Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Positions

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Accountancy, Economics and Finance, Hong Kong Baptist University, Sep 2024 - Present

Post-Doc Scholar, Center on China's Economy and Institutions, Stanford University, Feb 2024 – Aug 2024

Computational Social Science Fellow, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Oct 2021 – Dec 2023

Pre-Doc Fellow, Department of Political Science, Stanford University. Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

Visiting Researcher, The Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), June 2014 - July 2014

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science (Specialization in CSS), University of California San Diego, Aug 2017 - Dec 2023.

M.Phil. in Social Science, Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Aug 2014 - Jul 2016.

M.A. in Finance, Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE), Xiamen University, Sep 2011 - Jul 2014.

B.A. in Economics, Tan Kah kee College, Xiamen University, Sep 2006 - Jul 2010.

Research Interests

Media Economics, Labor Economics, Education Economics

Academic Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions (SCCEI)

Faculty Affiliate, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Do Winners Spread More Words? Factional Competition and Local Media Reports on Negative News in Autocracy" *Political Science Research and Methods* 1-18. doi:10.1017/psrm.2022.35, 2022 (with Jean Hong)

Other Publications

- "The Consumption of China's E-Commerce: Evidence from JD's Festival Sales", Chapter 9, Handbook of U.S. Consumer Economics, Academic Press, 2019 (with Wei Tian and Miaojie Yu)

Working Papers

- "Authoritarian Accountability or Performative Responsiveness? Media Supervision on Chinese Majors" *Under Review*

- "Sowing Division: The Unintended Consequences of Geographic Tagging on Social Media" *Under Review*

- "Just Tell Me Why: How GAI Accurately Estimates Risk in Personal Loans with Limited Information" (with Xiqian Cai, Yurou Wang, and Wenchao Xu)

- "Gaslighting: How Comment Section Controls on Social Media Shapes Public Opinion in China" (with Thomas Cao and Yiqing Xu)

- "Unveiling the Prism: The Impact of Sina-Weibo's Hot-Search List on Collective Attention and Online Discourse" (with Xiqian Cai, and Yurou Wang)

- "From Parlor to Back Alley: Tracing the Migration of Prostitution in Response to Legal Changes" (with Yutian An, Xuancheng Qian, and Yingjie Fan)

- "Biting the Hand That Teaches: Unraveling the Economic Impact of Banning Private Tutoring in China" (with Zibin Huang, Yinan Liu, and Mingming Ma)

- "Technological Decoupling: The Impacts on Chinese Firms and Their Responses" (with Ming Gao, Boyao Zhang, Wenyu Zhou, and Yi Zhou)

- "Lingering Ghost: The Lasting Effect of Political Turmoil" (with Yingjie Fan, and Yuan Liu)

Work in Progress

- "A Silent Silencing Industry: Unveiling the Labor Market of Chinese Censorship" (with David Yang, Eddie Yang, and Andy Zhao)

- "Dead Bills: Political Dynamics and Strategic Revival of Unsuccessful Bills" (with Fred Gui, and Yu Ouyang)

Honors and Fellowships

- IGCC Computational Social Science Fellowship, 2022

- Ichimore Student Research Award, 2020

- Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Methodology

Advanced Programming in Computational Social Science, UCSD, Fall 2021 /TA

Introduction to Web Scraping, Hong Kong Baptist University, Summer 2020 /Instructor

Making Policy with Data, UCSD, Winter 2018 /TA

Advanced Econometrics, Xiamen University, Fall 2014 /TA

Political Economy

Chinese Econ/Pol Capstone, UCSD, Winter 2020,2021,2022 /TA

Politics of People's Republic of China, UCSD, Fall 2017, Winter 2019 /TA

Political Economy: Modern Capitalism, UCSD, Winter 2018 /TA

Presentations

Seminars/Invited Talks

Outstanding Young Scholars & Practitioners Support Program, Peking University, Aug 2023

Computational Social Science Workshop, Renmin University of China, Jul 2023

Forum for the Growth of Young Scholars in Internet Law, Wuhan University, May 2023

Asian Perspective Seminar Series, Australian National University, Feb 2023

The Fourth Academic Forum of Chinese Political Communication Studies, CUC, May 2021

SDSI Data Science Lab Series Seminar, Stanford, February 2020

Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, XMU, June 2019

The Data Analytic Boot Camp, UCSD, January 2019

Workshops

"Causal Inference Meets Machine Learning" Reading Group, Student Organizer, 2018

UCSD Human Nature Group / Omni Methods Group, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

China Study Reading Group, Student Organizer, 2017, 2018

Reference

Dr. Margaret E. Roberts

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