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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- St. Mary's University, San Antonio** 2025-Present
Assistant Professor
- Princeton University** 2024-25
Post-doctoral Fellow in the Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China
- Columbia University** 2023-24
Post-doctoral Fellow in China and the World Program

POLICY & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)** 2025-present
Non-Resident Fellow, Asia Program
- Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations** 2024-25
Non-Resident Project Fellow, Human Rights, Law and Democracy Section, University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** 2017-2023
Ph.D., Political Science. Major: International Relations, Minor: Political Methodology
Dissertation: "Revising Perceptions: China's Quests for Support from Domestic Social Media, the U.N. Human Rights Regime, and Overseas Public"
Committee: Xinyuan Dai (Chair), Scott Althaus, Matthew Winters, Stephen Chaudoin (Harvard)
- University of Ottawa** 2015-17
Master of Arts, Political Science (with thesis)
- University of Ottawa** 2011-14
Joint Honours Bachelor of Social Sciences, Economics and Political Science/CO-OP (*Summa Cum Laude*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Cooperation, International Norms, Chinese Global Governance, China-U.S. Foreign Relations, Political Communication and Public Opinion, Computational Social Science

PUBLICATIONS, PEER-REVIEWED

- Dai, Xinyuan and **Lu, Lucie**. "[Beyond Liberal Narratives: China and International Human Rights Order](#)." Volume 101, Issue 2. March 2025. *International Affairs*.
- Lu, Lucie** and [Williams, Miles](#). "[Attention Versus Handshakes: Pathways of Influence in China's Foreign Aid and Loans](#)." Volume 37, Issue 3. April 2025. *Journal of International Development*.
- Lu, Lucie** and [Webb Williams, Nora](#). "[Codes of Conduct at Political Science Conferences: Prevalence and Content](#)." Volume 57, Issue 4. 2024. *PS: Political Science & Politics*.
- Yang, Yujeong, **Lu, Lucie**, [Williams, Miles](#), and Jia, Xinle. "[Connect First, then Suppress: Chinese vs. Western Communication Development Projects and Internet Freedom?](#)" *Studies in Comparative International Development*. Online. 2025.

PUBLICATIONS, EDITOR-REVIEWED

Lu, Lucie. “Soft Propaganda.” 2025. In Nai, A., Grömping, M., Wirz, D. (Eds). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Lu, Lucie. “Who Still Advocates for Human Rights? China’s Contestation and Influence in the UN Human Rights Regime” 2025. Policy Paper published by *The Penn Project on the Future of China-US Relations*.

WORKING PAPERS

Lu, Lucie. “Be My Friendly Reviewers: How China Shapes its U.N. Human Rights Reviews.” [*R&R in International Studies Quarterly*]

- Current working paper version published in *UCSD-IGCC Working Paper Series*

Lu, Lucie. “We Hear You: Evidence from Chinese State-run Media’s Selective Engagement with International News” [*Under Review*]

Chen, Nuole and **Lu, Lucie.** “Going Green: Impacts of China’s Domestic Green Policy Regulations Shift on its Overseas Renewable Energy Initiatives” [*Under Review*]

Lu, Lucie, He, Yuchen, Xie, Yu and Yongai, Jin. “Not about China, Yet about China: How Global Issue Frames Shape Perceptions of China”

Lu, Lucie, Jiachi Zhuang, and Hannes Gohli. “The Regulatory Paradox: How Chinese Capital Navigates the Global Energy Transition”

Lu, Lucie and Dai, Xinyuan. “The Power of the Purse: How China Struggles to Mute Human Rights Critics in the UN”

Lu, Lucie and Zhang, Tongtong “How Chinese Ambassadors Shape Public Diplomacy: Evidence from X/Twitter”

Lu, Lucie. “The Builder’s Dividend and the Owner’s Curse: How Green and Brown Energy Projects Shape Local Perceptions of Chinese Influence in Africa”

Lu, Lucie. “Talk the Talk and Walk the Walk: Evaluating Human Rights Norm Agenda Adherence in the UN”

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Kathleen L. Burkholder Prize for Best Dissertation 2025

Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

EITM Summer Institute Scholarship 2022

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Research Funding Award 2022, 2021

Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship 2021

Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

INSPIRE and SPARK Awards for Promising Graduate Students 2020

APSA Political Communication Section in lieu of preconference

Rita and Leonard Ogren Prizes for Academic Achievement 2019

Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor of record

2026 International Political Economy & National Security, Graduate Seminar, St. Mary’s University

2025 Human Rights & Research and Writing in IR, Graduate Seminar, St. Mary’s University

- 2024 China in the International Human Rights Regime, Seminar in SIPA, Columbia University
 2021 Introduction to Political Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching assistant

- 2021-22 Ph.D. level's methodological series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2021-22 Senior Honors Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2019 Introduction to Political Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2017 Introduction to International Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Thematic conferences and workshops

- 2025 University of Geneva (Workshop on Accountability Mechanism of UN Human Rights Council)
 2025 Harvard University (Political Economy of International Organization)
 2024 Free University Berlin (Script Workshop)
 2024 Tsinghua University (Workshop for Project on the Future of US-China Relations)
 2024 Korea University (Pacific International Politics Conference)
 2024 Stockholm University (Political Economy of International Organization)
 2024 UC San Diego (Young Scholars Conference 2024)
 2024 University of Pennsylvania (Penn Workshop for Project on the Future of US-China Relations)
 2024 Harvard University (China and the World Program 20th Annual Conference)
 2024 Columbia University (Invited Roundtable Speaker)
 2023 Peking University (Invited Talk)
 2023 Columbia University (Public Lecture as CWP Fellow)
 2023 German Institute of Development and Sustainability (Authors' Conference for Special Issue)
 2023 Columbia University (Interactions in International and Domestic Human Rights)
 2023 UIUC-Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) Series (Invited Exchange Presentation)
 2023 Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (the 100th session)
 2023 Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop
 2023 Junior IO Workshop
 2022 Chinese Politics Research in Progress (Online Invited Workshop Presentation)
 2022 Washington University in St. Louis (Invited Exchange Presentation)
 2022 UC Berkeley (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute)
 2022 University of Wisconsin-Madison (New Faces in Chinese Politics)
 2022 New York University (Quantitative China Studies Seminar, QCSS)
 2022 Duke University (A Workshop on Comparative Political Communication)
 2019 University of Minnesota (Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium)
 2018 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center.

General conferences

- 2025 Conference presentations at APSA, MPSA
 2024 Conference presentations at APSA, MPSA
 2023 Conference presentations at MPSA
 2022 Conference presentations at ISA-MidWest, MPSA, Asian PolMeth
 2020 Conference presentation at APSA
 2019 Conference presentation at ISA

SERVICE

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *The Review of International Organizations*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*

Panel chair and discussant roles in conferences: APSA (2025), China and the World Program 21st Annual Conference at the University of Oxford (2025), Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes

(2024), MPSA (2023-2025)

Online reading group organizer: Political Communication & Authoritarian Politics (2020-2022) at the University of Illinois

Mentoring and committee experiences: Mentor for McNair Program at St. Mary's University (2025-26); Master Thesis Reader for Human Rights Studies at Columbia University (2024); PSGSA Math Camp & Committee Chair (2019); Methods Sequence Committee & Instructor (2018-2021); Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (2021); Departmental mentorship program for first-year Ph.D. students (2018-2021); Doctoral Research Support Program (2021)