

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

### Texas A&M University

*Ph.D. in Political Science*

Texas, U.S.A

06/2027 (*Expected*)

- 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

*Master of Science in International Political Economy*

Singapore

07/2018-07/2019

### Tongji University

*Bachelor of Law in Political Science and Public Administration*

Shanghai, China

09/2014-06/2018

## Research Interests

**International Relations:** International Political Economy; Economic Statecraft and Security; Export Controls; Global Supply Chains; Trade and Investment Politics; Technological Innovation and Competition

**Methods:** Causal Inference; Panel Data Methods; Graph/Network Analysis; Computational Text Analysis, LLMs; Survey Experiments

## Publications

1. Murat Abus, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. 2025. “[Local News, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration.](#)” *Electoral Studies* 97: 102970.

## Working Papers

1. Kexin Bai. “Restriction Expectations and Firm Innovation under U.S. Export Controls” (Job Market Paper) (Draft available upon request)
2. Kexin Bai and Quan Li. “Navigating Targeted Sanctions: A Real Options Theory of American Firm Responses and Financial Performance” (Under review)
3. Yunsen Lei, Kexin Bai, Quan Li, and H. Howie Huang. “Temporal Graph Theoretic Analysis of Geopolitical Dynamics in the U.S. Entity List.” (Under review)
4. Kexin Bai and Hyeran Jo. “Measuring Realignment: The Case of Ten Southeast Asian Countries” (Under review)

5. Chamseul Yu, Kexin Bai, and Hyeran Jo. “Alignment and Realignment in International Relations” (Under review)
6. Kexin Bai, Quan Li, Yunsen Lei, and H.Howie Huang. “Strategic Targeting and Chinese Firms’ Supply Network under U.S. Export Control” (Draft available upon request)
7. Kexin Bai and Zhaoqing Li. “Premium or Penalty? Female Leadership and FDI Attraction in the United States”(Draft available upon request)

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

**“Restriction Expectations and Firm Innovation under U.S. Export Controls”** (Kexin Bai)

- Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia (FEREA), New York University, New York, NY, January 14–15, 2027 (Scheduled)
- International Political Economy Society (IPES) Annual Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 23–24, 2026 (Scheduled)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 3–6, 2026 (Scheduled)
- Texas IR Triangle, University of Texas Austin, Texas, January 23–24, 2026.
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Poster), Vancouver, Canada, September 11–14, 2025
- Trade and Industrial Policy Graduate Papers Workshop, University of California, San Diego, June 5–6, 2025
- Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop, Online, April 28, 2025
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 23–26, 2025

**“Strategic Targeting and Chinese Firms’ Supply Network under U.S. Export Control”** (Kexin Bai, Quan Li, Yunsen Lei, and H. Howie Huang)

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 3–6, 2026

**“Navigating Targeted Sanctions: A Real Options Theory of American Firm Responses and Financial Performance”** (Kexin Bai and Quan Li)

- Global Research in International Political Economy (GRIPE) Seminar, August 19, 2026 (Non-presenting coauthor)
- International Political Economy Society (IPES) Annual Meeting, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), October 17–18, 2025
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, September 11–14, 2025
- Workshop on Global Value Chains in a Geopolitically Fragmented World: Trade, Security, and Resilience, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, May 16, 2025

- The Geopoliticization of Trade Policy, University of Salzburg, Austria, May 15-16, 2025 (Non-presenting coauthor)
- Research Presentation to Texas A&M President Mark Welsh, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, April 30, 2025
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2–5, 2025
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 5–8, 2024
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6, 2024

**“Identifying and Analyzing Intermediate and Final Target Countries in U.S. Export Controls via Entity List: The Cases of China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea”** (Kexin Bai, Quan Li, Yunsen Lei, and H. Howie Huang)

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, September 11–14, 2025

**“Does Female Representation Increase Foreign Direct Investment? Evidence from the United States”** (Kexin Bai and Zhaoqing Li)

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 23–26, 2025

**“Media, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration”** (Murat Abus, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway)

- Second Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 29–March 2, 2024
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 10–13, 2024

## Teaching Experience

U: Undergraduate, G: Graduate

### Instructor of Record

POLS 412 International Political Economy (U) (Fall 2026)

### Teaching Assistant

POLS 231 Introduction to World Politics (U) (Quan Li, Spring 2024)

POLS 333 International Cooperation (U) (Hyeran Jo, Fall 2023)

POLS 308 Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science (U) (James Rogers, Spring 2023)

- Taught four lecture sessions

POLS 309 Polimetrics (Advanced Method, U) (Quan Li, Fall 2022)

- Led weekly lab sessions on statistical computing in R

POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (U)

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

## Research Experience

### 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.
- Role: Team member; contributed to alignment index construction and research publications.

## Service

### Peer Review

- Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*

### Conference and Disciplinary Service

- Co-organizer, APSA 2026 pre-conference full-day workshop, “The Disrupted World: Politics and Economics in Transition”
- Organizer, APSA 2026 panel “Geopolitics of Economic Restrictions”
- Co-organizer, Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop, 2025–2026
- Co-organizer, Linked Panels “Firms and Supply Chain Politics I and II,” APSA 2025
- Discussant, APSA 2026 panel “State–Firm Relations in International Politics”
- Discussant, Undergraduate Poster Session “Foreign Policy Processes,” MPSA 2025
- Student Worker, ISA 2025 Conference, March 2025
- Media Team, Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop, 2024–2025
- Student Worker, Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, January 2023

### Departmental and University Service

- Senator, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Texas A&M University, 2024–2025

### Mentoring

- Aggie Research Program Mentor, mentoring eight undergraduate students, Texas A&M University, 06–12/2024
- Graduate Student Mentor, Texas A&M University, 2022–2025

## Awards, Fellowships, Grants

Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1,000), Texas A&M University, 10/2025

Workshop Presentation Honorarium (\$200), Institute for Humane Studies, 06/2025

Travel Grant (\$1,325), Institute for Humane Studies, 06/2025

Travel Grant (\$1,000), The Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 05/2025

Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$800), Texas A&M University, 05/2025  
Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1,000), Texas A&M University, 09/2024  
Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1,000), Texas A&M University, 04/2024  
Lechner Graduate Grant (\$1,050), Texas A&M University, 06/2021

## Technical Skills

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

**Computing:** R, Python, STATA, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SPSS

## References

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