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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Florida International University	Miami, Florida
Director of Asian Studies	2025-now
Associate Professor	2014-now
Graduate Director for International Relations Program	Fall 2018, Fall 2019-Summer 2021
Assistant Professor	2007-2014

China Xiamen Corporation for International Techno-Economic Cooperation, Xiamen, P.R.China

Project Assistant & Interpreter	1996—1999
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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University (September 2001—August 2007)	Baltimore, MD
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Ph.D., August 2007, Department of Political Science

Dissertation title: Performing Privatization: The Restructuring of Small and Medium Public Enterprises in China

University of Mississippi (September 1999—May 2001)	Oxford, MS
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M.A., May 2001, Department of Political Science

M.A. Thesis: Political Control Over China's Telecommunications Sector—Centralized or Decentralized?

Fuzhou University (September 1992—July 1996)	Fuzhou, P.R. China
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Joint Bachelor's Degrees, July 1996,

Major: English Second major: Trade & Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Book

State-Led Privatization in China—The Politics of Economic Reform. 2013. London: Routledge.

Articles and Book Chapters

“Threatening National Security or Bridging the Digital Divide? A Case Study of Huawei's Expansion in Brazil” (2024). *Research Publications*. 61.

https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/jgi_research/61

“Acceptance or Resistance?—Explaining Local Reactions to Land Titling in Three Chinese Villages.” *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 2020, 47 (6): 1143-1164.

“Between Poverty and Prosperity: China's Dependent Development and the Middle-Income

Trap,” co-authored with Yuanyuan Fang, *Third World Quarterly*, 2014, 35 (6): 1014-31.

“The Local Politics of Restructuring State-Owned Enterprises in China,” co-authored with Kellee Tsai, in Jean Oi (ed.) *Going Private in China: The Politics of Corporate Restructuring and System Reform*. The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, the Brookings Institution Press, 2011, pp. 39-70.

“Political Compromises: The Restructuring of Small and Medium Public Enterprises in China,” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 2010, Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 257-282.

“Smashing the Iron Rice Bowl: Severing Ties Between the Chinese State and Socialist Workers,” in Zhiqun Zhu (ed.), *The People’s Republic of China Today: Internal and External Challenges*. World Scientific, 2010, pp. 179-198.

“Cashing Out: Survival Crisis Faced by Shareholding Cooperatives in Shanghai,” *Asian Perspective*, 2005, Vol. 29, No. 4, Winter, pp. 183-208.

Book Reviews

Zeng, Jin. *China Information* (November 2018). [Review of the book *Dancing with the Devil: The Political Economy of Privatization in China*, by Yi-min Lin. 2017].

Zeng, Jin. *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (March 2017). [Review of the book *The Transformation of Governance in Rural China—Market, Finance, and Political Authority*, by An Chen. 2015]. doi:10.1007/s11366-017-9457-z

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book projects in progress:

1. *The Great Transformation in Rural China—Property Rights and Agricultural Modernization*
2. *Partners or Predators? — Assessing the Impacts of Chinese Multinational Corporations on Latin American Countries* (fieldwork conducted in Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, and Uruguay).

Articles in progress:

1. Damming the Mekong: Why is China Constructing Dams in Southeast Asia? (co-authored with Phillip Guerreiro and Shlomi Dinar, under review)
2. Caught in the Crossfire: The Impact of US-China Rivalry on Huawei’s 5G Operations in Costa Rica (co-authored with Carols Cascante)
3. Busting Sanctions: Why didn’t Brazil Follow America’s Lead to Ban Huawei?
4. Corporate Survival amid Geopolitical Tensions—The Case of Huawei in Chile (co-authored with Yuanhao Tian)

5. Strategic Scrutiny or Selective Tolerance? U.S. National Security Reviews of Chinese Green Energy Investment, 2017–2024 (co-authored with Anna Andreava)
6. Money, Power and Trust—Land Commercialization in Rural China

CONFERENCES & INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invited speaker. “Caught in the Crossfire: The Impact of US-China Rivalry on Huawei’s 5G Operations in Costa Rica (co-authored with Carols Cascante).” FIU, November 17, 2025.

Invited speaker. “A Small State in A Tech Cold War: Costa Rica’s 5G Choice Between the U.S. and China (co-authored with Carols Cascante).” Virtual Authors’ Workshop, October 23, 2025.

Invited speaker. “Caught in the Crossfire: The Impact of US-China Rivalry on Huawei’s 5G Operations in Costa Rica (co-authored with Carols Cascante).” Universidad de la República, Uruguay, June 10, 2025.

Invited speaker. A roundtable discussion with Joyce Chang on Trump’s policy agenda and its implications for US-China strategic competition, trade wars, and supply chain realignment. J.P. Morgan’s Women’s Luncheon Reception. February 26, 2025.

Invited speaker. “US-China Strategic Competition, Trade Wars and Supply Chain Realignment”. J.P. Morgan’s annual Global Emerging Markets Corporate Conference panel, Miami, February 25, 2025.

Moderator. China/Russia/Iran Panel. 9th Annual Hemispheric Security Conference. FIU. May 10, 2024.

Invited speaker. “Busting Sanctions: Why didn’t Brazil Follow America’s Lead to Ban Huawei?” virtual presentation for the School of Business Administration at the Universidad de San Andres in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 29, 2024.

Invited speaker. “Chinese Digital Infrastructure in LATAM,” presentation at FIU for U.S. Army War College International Fellows Visit, February 23, 2024.

Invited speaker. “Busting Sanctions: Why didn’t Brazil Follow America’s Lead to Ban Huawei?” presentation at London School of Economics, February 2, 2024.

Invited speaker. “Chinese Investment and Interest in Latin America.” presentation at the Council of the Americas, Coral Gables, Florida, January 25, 2024.

Invited speaker. “Threatening National Security or Bridging the Digital Divide? A Case Study of Huawei’s Expansion in Brazil.” virtual presentation for Suffolk University Boston, Nov. 30, 2023.

Invited speaker. “Threatening National Security or Bridging the Digital Divide? A Case Study of Huawei’s Expansion in Brazil.” invited virtual presentation at Sawyer Business School, Suffolk University Boston, Nov. 21, 2023.

“Threatening National Security or Bridging the Digital Divide? A Case Study of Huawei’s Expansion in Brazil.” invited talk at a webinar jointly organized by the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs of Florida International University, October 25, 2023.

Discussant. “Belt and Road Initiative: A Comprehensive Review and Future Outlook.” The 28th ACPSS International Conference, Seattle, Washington. October 21, 2023 (via zoom).

“Damming the Dragon: China’s Motivations for Hydropower Development in the Lower Mekong Basin,” co-authored with Phillip Guerreiro and Shlomi Dinar, International Studies Association at Montreal, Canada, March 15-18, 2023.

“Localization and Networking—Chinese Multinational Corporations in Chile,” co-authored with Yuanhao Tian, European International Business Academy Conference, Oslo, Norway, December 8-10, 2022.

“Localization and Networking—Chinese Multinational Corporations in Chile,” co-authored with Yuanhao Tian, the Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, November 11-12, 2022.

“Damming the Dragon: China’s Motivations for Hydropower Development in the Lower Mekong Basin,” co-authored with Phillip Guerreiro and Shlomi Dinar, presented by Phillip Guerreiro at International Studies Association-Northeast at Baltimore, November 1-5, 2022.

Moderator. Panel discussion. Chinese Influence in the Americas. October 18, 2022. FIU.

“Localization and Networking—Chinese Multinational Corporations in Chile,” co-authored with Yuanhao Tian, invited presentation at Brown University, October 8-9, 2022.

Invited speaker. “Chinese Investment in Latin America,” presentation at Rollins College, September 28, 2022.

Panelist, “A New Global Order?” Florida International University, September 22, 2022.

“Money, Power and Trust—Land Commercialization in Rural China,” presented at the annual conference of Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2022 (via Zoom).

Invited speaker. “Rural Land Reform in Contemporary China,” lecture at the Chinese Club at FIU, November 10, 2021 (via Zoom).

Invited speaker. “The Impact of the Pandemic on the Chinese Economy,” China Town Hall Annual Event. New College of Florida. November 10, 2020 (via Zoom).

Invited speaker. “China’s Coronavirus Outbreak: Expert Discuss Global Impacts.” Florida International University. January 30, 2020.

Invited speaker. “China’s Land Titling and Its Impacts on Land Transfers,” presentation at the workshop on Land Use, land Conversion, and the Future of Agriculture: China in Comparative Perspective, University of Pittsburgh, November 14-17, 2019.

Panelist. “EU-China Relations: Investment.” EU-China Roundtable. Florida International University, October 22, 2018.

Invited speaker. “The Politics of Land Titling in Rural China,” virtual presentation at the China-India Land Dispossession Workshop, Singapore Management University, Singapore, July 27-29, 2018).

Invited speaker. “Property Rights and Rural Land Reform in Contemporary China,” the East Asian Studies Speaker Series at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, March 26, 2018.

“We Don’t Want Land Certificates!—Land Titling and Rural Land Governance in Contemporary China,” poster presentation at Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2018, Washington D.C., March 19-22, 2018.

“We Don’t Want Land Certificates!—Land Titling and Rural Land Governance in Contemporary China,” presented at Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 22-24, 2018.

Panelist. “Dealing with Authoritarian Challenges: China.” State of the World in 2018: Global Relations & U.S. Foreign Policy, Florida International University, Jan. 19, 2018.

Panelist. “Briefing Highlights of the 19th CPC National Congress and Outcomes of President Donald Trump’s State Visit to China.” Florida International University, Dec. 4th, 2017.

“A Pathway Towards More Sustainable Development?—Land Commercialization and Its Social Impacts in Rural China,” presented at International Conference on Research for Development, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 5-8, 2017.

“Atrophy or Adaptation?—Rural Governance in Contemporary China,” presented at the Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, June 10-11, 2017.

Invited speaker. “Land Commercialization and Its Social Impacts in Rural China,” the workshop on Land Issues at University of Connecticut, Storrs, May 12-14, 2017.

“Land Reform and Rural Governance in Modern China,” presented at the annual conference of International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Chair and discussant. Panel on “Contemporary Chinese Politics & International Relations,” at the 56th annual meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Mississippi, January 13-15, 2017.

“We Don’t Want Land Certificates!—Property Rights and Rural Land Reform in Contemporary China,” presented at the 56th annual meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Mississippi, January 13-15, 2017.

“Capital and Rural Land Reform in China,” presented at the Sixth International Conference on Social Development in Pearl River Delta and Yangtze River Delta, East China University of Science and Technology, November 5-6, 2016.

“Empowerment or Deprivation? Assessing China’s Rural Land Reform,” presented at the Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 3-6, 2015.

Invited speaker. “Opportunities and Challenges of China’s Recent Rural Land Reform,” presentation at the conference, “Relations across the Taiwan Strait: Retrospective and Prospects for Future Development,” The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, July 13, 2015.

“Turning Farmers into Landlords: China’s Rural Land Reform and Its Impact on Small Farmers,” presented at the Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, Beijing, China, June 6-7, 2015.

“Empowerment or Deprivation? Assessing China’s Rural Land Reform,” presented at the Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16-18, 2015.

“The Rise of State Capitalism in China,” presented at the 55th ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014.

“Between Poverty and Prosperity: China’s Dependent Development and the Middle-Income Trap,” co-authored with Yuanyuan Fang, presented at the Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013.

Chair. Panel on “China’s Rising Importance in the World Economy,” at the Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013.

“The Middle-Income Trap: A Challenge Facing the Chinese Leadership,” co-authored with Yuanyuan Fang, presented at ISA-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, Nov. 2-3, 2012.

“The Political Dynamics of Privatization in China,” presented at the 25th Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, San Francisco, September 22-23, 2012.

“The Middle-Income Trap: A Challenge Facing the Chinese Leadership,” co-authored with Yuanyuan Fang, co-presented at the 25th Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, San Francisco, September 22-23, 2012.

Chair. Panel on “Political Participation and Social Management in China,” at the 25th Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, San Francisco, September 22-23, 2012.

Discussant. Panel on “China, Trade, and International Organizations,” at the 25th Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Political Studies, San Francisco, September 22-23, 2012.

“The Political Dynamics of Privatization in China,” presented at the 70th Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2012.

Invited speaker. “The Repercussions of the Euro Crisis on China,” presentation at Florida International University, Nov. 30, 2011.

“Broken Iron Rice Bowls: Severing Ties between the Chinese State and Socialist Workers,” presented at an international conference “The People’s Republic of China at 60: Internal and External Challenges,” Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, Oct. 1-2, 2009.

“Broken Iron Rice Bowls: Severing Ties between the Chinese State and Socialist Workers,” presented at 2009 Annual Meeting of Association of Asian Studies, March 26-29, 2009.

“The Local Politics of Restructuring State-Owned Enterprises in China,” co-authored with Kellee Tsai, presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of Association of Chinese Political Studies, October 11-12, 2008.

“Insider Privatization: China’s SOE Restructuring,” presented at 2008 APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, August 28-31, 2008.

“A Political Compromise: The Restructuring of Small and Medium Public Enterprises in China,” presented at 2008 ACPS-HKIAPS International Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 14-15, 2008.

Discussant, Panel on “Political Economy in China in An Era of Globalization,” 2008 International Conference “Greater China in An Era of Globalization,” Chinese University of Hong Kong (July 14-15, 2008)

“Restructuring the Public Sector in China—The Case of Xiamen,” Graduate Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2006.

“The Local Politics of Restructuring State-Owned Enterprises in China,” co-authored with Kellee Tsai, conference on corporate restructuring in East Asia, Stanford University, June 2006.

“Cashing Out: Survival Crisis Faced by Shareholding Cooperatives in Shanghai,” the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, April 2006.

“The Development Challenges Faced by Shareholding Cooperatives,” the Second Annual Graduate Seminar on China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 2006.

“Hybrid Markets: Constructing Stock Markets in Socialist China,” the Fourth East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference at University of Hawaii, February 2005.

AWARDS & HONORS

Winner of 2023-24 FIU Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center Green Seed Program (with Qing Lai and Anthony Pereira), (\$3,000).

Winner of 2022-23 FIU Kimberly and Dorothea Green Fellowship for Senior Faculty (\$1,500).

Rosenberg Institute Scholar at Suffolk University Boston, September 2022-June 2024 (\$8,000).

Winner of FIU-CIBER Faculty Research Award 2021 (\$1,500), 2022 (\$3,000), 2023 (\$1,500), 2024 (\$1,000).

Jin Zeng (member of the core research group with Kay Shimizu and Qingyong Zhang), Pittsburgh-Renmin Joint Seed Fund 2019-2021.

Winner of Individual Research Award—FIU Provost Office Humanities Grant Program 2017 (withdrawn).

Winner of Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award 2013-2014, FIU.

Winner of Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award 2011-2012, FIU.

Winner of “Continuous Contribution Award”, the Association of Chinese Political Studies, 2012.

Winner of “Distinguished Service Award”, the Association of Chinese Political Studies, 2010.

Jin Zeng (sole PI). Follow-up field research on privatization in Shanghai and Wuhan. The Faculty Research Support Fellowship, Florida International University, Summer 2008.

Jin Zeng (sole PI). Field research on privatization in China. Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2006-2007.

Jin Zeng (sole PI). Field research on privatization in China. Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2005-2006.

Jin Zeng (sole PI). Field research on privatization in China. International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship, the Social Science Research Council, 2005-2006.

Financial assistance from Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to attend the Second Annual Graduate Seminar on China and conduct two-week research at CUHK (2005)

Travel grant from University of Hawaii to attend the 4th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference at University of Hawaii (2005)

Scholarship and assistantship from Johns Hopkins University (2001-2005)

Summer Travel Grant from the Institute for Global Studies at Johns Hopkins University to conduct research on the development of stock markets in China (2002)

Scholarship and assistantship from University of Mississippi (1999-2001)

Awarded the second prize in “Han Suyin National Translation Competition” in China (1996)

Scholarship from Fuzhou University, China (1992-1996)

COURSES TAUGHT

International Political Economy, International Relations of East Asia, Political Economy of China, Comparative Studies of Privatization, Chinese Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (graduate seminar), Political Economy of IR (graduate seminar).

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Supervisor for Doctoral Students:

Phillip Guerreiro (graduated in Spring 2023, Dissertation: *The Dammed Mekong: China's Motivations for Hydropower Development in the Lower Mekong Basin and Downstream States Reactions*, co-major professor with Shlomi Dinar)

Yuanhao Tian (graduated in Summer 2025, Dissertation: *Chinese Investment in Latin America amid the Rising Tensions between China and the U.S.*)

Committee Member for Doctoral Students: Nasir Muhammad, Kanayo Nomeh, Sarwar Minar, Kwame Nimoh, Vera N. Beloshitzkaya, Melissa Boissiere, Lukas Danner, Yuanyuan Fang, Zenel Garcia, Tamanisha John, Ahmad Mirthareri, Paul Rittenhouse, Michael Wartenbe, Shelley Wick, Rosa Maria Ortiz-Origgi, David Dayton (GSS), Rob Piper, Ali Oskrouchi, Camilo Gonzalez.

Supervisor for Master Students: Laura Wicks, Joshua Weinstein, Phillip Guerreiro (Asian Studies), Franklin Hernandez (Asian Studies), Ivan Jimenez (Asian Studies).

Committee Member for Master Students: Felipe Miguel, Greg Bryant (Asian Studies), Marek Kong (Creative Writing).

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Ad hoc member of the TPP for the Third Year Review (Spring 2025)

INR Graduate Studies Committee (2015-16, 2017-2022)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Fall 2021-2022, Fall 2023)

PIR Search Committee for American Politics (Assistant Professor, Tenure-track position) (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)

Graduate Director for International Relations Program (Fall 2018, Fall 2019-Summer 2021)

Department Personnel, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (2017-2018)

Assessment Coordinator (2013-2015)

By-Laws Committee (2012-13)

Senior IR Theory Search Committee (Spring 2012)

POS Graduate Studies-Graduate Admissions Committee (2009-10, 2011-12)

Faculty Advisor of Sigma Iota Rho-FIU chapter (honor society) (2011-12)

PIR Library Liaison (2008-10)

PIR Political Theory Search Committee (2009)

INR Undergraduate Assessment Committee (2008-09)

INR Club/Association (2008-09)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Asian Studies (2025-now)

The Green School Curriculum Committee (2025-now)

Faculty mentor of a junior colleague of History at FIU (2022-2024)

FIU Green School Steering Committee (2020-2022)

FIU Faculty Senator (2017-19)

FIU Faculty Senator Budget Committee (2017-2019)

FIU Academic Policies and Personnel Committee (2018-2019)

FIU Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (2017-2019)

FIU Arts & Science College Steering Committee (2015-2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Anonymous reviewer of a book manuscript for the MIT Press, and the following journals:

American Political Science Review, *Comparative Politics*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*, *China Review*, *AIB Insights*, and the open access academic journal *Class, Race and Corporate Power*.

Anonymous reviewer of the Social Science Research Council—International Dissertation Research Fellowship applications (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Elected board member and Newsletter Editor of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (2008-2014).

Elected board member and Treasurer of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (2014-2018)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN CHINA

Fieldwork in Uruguay and Argentina for a project on China's digital expansion in Latin America.
June 2025

Fieldwork in Chile, Brazil, and Costa Rica for a project on Chinese investment in Latin America.
2022-2024

Fieldwork in Fujian, Guangdong, and Shandong provinces for a research project on recent rural land reform in China.
2014-2018

Preliminary fieldwork in two Chinese cities (Nanjing and Guangzhou) for a research project on local officials' efforts to recruit overseas talents.
2014

Follow-up interviews in two Chinese cities (Wuhan and Shanghai) on the privatization of small and medium public enterprises in China, with the Faculty Research Support Fellowship from Florida International University. 2008

Fieldwork in six Chinese cities (Beijing, Shenyang, Shanghai, Wuhan, Chongqing, Xiamen) for a research project on the privatization of small and medium public enterprises in China, with financial support from the Social Science Research Council and the Institute for Humane Studies. 2005- 2006

Fieldwork in two Chinese cities (Shenzhen and Shanghai) for a project on the development of stock markets in China, with a summer travel grant from the Institute for Global Studies at Johns Hopkins University. 2002

SKILLS

Language skills – native speaker of Chinese, fluent in both spoken and written English.