June 2-3, 2017

Conferences:

American Political Science Association: 2019

Midwestern Political Science Association: 2018, 2019

**Teaching**

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- Introduction to Chinese Politics (undergraduate, 2020 fall)
- Analytic Tools for Public Policy (undergraduate, 2020 fall)

**Services**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Democratization*, *Governance*, *Economics & Politics*, *the Journal of Politics*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.

Co-organizer, Models and Data Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020 fall.

Co-organizer, Online Workshop on “The Job Market For PhD Students in Chinese Politics 2020 and after” (with Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), October 20, 2020.

Coordinator, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, New York University, 2017-2020.

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

**Awards & Grants**

Trice Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-2022.

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center on U.S.-China Relations, New York University, December 2019.

Urban Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2019 - 2020.

Provost’s Global Research Initiative Fellowship, New York University, 2019 summer.

George Downs Fellowship, Department of Politics, New York University, 2019 Summer and 2019 Fall.

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2016 - 2021.

Best Honors Thesis, China Foreign Affairs University, 2014.

**Personal**

Born in 1992

Nationality: Chinese citizen