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EMPLOYMENT

Tsinghua University, School of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

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

Associate Chair, Department of International Relations (October 2023–Present)

Tang Scholar (January 2022 – December 2024)

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

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC, United States

Ph.D., Political Science (December 2019)

Fields: Security, Peace, and Conflict; Political Methodology

Committee: Kyle Beardsley (Chair); Peter Feaver; David A. Siegel; Xun Pang; Nils B. Weidmann

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

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

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

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

Gabriella Levy, Rebecca Dudley, Chong Chen, and David A. Siegel, “Diplomatic Statements and the Strategic Use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Online First, February 5, 2024, DOI: 10.1177/00220027241227907.

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, pp. 157 – 180, 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](https://doi.org/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), No. 6, 2023, pp. 54-82.
- 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.

EDITED BOOKS AND ONLINE READERS

- Feng Liu, Xuefeng Sun, and **Chong Chen** ed., *New Directions in the Study of China’s Foreign Policy: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023) [[e-reader](#)]

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 (Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research*)
- “The Diffusion of Territorial Dispute Claims,” with So Jin Lee and David A. Siegel (Revise & Resubmit at *Research and Politics*)
- “Mediating Post-Civil War Peace: Third Parties in the Design and Implementation of Civil War Peace Settlements,” with Huiyi Lyu and Colin Flint

WORKING PAPERS

- “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

SOFTWARE IN DEVELOPMENT

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

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

GRANTS

- National Special Support Plan for High-level Talents, ¥ 300,000 RMB (2023–2026)
- 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

Top Young Talent of the National Special Support Plan for High-level Talents (2023)
 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 Undergraduate Thesis Award, Nankai University (2010)
 National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China (2007–2009)

PRESENTATIONS

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference: 2017, 2019, 2020, 2023
 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024
 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
 Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC): 2023
 ISA–West Annual Conference: 2014
 Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (CCPSIS): 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 National Forum for Computational Social Science Annual Conference: 2020, 2021

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2023: Shandong University; Jinan University; Renmin University of China; Zhengzhou University; University of Macau; Xinjiang University; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of International and Public Affairs; Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations; Nanjing University, Centre for Asia-Pacific Development Studies; Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations; University of International Business and Economics, School of International Relations
2022: Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of International and Public Affairs; Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations; Xi'an Jiaotong University, Center for Asia-Europe Studies; Fudan University, School of International Relations & Public Affairs; Nanjing University,

Centre for Asia-Pacific Development Studies; Shanghai Institute for International Studies; Peking University, School of International Studies; Peking University, Center for Social Research

2021: Beijing Foreign Studies University, School of International Relations and Diplomacy; University of International Business and Economics, School of International Relations; Sun Yat-Sen University, School of International Relations; Shanghai International Studies University; Renmin University of China, School of International Studies; Nankai University, Department of International Relations; Beijing Foreign Studies University, School of International Organizations; Renmin University of China, Center for Data Science; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics; Shanghai Institute for International Studies

2020: Shanghai International Studies University; Xi'an Jiaotong University, Department of Social Sciences Research; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Economics and Politics; Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of International Relations; Shanghai University of Political Science and Law; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of International and Public Affairs; Tsinghua University, Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute

2019 and earlier: Tsinghua University, Department of International Relations; Lanzhou University, School of Politics and International Relations; University of Pennsylvania, China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop; Nankai University, Department of International Relations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR AT TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Introduction to Quantitative Methods in International Relations (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
Introduction to International Security (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

GRADUATE COURSES

Spatial Analysis for Social Sciences (Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)
Civil Wars (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)
Empirical Analysis of International Relations (Co-Instructor, Spring 2024)

SHORT COURSES

Spatial Data Visualization and Analysis with **R**
– Laboratory of Computational Social Science and State Governance, Tsinghua University
– Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, Tsinghua University
– Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University
– School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Linear and Logistic Models
– Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University

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

PHD ADVISEES

Ying Huang (2027 expected)

Huiyi Lyu (2026 expected)

Xiaoyu Si (2025 expected)

MA ADVISEES

Jingtian Hu (2025 expected)

Jia Han (2025 expected)

Yanjun Lu (2025 expected)

Mengyuan Hao (2024 expected)

Asnaya Zeynalli (2024 expected)

Biligtisaikhan Uuganbayar (2023)

Stefania Jiang (2022)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEES

Zhigao Dai (2024 expected)

Jingtian Hu (2023)

Tianyue Hu (2023)

Qi Wang (2023)

Xiaoxiao Li (2022)

Jingxi Yang (2022)

Yuanqian Chen (2022)

Jiapeng Zhao (2021)

Lydia Ren (2021)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Associate Chair, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2023–Present)

Faculty Advisor for Practice Education, Tsinghua University (2023–2026)

Faculty Advisor for Capstone Projects, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University (2021–Present)

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

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2023)

PhD Students Qualifying Examination Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2023)

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* (2020 – Present)

Youth Editorial Board, *Asian Review of Political Economy* (2023 – Present)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic and Decision Making* (2023 – Present)

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 – 2023)
 Chair/Discussant: Annual Meeting of Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (2018 – 2023); 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*, *Research and Politics*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Interactions*, *Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies*, *Journal of International Security Studies*, *Journal of Strategic and Decision Making*, *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

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 (Summer 2014)
 Semester At Sea, Spring 2012 Voyage (105 Days, 12 Countries, and 25,000 Nautical Miles around the World)

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (native), English
Computer: R, STATA, SAS, SPSS, L^AT_EX, Python, Git/GitHub, Gephi, ArcGIS, QGIS, HTML

REFERENCES

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