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## EMPLOYMENT

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Tsinghua University, School of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Associate Professor (untenured) of International Relations (December 2021 – Present)

Tang Scholar (January 2022 – December 2024)

Assistant Professor of International Relations (February 2020 – December 2021)

## EDUCATION

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Duke University, Durham, NC, United States

Ph.D., Political Science (December 2019)

*Fields: Security, Peace, and Conflict; Political Methodology*

Utah State University, Logan, UT, United States

M.S., Political Science (May 2015)

Nankai University, Tianjin, China

M.A., International Relations (June 2012)

B.A., International Politics (June 2010)

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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*Substantive:* Interstate Conflict; Civil War; Political Violence; Peacekeeping; Foreign Policy Analysis

*Methodological:* Applied Statistics; Spatial Analysis; Network Analysis; Predictive Modeling

## RESEARCH

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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

Chong Chen, “The Contagion of Foreign Policy Change: Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Chinese Leadership Visits, 1978-2014” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol.16, No. 2, 2023, DOI: 10.1093/cjip/poad003.

Chong Chen, Jordan Roberts, Shikshya Adhikari, Victor Asal, Kyle Beardsley, Edward Gonzalez, Nakissa Jahanbani, Patrick James, Steven Lobell, Norrin M. Ripsman, Scott Silverstone, and Anne van Wijk, “Tipping Points: Challenges in Analyzing International Crisis Escalation,” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 2022, viac024, DOI: 10.1093/isr/viac024.

Laia Balcells, Chong Chen, and Costantino Pischedda, “Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 66, No. 1, 2022, sqab095, DOI: 10.1093/isq/sqab095.

Chong Chen and Kyle Beardsley, “Once and Future Peacemakers: Continuity of Third-Party Involvement in Civil War Peace Processes,” *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2021, pp. 285-311.

- Kaitlyn Webster, Priscilla Torres, **Chong Chen**, and Kyle Beardsley, “Ethnic and Gender Hierarchies in the Crucible of War,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 64, No. 3, 2020, pp. 710–722.
- Kaitlyn Webster, **Chong Chen**, and Kyle Beardsley, “Conflict, Peace, and the Evolution of Women’s Empowerment,” *International Organization*, Vol. 73, No. 2, 2019, pp. 255-289 [Lead article].
- Chong Chen**, “Territorial Dispute Initiation by Weaker States,” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 11, No. 3, 2018, pp. 339-372.

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN CHINESE (SELECTED)

- Xiaoyu Si and **Chong Chen**, “Compositions of UN Troop Contributing Countries and Civilian Protection: Micro-Level Evidence from Peacekeeping Missions in Africa,” *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), Forthcoming.
- Chong Chen** and Jingtian Hu, “Spatial Dependence and Armed Conflict Prediction,” *Quarterly Journal of International Politics* (国际政治科学), No. 2, 2022, pp. 86-123.
- Zhusong Yang, **Chong Chen**, and Jingxi Yang, “The Conditional Impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on National Governance,” *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 3, 2022, pp. 4-29 [Lead article].
- Chong Chen**, “Explaining the Formation of Global Diplomatic Networks: New Evidence from Network Analysis of Large-scale Event Data,” *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), Vol. 38, No. 4, 2021, pp. 120-154.
- Chong Chen**, “Armed Conflict and Women’s Empowerment: Evidence from Two Natural Experiments,” *Journal of International Security Studies* (国际安全研究), Vol. 39, No. 4, 2021, pp. 103-127.
- Yao Wen, Mengying Xie, and **Chong Chen**, “Explaining the Wave of Foreign Participation in Chinese Belt and Road Initiative: Evidence from Spatial Analyses,” *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 2, 2021, pp. 134-154.
- Xun Pang and **Chong Chen**, “The Hirschman Effect of International Finance: How China’s Currency Swap Agreements Affect Foreign Policy Convergence,” *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 6, 2020, pp. 132-155.
- Chong Chen** and Xun Pang, “Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Terrorist Attacks in Africa: A Big Data Approach with GIS and Split-Population Duration Models,” *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), Vol. 37, No. 2, 2020, pp. 121-154.
- Chong Chen**, “Rethinking Opportunity, Greed, Grievance and Internal Conflict: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of African Political Violence,” *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 8, 2018, pp. 94-127.

#### OP-EDS

- Priscilla Torres, Katie Webster, **Chong Chen**, and Kyle Beardsley, “Might COVID-19 Upend Social Hierarchies?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, September 30, 2020.

#### UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

- “The Grass is Always Greener on the Other Side: Transnational Ethnic Inequality and Ethno-nationalist Conflict,” with Kyle Beardsley and Nils B. Weidmann (R&R at *Journal of Peace Research*)
- “Diplomatic Statements and the Strategic Use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” with Gabriella Levy, Rebecca Dudley, and David A. Siegel (R&R at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

#### WORKING PAPERS

- “The Diffusion of Territorial Dispute Claims,” with So Jin Lee and David A. Siegel
- “Interstate Hostility, Transborder Ethnic Kin, and the Onset of Civil War”
- “In the Shadow of Rebellion: The Intrastate Diffusion of Ethnic Inclusion”

“Ethnic Diversity, Local Competition, and Separatist Conflicts”

“Predicting International Crises and Near-Crises: Conditional v.s. Unconditional Expectations,” with Jordan Roberts and Kyle Beardsley

“Mediating Post-Civil War Peace: Third Parties in the Design and Implementation of Civil War Peace Settlements,” with Colin Flint

## SOFTWARE IN DEVELOPMENT

Chong Chen, “**postregplots**: An R Package for Visualizing Simulation-based Marginal Effects from Generalized Linear Models” (development version available from [GitHub](#))

## PRESENTATIONS

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### ANNUAL CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference: 2017, 2019, 2020

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

Peace Science Society (International) Annual Conference: 2016, 2018

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference: 2014, 2015, 2021

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference: 2015, 2018

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) Annual Conference: 2017

ISA–West Annual Conference: 2014

Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (CCPSIS): 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

National Forum for Computational Social Science Annual Conference: 2020, 2021

### INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Nanjing University, Centre for Asia-Pacific Development Studies, April 22, 2023

Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations, March 31, 2023

University of International Business and Economics, School of International Relations, March 25, 2023

Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations, March 16, 2023

Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations, December 11, 2022

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics, October 29, 2022

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of International and Public Affairs, September 17, 2022

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics, July 25, 2022

Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations, July 17, 2022

Xi'an Jiaotong University, Center for Asia-Europe Studies, July 2, 2022

Fudan University, School of International Relations & Public Affairs, June 25, 2022

Nanjing University, Centre for Asia-Pacific Development Studies, June 24, 2022

Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations, May 22, 2022

Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations, May 21, 2022

Shanghai Institute for International Studies, May 12, 2022  
Peking University, School of International Studies, April 23, 2022  
Peking University, Center for Social Research, April 20, 2022  
Beijing Foreign Studies University, School of International Relations and Diplomacy, November 20, 2021  
University of International Business and Economics, School of International Relations, November 20, 2021  
Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations, November 3, 2021  
Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai Academy of Global Governance & Area Studies, October 16, 2021  
Renmin University of China, School of International Studies, October 10, 2021  
Nankai University, Department of International Relations, July 10-11, 2021  
Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai Academy of Global Governance & Area Studies, May 20, 2021  
Beijing Foreign Studies University, School of International Organizations, May 13, 2021  
Renmin University of China, Center for Data Science, April 22, 2021  
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics, April 9, 2021  
Renmin University of China, School of International Studies, March 20, 2021  
Shanghai Institute for International Studies, March 4, 2021  
Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai Academy of Global Governance & Area Studies, December 5, 2020  
Xi'an Jiaotong University, Department of Social Sciences Research, November 26, 2020  
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics, November 21, 2020  
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of International Relations, November 6, 2020  
Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, November 5, 2020  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of International and Public Affairs, November 4, 2020  
Tsinghua University, Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, May 28, 2020  
Tsinghua University, Department of International Relations, December 20, 2018  
Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations, December 7, 2018  
University of Pennsylvania, China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop, November 3, 2018  
Nankai University, Department of International Relations, December 23, 2017

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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### GRANTS

Young Scholars Grant, National Social Science Fund of China, ¥ 200,000 RMB (2021–2023)  
Initiative Scientific Research Program, Tsinghua University, ¥ 160,000 RMB (2022–2023)  
Start-Up Research Fund, Tsinghua University, ¥ 300,000 RMB (2020–2023)  
Travel Grant, ISA (2019)  
Jerry B. and Callie Stone Scholarship, Duke University (2018–2019)  
Conference Travel Grant, Duke University (2017–2019)  
RGS Graduate Student Travel Grant, Utah State University (2013–2015)

Graduate Research and Projects Grant, Utah State University (2015)

The Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA (2015)

Travel Grant, ISA–West (2014)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Tang Scholarship, Tsinghua University & Cyrus Tang Foundation (2022 – 2024)

Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad (2019)

Graduate Fellowship, Duke University (2015–2020)

Bradley Fellow, The Bradley Foundation (2016–2018)

Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University (2016–2019)

Summer Fellowship to Visit University of Konstanz, Department of Political Science, Duke University (2017)

Full Tuition Waiver Award & Graduate Assistantship, Utah State University (2013–2015)

Outstanding Graduating Student Award, Nankai University (2012)

Best B.A. Thesis Award, Nankai University (2010)

National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China (2007–2009)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### INSTRUCTOR

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Introduction to Quantitative Methods in International Relations, Tsinghua University (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Introduction to International Security, Tsinghua University (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

#### GRADUATE COURSES

Spatial Analysis for Social Sciences, Tsinghua University (Spring 2021, Fall 2022)

Civil Wars, Tsinghua University (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

#### SHORT COURSES

“Spatial Data Analysis,” Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, September 17, 2022

“Spatial Data Analysis,” School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, August 26, 2022

“Linear and Logistic Models with **R**,” Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University, July 1, 2022

“Spatial Data Visualization and Analysis with **R**,” Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, September 7, 2021

“Spatial Data Visualization and Analysis with **R**,” Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University, July 1, 2021

“Spatial Analysis with **R**,” Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, August 26, 2020

“Data Visualization with **R**,” Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University, August 9-11, 2020

“Machine Learning and Conflict Prediction,” Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University, July 7, 2018

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

PS233: Nuclear Weapons, Duke University (Spring 2019)

PS146: Politics and Economics, Duke University (Spring 2018)

PS329S: Politics in Violence, Duke University (Fall 2017)

POLS 3000: Research Methods in Political Science, Utah State University (Fall 2014–Spring 2015)

## RESEARCH SUPERVISION

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### PHD ADVISEES

Huiyi Lyu (2026 expected)

Xiaoyu Si (2025 expected)

### MA ADVISEES

Jia Han (2025 expected)

Yanjun Lu (2025 expected)

Mengyuan Hao (2024 expected)

Biligtsaikhan Uuganbayar (2023 expected)

Stefania Jiang (2022)

### UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEES

Jingtian Hu (2023 expected)

Tianyue Hu (2023 expected)

Qi Wang (2023 expected)

Xiaoxiao Li (2022)

Jingxi Yang (2022)

Yuanqian Chen (2022)

Jiapeng Zhao (2021)

Lydia Ren (2021)

## SERVICE

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### DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Executive Director, [International Relations Data and Computing Lab](#), Tsinghua University (2020 – 2022)

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2022)

PhD Students Qualifying Examination Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2021)

Faculty Committee, Graduate Conference in Social Sciences, Tsinghua University (2020)

Student Organizer, Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop Series, Duke University (2018–2019)

Graduate Student Member, Security, Peace, and Conflict Job Search Committee, Duke University (2017–2018)

## DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Associate Editor, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2022 – Present)

Editor, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2020 – 2022)

Co-Organizer, Annual Conference of the Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (2021 – Present)

Organizer & Host, Tsinghua Annual Workshop on Empirical International Relations (2020 – Present)

Organizer & Host, Tsinghua Annual Workshop of Innovations in International Relations Theories (2021 – Present)

Chair/Discussant: Annual Meeting of Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021); Annual New Faces Conference of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (2017)

Volunteer, The 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (2018)

Anonymous Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies*, *Journal of International Security Studies*, *Quarterly Journal of International Politics*, *Pacific Journal*, *World Economics and Politics*, *World Politics Studies*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society (International)

The Society for Political Methodology

## AFFILIATIONS & ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

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Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, Visiting Scholar (Summer 2018)

University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany, Visiting Scholar (Summer 2017)

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, MI (Summer 2014)

Semester At Sea, Spring 2012 Voyage (105 Days, 12 Countries, and 25,000 Nautical Miles around the World)

## LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Languages:** Chinese (native), English

**Computer:** R, STATA, SAS, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, Git/GitHub, Gephi, ArcGIS, QGIS, HTML

## REFERENCES

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