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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University

Ph.D. in Political Science

Texas, U.S.A

08/2021-Present

- Dissertation: Three Essays on Firm-level Sanctions: Strategies, Impacts and Determinants
- Dissertation Committee: Quan Li (Chair), Hyeran Jo, Matt Malis, Ren Mu (Outside Member)
- Fields: International relations, American Politics, Methods

Nanyang Technological University

M.S. in International Political Economy

Singapore

07/2018-07/2019

Tongji University

LLM in Political Science and Public Administration

Shanghai, China

09/2014-06/2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, Economic Sanctions, Global Supply Chains, Graph/Network Analytics, Gender in International Politics

WORKING PAPERS

Kexin Bai. “Global Supply Chain and Geopolitics: Literature Review and Research Opportunities” (Under review)

Kexin Bai and Quan Li. “Geopolitical Shock, Firm Response, and Financial Performance of American Suppliers” (Under review)

Kexin Bai and Hyeran Jo. “Measuring Realignment: Case of 11 Southeast Asian Countries” (Under review)

Chamseul Yu and Kexin Bai. “Capital Control Adoption: The Role of Market Size in Peer-Driven Policies” (Under review)

Murat Abus, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. “Media, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration” (*R&R at Electoral Studies*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Pressure Breeds Innovation: How Firms Adapt to Export Control Sanctions”

“Selective Targeting in Secondary Sanctions”

“Geopolitical Shock, Firm Strategy, and Firm Performance: Sanctions and Huawei’s Supply Chain” (A book project, with Quan Li)

“Understanding the Evolution of the U.S. Export Control through Uncovering Covert Networks” (Multiple paper projects, with Howie Huang, Yunsen Lei, and Quan Li)

“Female Politicians’ Signaling Effects and Foreign Investment Attraction” (with Zhaoqing Li)

“Activating Stereotypes: How Does the Spokesperson’s Gender Affect Perceived Possibility of Military Conflicts” (with Zhaoqing Li)

TEACHING

Introduction to World Politics (Undergraduate)

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Quan Li (Spring 2024)

International Cooperation (Undergraduate)

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hyeran Jo (Fall 2023)

Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate)

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. James Rogers (Spring 2023)

Polimetrics (Advanced Political Science Methods) (Undergraduate)

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Quan Li (Fall 2022)

Foundations of Political Science (Undergraduate)

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. José Cheibub(Spring 2022) and Prof. Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Fall 2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University

Texas, U.S.A

- Research Assistant for Prof. Quan Li (06/2023-present)
- Research Assistant for Prof. Hyeran Jo (08/2024-present)
- Research Assistant for Prof. Johanna Dunaway (Summer 2023)

Small State Statecraft and Realignment (Carnegie grant)

Texas, U.S.A

- PI: Dr. Hyeran Jo
- Grant number: G-PS-24-62004, announcement date: 09/12/2024, amount: \$400,500, 24-month duration.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

- The Workshop on Global Value Chains in a Geopolitically Fragmented World: Trade, Security, and Resilience. The Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 2025
- Workshop on the Geopoliticization of Trade Policy. University of Salzburg, Austria, May 2025 (Non-presenting coauthor)
- Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop. online, April 2025
- The Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association(MPSA). April 2024, April 2025
- The Annual Meeting of International Studies Association(ISA). April 2024, March 2025
- Trade War Lab Speaker Series. University of Kansas, February 26, 2025
- The Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association(APSA). Philadelphia, PA, September 2024
- Local News Researchers Workshop. Duke University & University of North Carolina, Durham, NC. March 2024
- The Second Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, March 2024
- The Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association(PSA). January 2024.

SERVICES

- Graduate Student Mentor, Texas A&M University, 2022-2025
- Senator of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, Texas A&M University, 2024-2025
- Media Team of the Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop, 2024-2025
- Chair and Discussant for the Panel 'Global Value Chains and Supply Chains: Firms, the State and Security', ISA 2025
- Discussant for the Undergraduate Poster Session 'Foreign Policy Processes', MPSA 2025.
- Conference Support Staff for Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, January 2023.
- Conference Support Staff for ISA 2025 Conference, March 2025.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$800), Texas A&M University, 05/2025
- Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1000), Texas A&M University, 09/2024
- Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1000), Texas A&M University, 04/2024
- Lechner Graduate Grant (\$1050), Texas A&M University, 06/2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (proficient), Japanese (good)

Computing: R, Python, STATA, Git, L^AT_EX, SPSS

REFERENCES

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