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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Economy of Development, Comparative Politics, International Development
- Community Governance and Rural Development in China and Other Asian Developing Countries
- Collaborative/Interactive Governance, Digital Self-governance

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, *PA, USA* *Aug.2018-Apr.2023*

- PhD Candidate at Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
- Fields: Public Administration and International Development
- Courses: Research Design for Quantitative and Mixed Methods Research, Econ Quantitative Empirical Methods, Qualitative Research Design & Methods, Microeconomics, Development Economics, Political Economy of Development, Comparative Political Behavior, Political Research and Analysis, Public Policy Analysis, Data Analysis and Visualization in Stata and R

Harvard SEED Fellow, *MA, USA* *Aug.2018-Present*

- Fellow of Social Innovation and Governance

Yenching Academy, Peking University, *Beijing, China* *Sep.2015-Jul.2018*

- Master's degree in Economics and Management. Yenching Academy is a Rhodes Scholar type International Master Program in an English teaching environment. The emphasis of the program is on interdisciplinary China Studies, which involves perspectives from Politics and International Relations, Economics and Management, Society and Laws, History and Culture.
- Overall GPA: 91.38/100 (WES standard: 4.00/4.00)
- Courses: Contemporary Chinese Society, Chinese Rural Studies, Theory and Methods of Governance and Politics in China, Contemporary Chinese Public Policy and Reforms

School of Politics and Public Administration, School of Foreign Language and Literature, Shandong University, *Jinan, China* *Sep.2010-Jul.2015*

- Dual Bachelor's degrees in English and International Politics
- Overall GPA: 91.71/100 (WES standard: 4.00/4.00); Major GPA in Political Science: 95/100
- Courses: Comparative Politics, Principles of Political Science, Asia-Pacific Political Studies, International Political Economy, Theories of International Relations, American Politics, European Politics, Advanced English, Advanced Translation and Interpretation

SKILLS& LANGUAGES

- Stata, R, LaTeX, Python (basic)
- Chinese (Native), English (TEM8, TEM4, TOEFL: 105/120), Japanese (Conversational)
- Certificate of ZHC (Mandarin Chinese Test) and Certificate of General Management

PUBLICATIONS

Peng, Y., **Han, X.,** & Gu, X. (2019). Interactive Governance in China's Targeted Poverty Alleviation, *Hebei Academic Journal* (Chinese Journal), 39(3), 166-177.

WORKING PAPERS&WORK IN PROGRESS

- Social Cohesion in Development Campaigns: How State Engages with Society in Chinese Villages?

Accepted for APSA Conference *Sep.2021*

- Responding to COVID-19 on the Cloud: State Mobilization and Digital Self-governance during and beyond A Public Health Emergency in China

Presented at the conference "The Great Mediation: Perspectives on Politics and New Media" at University of Chicago *May.2021*

- Mobilizing for Trust: The Lasting Impacts of Sent-Down Youths (1968-1977) on Chinese Rural Society (with Ying Liu)

Presented at MPSA Conference *Apr.2021*

- Elites' Networks and Selective Policy Implementation: The Development-oriented Poverty Alleviation in Rural China (2005-2015) (with Qing Chang)

Presented at MPSA Conference *Apr.2021*

- Making Donations Work in Crisis Management: A Transition towards Collaborative Governance of Philanthropy in Wuhan's COVID-19 Response (with Edward Gu and Zhenyu Wang), under review.
- Does China's Targeted Poverty Alleviation Lead to Targeted Enforcement of Land Use Rights?

Presented at PITT-RUC Conference on Governance and Land Property Institutions *Nov.2019*

- Social Capital and Targeted Poverty Alleviation in Rural China: Experience from County-level Collaborative Governance

Presented at 2019 Annual Conference of Chinese Sociological Association *Jul.2019*

- Collaborative Governance Mechanisms in China's Poverty Alleviation

M.A. Thesis at Yenching Academy, Peking University *Jul.2018*

- Collaborative Governance in Hollowed Rural Society: A Case Study of Chinese Anti-Poverty Practice at the Village Level

Won the Dean's Research Grant at Yenching Academy, Peking University *Dec.2016*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Federalism and Governance Reform in Nepal *Sep.2020-Present*
Graduate Student Researcher

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of federalism's current and future utility in Nepal
- Reviewed efforts of CIPE and other major stakeholders in Nepal's governance reform
- Worked with Prof. Jennifer Murtazashvili

Cultural Forces in the Belt and Road Initiative, *Beijing* *Jul.2017-Oct.2017*
Research Assistant

- Responsible for collecting and translating policy documents on the new round of West China Development Strategy
- Worked with Prof. Fei Yan from Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University

History Textbooks and Political Identity in Greater China Societies, *Beijing* *Apr.2017-Sep.2017*
Research Assistant

- Responsible for data collection and literature review on Chinese high school education
- Worked with Prof. Fei Yan at Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University

Hongyan Research Program at Peking University, *Tianjin* *Jul.2016-Aug.2016*
Researcher

- Responsible for interviews, data collection and literature review of grassroots governance at Baodi District, Tianjin Municipality
- Worked as a lead writer of the report "Improve Grassroots Governance Mechanism: A study on Democratic Supervision of Village Affairs at Baodi District," which was submitted to Tianjin Municipal Government

Targeted Poverty Alleviation and New Rural Construction, *Anhui* *Jun.2016-Jul.2016*
Research Assistant

- Responsible for interviews, literature review and idea contribution
- Worked with Professor Huilin Lu and his research team at Department of Sociology, Peking University to write a report on new village construction at Dianji Village, Fengtai County, Anhui Province

The PIM (Philanthropy in Motion) Social Impact Program, *Beijing* *Apr.2016-Jun.2016*
Principal Investigator

- Responsible for organizing the team for evaluating social impact and capacity-building of IPE (Institute of Public& Environmental Affairs), the most famous ENGO in mainland China
- Evaluated NGOs' qualifications to get investment from foundations; made assessments of emerging social organizations and their programs by using the RAISE framework (RAISE stands for Relevance, Accountability, Impact, Sustainability and Execution) and drawing ecosystem maps

Chinese Developmental State: The Last of a Dying Breed, *Beijing* *Dec.2015-May.2016*
Principal Investigator (*Won the Dean's Research Grant at Yenching Academy, PKU*)

- Responsible for interviewing and organizing the research for tracking development and functioning of the Chinese "developmental state" on two key industries, namely, railway and aerospace industries, and two corresponding prominent SOEs in those industries, *i.e.* CRCC and COMAC.

CONFERENCES & ACTIVITIES

2020 and 2019 ICPSR Quantitative Training Program at University of Michigan, *Ann Arbor, MI*

- Got trained in R Statistical Computing, Social Network Analysis (SNA), Statistics & Data Analysis, Causal Inference for the Social Sciences, and Modern DiD Designs *Jul.2019-2020*

2020 IQMR Mixed Methods Research Workshop at Syracuse University, *Syracuse, NY*

- Presented research proposal and received training in research design, methods of structured and focused comparisons of cases and field research techniques *Aug.2020*

PITT-RUC Conference on Governance and Land Property Institutions, *Pittsburgh, PA*

- Presented paper "Does China's Targeted Poverty Alleviation Lead to Targeted Land Expropriation?" *Nov.15-20,2019*

2019 Annual Conference of Chinese Sociological Association, *Kunming*

- Presented Paper "Social Capital and Targeted Poverty Alleviation in Rural China: Experience from County-level Collaborative Governance" *Jul.12-16,2019*

Yenching Global Symposium at Peking University, *Beijing* *Mar.24-26,2016*

Delegate

- Presented a report on "Cooperative Governance in China's Hollowed Villages" for a conference of 150 delegates from 41 countries

Countries and Concepts: Politics, Geography, Culture (Michael G. Roskin) *Mar.2016*

- Participated in the translation project of this book from English into Chinese (esp. Chapter 26)

TEDxKIDS Conference, *Beijing* *Apr.10,2016*

Guest Speaker

- Gave a speech on the topic "A Different Way of Growing up in China" about my personal story of growing up in a rural community to more than 100 kids and their parents

Yale Center's Community Service for Migrant Workers' Children, *Beijing* *May.2016*

- Taught migrant workers' children English and History; painted and decorated elementary school classrooms in the outskirts of Beijing

Asian Future Political Leaders' Summit, *Taipei* *Aug.7-14,2016*

Delegate and team leader

- Facilitated trilateral discussions on media freedom and human rights in Asia with delegates from Japan, Korea and China and made presentations from China's perspective

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh (CGMPitt), *Pittsburgh, PA*

- Worked as Graduate Student Researcher in joint research projects to evaluate the development of decentralization, federalism, intergovernmental relations and local governance in Asian developing countries like Nepal *May.2020-Present*

Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, *Pittsburgh, PA*

- Worked as research assistant and Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) *Aug.2018-Present*

D&C Think, *Beijing* *July.2017-Sept.2017*

Research Associate, Academic Division

- Collected government reports and announcements on biological medicine industry and Sino-US economic and trade relations; took minutes and wrote analytical reports
- Independently composed a report analyzing the Sino-US relations on "100-day Trade Plan"

Serve For China (NGO for poverty alleviation), *Beijing* *Aug.2016-Jul.2017*

Poverty Reduction Specialist

- Was selected as one of SFC fellows from over 200 applicants for a one-year service program, to live with and serve people in poor Chinese villages
- Mobilized and organized local peasants to rise out of poverty by promoting online sales of agricultural products and implementing pigs breeding project through setting up farmers' professional cooperatives at poor villages and counties in Shandong Province

Shandong Media Group, *Jinan* *Dec.2014-Aug.2015*

Intern Journalist, Social News Team

- Independently collected evidence, conducted interviews, wrote 13 news reports, and directed a documentary on child trafficking in China
- Reported on: child trafficking and NGOs' role in China, cyber security and privacy protection in the age of Weibo (a micro-blog platform) and WeChat, urban renewal projects and social response

GRANTS & HONORS

- Rawski Student-Faculty Fellowship at Asian Study Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2020
- Professional Development Fund at University of Pittsburgh, 2019
- "Outstanding Graduate" in Beijing and at Peking University, 2018
- "Woman Leader for Poverty Alleviation" awarded by Xiajin County Government, 2017
- Dean's Research Grants at Yenching Academy, Peking University, 2016
- May Fourth Scholarship awarded by Peking University (Top 10%), 2016
- "Excellent League Member", "Honor Roll Student" of Peking University, 2016
- "Yiqiao Future Leader of Chinese Philanthropy" (Top 10 in China), 2016
- National Encouragement Scholarship awarded by Chinese Ministry of Education (Top 5%), 2013
- National Scholarship awarded by Chinese Ministry of Education (Top 5%), 2011