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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

New York University (NYU)
PhD in Politics

New York, NY, United States
September 2014 – May 2019 (expected)

New York University
MA in Politics

New York, NY, United States
September 2012 – May 2014

University of International Business and Economics (UIBE)
BA in Politics

Beijing, China
September 2008 – June 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Formal Models, Theoretical Political Economy, Chinese Political Economy

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Politics and information in economic reforms”

Abstract: Why do economic reforms follow different patterns? Why are some reforms abandoned, some recklessly assume the form of a “big bang,” while some proceed through careful experimentation? A formal model addresses these questions by analyzing political incentives of competing politicians and the effect of these incentives on the information they seek. Three main results are derived. First, economic reforms can entail smaller or larger political stakes and different degrees of politicization can lead to reform gridlock, or result in imprudent big-bang implementation, or encourage careful implementation through experimentation. Second, if reform policies are tested through experiments, the level of politicization affects the information these experiments produce. Third, contingent on their factional alignments and the status quo of economy, politicians have incentives to increase or reduce political stakes as a tactic to advance their interests. Politics matters in the process of economic reforms and it matters through shaping politicians’ incentives to seek information about the efficacy of reform policies.

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Why are the fastest growing countries autocracies,”
Journal of Politics, Forthcoming, 2018, with Adam Przeworski
2. “Strategies of election rigging: tradeoffs, determinants, and consequences,”
Quarterly Journal of Political Science, 13(1), 1-28, 2018, with Arturas Rozenas
3. “The election monitor’s curse,”
American Journal of Political Science, 62(1), 148-160, 2018, with Arturas Rozenas

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Subversion by stealth: dynamics of democratic backsliding,” 2018, with Adam Przeworski
2. “Leadership styles and survival strategies of Chinese Communist Party elites,” 2018, with Junyan Jiang
3. “Discriminatory persuasion,” 2018
4. “Authoritative leadership,” 2017
5. “Ruling the ruling coalition,” 2017, with Arturas Rozenas
6. “One-party state,” 2017, with Adam Przeworski

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Governing like China,” 2018, with Junyan Jiang
2. “Economic reform and political struggle,” 2018, with Shuo Chen and Tianyang Xi

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Conference	2018, 2016, 2015
China Center for Economic Research (CCER), Summer Institute	2018, 2017
Yale Conference on “Democratic Backsliding and Electoral Authoritarianism,”	2018
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference,	2018
International Conference on Comparative Political Selection	2017
NYU Graduate Students Seminar of Political Economy	2015

TEACHING

Game Theory, Teaching Assistant (TA) for Steven Brams	Fall 2017
Political Economy: Models, TA for Adam Przeworski	Fall 2017, 2016, 2015
Comparative Politics: Regimes, TA for Adam Przeworski	Fall 2016, 2015

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (RA) for Adam Przeworski	Spring 2017, 2018
Reviewer for Journal of Politics	
Co-organizer of Quantitative China Studies Seminar (QCSS)	

GRANTS AND AWARDS

McCracken Fellowship, NYU	2014 – 2019
National Scholarship (国家奖学金), UIBE	2010

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, Maple, Matlab, LaTeX

REFERENCES

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