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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer 2025 – present
The MacMillan Center and Department of Political Science Yale University

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar 2024
Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School

Professor in International Relations (Tenured) 2019–24
South China University of Technology, Guangzhou

- Executive Dean, Institute of Public Policy, 2019-2023

Fellow in International Relations (Permanent) 2014–19
Department of International Relations, Australian National University

- Deputy Director, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs (2018-19)
- Convenor of PhD Program, Department of International Relations (2016-2018)
- Member of Executive Committee, Australian Centre on China in the World (2018-19)

Lecturer in International Relations (Permanent) 2010-13
School of Social Sciences and Humanities/School of Management and Governance, Murdoch University, Australia

- Member of Research Committee, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 2011-12

Assistant Professor in International Relations (Tenured) 2009-10
Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University, Beijing

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations 2006–09
London School of Economics and Political Science
Awarded 30 June 2009

Master of Science in Comparative Politics (Empire) 2003–04
London School of Economics and Political Science

Bachelor of Arts in English Language for Science and Technology 1999–2003
Xidian University, China

ADJUNCT APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Non-Resident Senior Fellow <i>Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University</i>	2024 – present
Adjunct Professor <i>National Institute for South China Sea Studies, China</i>	2016–19
Visiting Scholar <i>Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture, Department of Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong</i>	2019
Visiting Senior Research Fellowship <i>East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore</i>	2018–2019
Visiting Research Fellowship <i>East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore</i>	2015–2016, 2017
Yunshan Visiting Professorship <i>Guangdong Institute for International Strategy, Guangzhou</i>	2015–2016
Residential Fellowship <i>Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Notre Dame (I declined it due to acceptance of employment at Murdoch University)</i>	2010–2011

PUBLICATIONS

All published work is single-authored unless otherwise specified.

BOOKS

Single-authored

1. *A Neighbor of Neighbors: China's Policy toward Afghanistan, 1949-2024* (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).
2. *Chinese Hegemony: Grand Strategy and International Institutions in East Asian History* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2015).

Co-authored

1. *History, Lessons, Analogies: Learning from Wars and Pandemics*, co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow, forthcoming by Oxford University Press.
2. *Justice and International Order: East and West*, co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022).
3. *Taming Sino-American Rivalry*, co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).

Edited

1. *Pluralism and World Order: Theoretical Perspectives and Policy Challenges* (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. “Amity, Security, Influence: Explaining China’s Policy toward Afghanistan, 1949-2024,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, forthcoming. Online first available at <https://doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2025.2471924>
2. “Multiple Modernities in Civilizational Perspective: An Assessment of the Global Civilization(s) Initiative,” co-authored with Barry Buzan, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (2024), pp. 104-126.
3. “China’s Counterfactual Roles in the Ukraine War,” *Globalizations*, Vol. 20, No. 7 (2023), pp. 1202-1213.
4. “The Relevance of Deep Pluralism for China’s Foreign Policy,” co-authored with Barry Buzan, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (2022), pp. 246-271.
5. “China’s New Engagement with Afghanistan after the Withdrawal,” *LSE Public Policy Review*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (2022), pp. 1-13.
6. “China’s Long March at Sea: Explaining Beijing’s South China Sea Strategy, 2009-2016,” *The Pacific Review*, Vol. 33, No. 5 (2020), pp. 757-787.
7. “The Xi Jinping Doctrine of China’s International Relations,” *Asia Policy*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (2019), pp. 7-23.
8. “China’s Curious Nonchalance towards the Indo-Pacific,” *Survival*, Vol. 61, No. 3 (2019), pp. 187-212.
9. “Chinese Approaches to the South China Sea Code of Conduct Negotiation,” *East Asia Policy*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (2019), pp. 77-86.
10. “Is Southeast Asia Really Balancing against China?,” *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (2018), pp. 191-204.
11. “Chinese Visions of the Asian Political-Security Order,” *Asia Policy*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (2018), pp. 13-18.
12. “Chinese Thinking on the South China Sea and the Future of Regional Security,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 132, No. 3 (2017), pp. 435-466.
13. “Assessing China’s Changing Attitudes toward Singapore,” *China: An International Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (2017), pp. 1-25.
14. “Assessing China’s Response to the South China Sea Arbitration Ruling,” *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 71, No. 4 (2017), pp. 440-459.
15. “Challenge Accepted: China’s Response to the US Rebalance to the Asia-Pacific,” *Security Challenges*, Vol. 12, No. 3 (2016), pp. 45-60.
16. “Assessing China’s South China Sea Policy, 2009-2015,” *East Asian Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (2016), pp. 100-109.

17. "China as a Global Force," *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2016), pp. 117-125.
18. "Confucian Foreign Policy Traditions in Chinese History," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2015), pp. 197-218.
19. "How Hierarchic Was the Historical East Asian System?," *International Politics*, Vol. 51, No. 1 (2014), pp. 1-22.
20. "The Rise of Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations," *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (2013), pp. 305-328.
21. "China's New Thinking on Alliances," *Survival*, Vol. 54, No. 5 (2012), pp. 129-148.
22. "Rethinking China's Grand Strategy: Beijing's Evolving National Interests and Strategic Ideas in the Reform Era," *International Politics*, Vol. 49, No. 3 (2012), pp. 318-345.
23. "The Tsinghua Approach and the Inception of Chinese Theories of International Relations," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2012), pp. 73-102.
24. "Reconceiving the Balance of Power: A Review Essay," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (2011), pp. 641-651.
25. "Rethinking the 'Tribute System': Broadening the Conceptual Horizon of Historical East Asian Politics," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (2009), pp. 545-574.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "America in an Asian Century," in Michael Cox and Doug Stokes, eds., *US Foreign Policy, 4th edition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2025).
2. "Maximalist and Minimalist Justice in a Scalable *Tianxia* World Order," in Roger T. Ames, Jin Young Lim, and Steven Y. H. Yang, eds., *Formulating a Minimalist Morality for a New Planetary Order: Alternative Cultural Perspectives* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2025), pp. 56-80.
3. "Introduction," in Feng Zhang, ed., *Pluralism and World Order: Theoretical Perspectives and Policy Challenges* (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023), pp. 1-9.
4. "China's New Engagement with Afghanistan after the Withdrawal," in Michael Cox, ed., *Afghanistan: Long War, Forgotten Peace* (London: LSE Press, 2022), pp. 269-299.
5. "India in China's Strategic Thought," in Kanti Bajpai, Manjari Chatterjee, and Miller Selina Ho, eds., *Routledge Handbook of China-India Relations* (London: Routledge, 2020), pp. 139-50.
6. "Chinese Thinking on the South China Sea and the Future of Regional Security," in Huiyun Feng and Kai He, eds., *US-China Competition and the South China Sea Disputes* (London: Routledge, 2018), pp. 48-64.

7. “International Societies in Premodern East Asia,” in Barry Buzan and Yongjin Zhang, eds., *English School Theory and East Asia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), pp. 29-50.
8. “Chinese Exceptionalism in the Intellectual World of China’s Foreign Policy,” in Rosemary Foot, ed., *China across the Divide: The Domestic and Global in Politics and Society* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 43-71.
9. “Debating the ‘Chinese Theory of International Relations’: Toward a New Stage in China’s International Relations,” in Fred Dallmayr and Zhao Tingyang, eds., *Contemporary Chinese Political Thought: Debates and Perspectives* (Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2012), pp. 67-87.
10. “Rethinking the ‘Tribute System’: Broadening the Conceptual Horizon of Historical East Asian Politics,” in Zheng Yongnian, ed., *China and International Relations: The Chinese View and the Contribution of Wang Gungwu* (London: Routledge, 2010), pp. 75-101.
11. “Regionalization in the Tianxia? Continuity and Change in China’s Foreign Policy,” in Emil-ian Kavalski, ed., *China and the Global Politics of Regionalization* (Surrey, England: Ashgate, 2009), pp. 19-32.

ESSAYS

1. “[History, Learning, and International Relations](#)”, co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow, *E-International Relations*, 10 July 2024.
2. “Justice Essential in Reshaping International Order,” co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow, *Chinese Social Sciences Today*, 25 November 2021, No. 343; published in Chinese as “[重塑以正义原则为基础的中国国际秩序观](#)” (Refashioning China’s Conception of International Order on the Basis of Principles of Justice), *中国社会科学报* (Chinese Social Sciences Today), 11 November 2021, A05.
3. “China’s Policy towards Southeast Asia during Xi Jinping’s Second Term,” *EAI Bulletin*, November 2017, p. 7.
4. “Strategic Resoluteness: The Chinese Approach to the Trump Administration,” in *The Trump Administration’s First 100 Days: What Should Asia Do?* (Canberra: ANU College of Asia & the Pacific, April 2017), p. 47.
5. “Building Trust for the ‘Belt and Road Initiative’ in Southeast Asia,” *EAI Bulletin*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (March 2017), p. 13.
6. “South China Sea Arbitration Award: Breathtaking (but Counterproductive),” *Asian Politics & Policy*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (January 2017), pp. 134-136.
7. “2016: A Tough Year for China in the South China Sea,” *EAI Bulletin*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (March 2016), p. 3.

POLICY REPORTS

1. “China’s Interests and Policies in the South China Sea,” RAND Corporation, forthcoming.
2. “Assessing China’s Changing Attitudes towards Singapore,” *EAI Background Brief*, No. 1241, April 2017, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, pp. 1-31.
3. “Assessing China’s South China Sea Policy under Xi Jinping,” *EAI Background Brief*, No. 1141, June 2016, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, pp. 1-14.

BOOK REVIEWS & RESPONSES

1. *The Rivalry Peril: How Great-Power Competition Threatens Peace and Weakens Democracy*, by Van Jackson and Michael Brenes, Yale University Press, 2025, *Asian Perspective*, forthcoming.
2. *A Hierarchical Vision of Order: Understanding Chinese Foreign Policy in Asia*, by Antoine Roth, Bristol University Press, 2024, *The China Journal*, No. 94 (July 2025), pp. 143-145.
3. *Empire and Righteous Nation: 600 Years of China-Korea Relations*, by Odd Arne Westad, Harvard University Press, 2021, *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 81, No. 3 (August 2022), pp. 649-50.
4. *China’s Security State: Philosophy, Evolution, and Politics*, by Xuezhi Guo, Cambridge University Press, 2012, *The China Journal*, No. 82 (July 2019), pp. 149-151.
5. “Rethinking Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History: A Response,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Reviews*, Vol. XI, No. 1 (2016), pp. 21-27.
6. “Structure and Agency in the Formation of Sovereign Statehood in East Asia,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Reviews*, Vol. VII, No. 5 (November 2014), pp. 10-13.
7. “The Tianxia System: World Order in a Chinese Utopia,” *Global Asia*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (Winter 2010), pp. 108-112.
8. *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe* by Victoria Tin-bor Hui, *International Affairs*, Vol. 83, No. 1 (Spring 2007), pp. 201-202.

CHINESE-LANGUAGE JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. “世界观与中国国际关系理论” (Worldviews and Chinese IR Theory), *世界经济与政治* (World Economics and Politics), 与彼得·卡赞斯坦合著 (co-authored with Peter J. Katzenstein), 约稿 (invited).
2. “道义现实主义的道义观评议” (The Conception of Morality in Moral Realism), *国际关系研究* (International Relations Studies), No. 1 (2022), pp. 14-31.
3. “中国国际关系研究中的清华路径” (The Tsinghua Approach in China’s Study of International Relations), *国际政治科学* (Quarterly Journal of International Politics), No. 4 (2012), pp. 125-156.
4. “‘中国例外论’刍议” (On Chinese Exceptionalism), *世界经济与政治* (World Economics and Politics), No. 3 (2012), pp. 85-102.

5. “天下体系：一个中国式乌托邦中的世界秩序” (The Tianxia System: World Order in a Chinese Utopia), 复旦国际关系评论 (Fudan International Studies Review), Vol. 10 (2011), pp. 87-92.
6. “解构朝贡体系” (Deconstructing the Tribute System), 国际政治科学 (Quarterly Journal of International Politics), No. 2 (2010), pp. 33-62.

COMMENTARIES

OP-EDS

1. “China’s Grand Reception for Kim Jong Un: Strategic Reset or Warning Shot?”, *38 North*, 5 September 2025.
2. “Sino-Indian Double Rivalry in the Shadow of Trump’s Return”, *China-India Brief*, 23 December 2024.
3. “Is China Being Played by North Korea and Russia?”, *Responsible Statecraft*, 25 November 2024.
4. “Confucius Says: Get the Definition of US-China ‘Competition’ Right”, *Responsible Statecraft*, 4 November 2024.
5. “The Rivals”, *Wire China*, 7 March 2021, co-authored with Richard Ned Lebow.
6. “Will China Learn from the COVID-19 Epidemic?”, *East Asian Forum*, 10 March 2020.
7. “Is China Capable of Providing International Stability?”, *Strategist*, 23 January 2019.
8. “The China-North Korea Relationship: More of the Same”, *Strategist*, 12 April 2018.
9. “Is China Changing Its Strategy Towards North Korea?”, *East Asian Forum*, 4 April 2018.
10. “Striving for Power: Chinese Foreign Policy in Xi Jinping’s ‘New Era’ ”, *Strategist*, 13 November 2017.
11. “Learning Lessons, Not Scoring Points, from the Doklam Standoff”, *Strategist*, 7 September 2017.
12. “Is a Second Sino-Indian Border War Imminent?”, *Strategist*, 10 August 2017.
13. “Can China Take Advantage of America’s Strategic Deficit in Asia—and Mind Its Own, too?”, *Strategist*, 15 June 2017.
14. “The BRI and China’s New Regional Strategy”, *Strategist*, 31 May 2017.
15. “Tillerson Speaks Chinese: The United States and Beijing’s Diplomatic Language”, *Foreign Affairs*, 4 April 2017.
16. “Is Australia Now China’s Strategic Prize?”, *Strategist*, 28 March 2017.

17. “What Does China Want for Asia-Pacific Security in 2017?”, *Strategist*, 1 February 2017.
18. “Start of China’s Coercive Diplomacy towards Singapore”, *Straits Times*, 6 October 2016.
19. “The Paradox at the Heart of the South China Sea Ruling”, *Foreign Policy*, 28 July 2016.
20. “Breathtaking but Counterproductive: the South China Sea Arbitration Award”, *Strategist*, 14 July 2016, reprinted by *The National Interest* as “South China Sea Arbitration Award: Breathtaking (But Counterproductive)”.
21. “China’s Claims in the South China Sea Rejected”, *ChinaFile*, 12 July 2016.
22. “Should Australia Worry about Chinese Expansion in the South Pacific”, *Strategist*, 11 July 2016.
23. “The Fight inside China over the South China Sea”, *Foreign Policy*, 23 June 2016.
24. “A War of Words over the South China Sea”, *ChinaFile*, 13 June 2016.
25. “Can the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue Do Anything about the South China Sea?”, *Strategist*, 9 June 2016, reprinted by *The National Interest* as “South China Sea: Can the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue Help?”.
26. “Why Is China Building New Islands in the South China Sea?”, *IPP Review*, 7 May 2016.
27. “The Origins of China’s Island Construction in the South China Sea”, *IPP Review*, 5 May 2016.
28. “Freedom of Navigation in the South China Sea: A Modus Vivendi between the US and China?”, *IPP Review*, 10 March 2016.
29. “DWP 2016: China, Australia and the US Rebalance?”, *Strategist*, 4 March 2016.
30. “How Close Was the Latest Close Call in the South China Sea?”, *ChinaFile*, 2 February 2016.
31. “Developing a Balanced Perspective on Chinese Investment in Australia”, *Strategist*, 30 November 2015.
32. “Xi’s Visit: Framing and Ordering Outcomes”, *Strategist*, 7 October 2015.
33. “Beijing’s Anti-Corruption Drive: What’s at Stake? (Part 2)”, *Strategist*, 29 September 2015.
34. “Beijing’s Anti-Corruption Drive: What’s at Stake? (Part 1)”, *Strategist*, 24 September 2015.
35. “Why Isn’t Beijing Excited about Xi’s Trip to the United States”, *Foreign Policy*, 23 September 2015.
36. “Is China Ready to Resume Its Imperial Glory?”, *Strategist*, 18 September 2015, reprinted by *The National Interest* as “Xi Jinping’s Real Chinese Dream: An ‘Imperial’ China?”.
37. “Beijing’s Master Plan for the South China Sea”, *Foreign Policy*, 23 June 2015.
38. “Should Beijing Establish an Air Defense Identification Zone over the South China Sea?”, *Foreign Policy*, 4 June 2015.

39. “Provoking Beijing in the South China Sea Will Only Backfire on Washington”, *Foreign Policy*, 21 May 2015.

CHINESE OP-EDS

I have written close to 100 Chinese op-eds and can provide a list upon request.

PODCASTS

1. “China-North Korea Evolving Relations”, *China Power Podcast*, Center for Strategic & International Studies, 19 December 2024.
2. “China-U.S. Relations Should Not Be a Zero-sum Game”, *CISS Podcast*, Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University, 10 December 2024.
3. “Drivers of China’s Policy Toward Second Thomas Shoal”, *China Global Podcast*, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 8 August 2024.
4. “The Age of Unpeace: Therapy for Internationalists”, *The World in 30 Minutes Podcast*, European Council on Foreign Relations, 28 January 2022.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS I

Invited Lectures and Specialized Conferences

2025

- “China-Afghanistan Relations Book Talk,” Brown University, December 2025.
- “U.S.-China Strategic Dialogue & U.S.-China-Japan-ROK Dialogue,” National Committee on American Foreign Policy, New York, May 2025.
- Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on China and India, March 2025
- “A Neighbor of Neighbors: China’s Policy toward Afghanistan, 1949-2024,” Yale China Forum, New Haven, February 2025.
- “U.S.-China Relations in a Turbulent World,” Track-2 Dialogue, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington, DC, February 2025.
- “China’s Power: Up for Debate,” Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington, DC, February 2025.

2024

- “The Rules-based Order Is in Crisis: What Comes Next?,” Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, Zoom Workshop, November 2024.
- “China as a Global Actor,” Stockholm China Forum 30, Washington DC, November 2024.
- “Learning from COVID: Political and Public Health Lessons,” Institute of International Economic Relations, Athens, Zoom workshop, November 2024.

- “A Confucian Realist Perspective on US-China Rivalry,” Zoom workshop on “Theorizing Neoclassical Realism: American Foreign Policy after November 5, 2024,” Institute of International Economic Relations, October 2024.
- “Merit and Reciprocity: A Confucian Account of US-China Rivalry,” Yale China Forum, New Haven, October 2024.
- “Southeast Asian Regional Responses to US-China Competition,” IPP Conference on China and Southeast Asia, Guangzhou, June 2024.
- “Relations among China, Russia, and North Korea & Variables in Cross-Strait Stability under a Third DPP Term,” Stockholm China Forum 29, Stockholm, May 2024.
- “US-China-ROK Track II Conference & US-China Track II Conference,” National Committee on American Foreign Policy, New York, May 2024.
- “Better Order Project,” Quincy Institute, Istanbul, April 2024.

2023

- “China’s Approaches to Conflict Mediation,” Stockholm China Forum 28, Singapore, December 2023.
- “China and Southeast Asia,” ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, December 2023.
- “China’s Policy toward Afghanistan,” Presentation at “The Monterey Triologue: China, Russia, and the United States in Central Asia,” Organized by the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and the Institute for Advanced International Studies at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Uzbekistan), Tashkent, November 2023.
- “Sino-Australian Relations,” Conference on “Securing East Asian Peace: Meeting Challenges and Managing Conflicts,” Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo, July 2023.
- “Reopening Scholarly and People-to-People Exchanges Post COVID-19,” Conference on “Re-crafting a New Era of US-China Peaceful Coexistence,” the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo, July 2023.

2022

- “Maximalist and Minimalist Justice in a Scalable Tianxia World Order,” Conference on “Formulating a Minimalist Morality for a Planetary Geopolitical Order,” Berggruen Institute China Center, Peking University, August 2022.
- “China’s Bind in the Ukraine War,” Stockholm China Forum 25, June 2022.
- “The Evolution of China’s Policy toward Afghanistan,” Workshop on “Afghanistan under New Conditions,” Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, June 2022.
- “China Project Data Dive,” Australian Academy of the Humanities Roundtable, May 2022.

2021

- “America’s Alliance Strategy in East Asia,” Conference on “Sino-US Strategic Competition and China’s Periphery Diplomacy,” Guangdong Foreign Studies University, December 2021.

- “China and Global Governance,” RSIS Workshop on “Global Order 2040: Global Leadership in a Polycentric World,” Nanyang Technological University, November 2021.
- “Deep Pluralism and Great Power Politics,” Conference on “China’s External Environment in 2021,” Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), September 2021.
- “Sino-Western IR Theory,” Zoom Workshop on “Western-Chinese IR Theorist Dialogue,” Fujian Normal University, April 2021.

2020

- “How to Tame Sino-American Rivalry,” Luce Dialogue on “US-China Relations During and After the Pandemic,” Luce Foundation, November 2020.
- “Three Strategies to Tame Sino-American Rivalry,” Conference on “Assessing Sino-US Relations during the Trump Administration and China’s Future Strategy,” Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology, October 2020.

2019

- “Sino-US Relations: Competition as the New normal?,” Panel Moderator, the 21st Stockholm China Forum, San Francisco, May 2019.
- “The South China Sea Code of Conduct Negotiation,” Conference on “China and the World in Great Transformation,” The Shanghai Academy, April 2019.
- “Global Governance and the Belt and Road Initiative,” the 28th Wanshou Forum, “The Belt and Road Initiative: New Types of Globalization and Global Governance,” Tsinghua University, April 2019.
- “Comparing the Effectiveness of Chinese and American Strategies in the Asia-Pacific,” Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, April 2019.
- “Comparing the Effectiveness of Chinese and American Strategies in the Asia-Pacific,” Conference on “China-US relations and Asia-Pacific International Relations,” Beijing, March 2019.
- “China’s Approaches to the South China Sea Code of Conduct Negotiation,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, January 2019.

2018

- “South China Sea Security Developments in 2018,” the 16th Cross-Strait South China Sea Conference, December 2018, Haikou, China.
- “Is China Still Capable of Providing Global Stability?,” the 20th Stockholm China Forum, November 2018, Stockholm.
- “China’s Strategy toward the South China Sea,” the 10th South China Sea International Conference, November 2018, Da Nang, Vietnam.
- “The Xi Jinping Doctrine and Chinese Views of International Order,” Conference on “Chinese International Relations Thinking,” RSIS, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, September 2018.

- “Is Australia Retreating from Asia,” ANU National Security Seminar, Sydney, 15 August 2018.
- “China’s South China Sea Policy from 2017 to 2018,” Eighth Annual CSIS South China Sea conference, Washington, D.C., 26 July 2018.
- “Imagining the Indo-Pacific & Order in the South China Sea: A Preliminary Framework,” Talks Delivered at the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Haikou, July 2018.
- “Tianxia: A Chinese Theory of World Order,” Conference on “What Is Tianxia,” the Berggruen Institute, Peking University, 17 June 2018.
- “Will China Lead?,” Stockholm China Forum, Hong Kong, 24 February 2018.

2017

- “China’s Long March at Sea: Explaining China’s South China Sea Policy since 2009,” National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Haikou, 22 December 2017.
- “China’s Long March at Sea: Explaining China’s South China Sea Policy since 2009,” Conference on “China and the World: A Cross-discipline Perspective,” Tongji University, Shanghai, 18 December 2017.
- “Code and Conduct Negotiation in the South China Sea,” China Institute for Marine Affairs, State Oceanic Administration, Beijing, 14 December 2017.
- “China’s North Korea Policy,” Stockholm China Forum, Stockholm, 17 June 2017.
- “China’s South China Sea Policy after the Arbitration Ruling,” East Asian International Relations Forum, National University of Malaysia, Putrajaya, 18 May 2017.
- “Assessing China’s Response to the South China Sea Arbitration Ruling,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 12 May 2017.
- “Chinese Thinking on the South China Sea and the Future of Regional Security,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 17 March 2017.

2016

- “The Role of the South China Sea Tension in China’s Initiative of Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road,” Conference on Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, Xiamen, China, 7 September 2016.
- “Asia-Pacific Regional Responses to the South China Sea Arbitration Ruling,” cross-Strait conference on the South China Sea organized by the National Institute for South China Sea Studies in Haikou, China, 25 August 2016.
- “Tensions in the South China Sea,” Burton and Garran Hall, ANU, Canberra, 12 August 2016.
- “The South China Sea Arbitration Award,” Australian Institute of International Affairs-Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs special roundtable on the South China Sea, Canberra, 14 July 2016.

- “China in Asia: Friend or Foe,” Panel discussion at the British High Commissioner’s residence in Canberra, Australia, with the British Ambassador to China Barbara Woodward, 20 May 2016.
- “China’s South China Sea Policy,” Roundtable Discussion at the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Think Tank Forum, Guangdong Institute for International Strategy in Guangzhou, China, 10 May 2016.
- “Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History,” Seminar at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, 10 March 2016.
- “Assessing China’s South China Sea Policy under Xi Jinping,” the European Council on Foreign Relations, London, 23 February 2016.
- “Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History,” LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics, 22 February 2016.
- “Assessing China’s South China Sea Policy under Xi Jinping,” “East Asian Outlook” Conference, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 19 January 2016.
- “Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 12 January 2016.

2015

- “Moral Realism and China’s International Relations,” Presentation at the conference “From the Tsinghua Approach to Moral Realism,” Tsinghua University, Beijing, 20 December 2015.
- “Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History,” Seminar at the Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 8 November 2015.
- “Australian Views on International Relations,” Seminar at the Guangdong Institute for International Strategy, Guangzhou, 3 November 2015.
- “Australia’s Attitude toward China’s Anti-Corruption Policy,” Conference on “The Party and the World Dialogue 2015,” Beijing, 7-10 September 2015.
- “China’s South China Sea Policy,” Inaugural Australia-China-United States Trilateral Dialogue, United States Studies Centre, Sydney, 2-3 September 2015.
- “Sino-US Economic Relations,” Conference on China-US relations and public diplomacy, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Shanghai, 7 July 2015.
- “The Theoretical and Policy Significance of Moral Realism,” 2015 annual conference of the Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies, Beijing, 4-5 July 2015.
- “China-US relations and Asia-Pacific Regional Order,” New Voices conference, Lowy Institute, Sydney, May 2015.
- “China’s One Belt One Road Policy,” Stockholm China Forum, Guangzhou, May 2015.

2006-2014

- “Sovereignty and Territorial Disputes: A Historical Chinese Perspective,” Landscape of Sovereignty workshop, the Australian National University, October 2014.
- “Understanding the Rise of IR Theory in China,” Fudan University, Shanghai, December 2013.
- “Chinese Hegemony in East Asian History,” Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, October 2013.
- “Alliance and East Asian Order,” Conference on “Alliance Theory and East Asian Order,” School of Asia-Pacific and Global Strategies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, May 2012.
- “China’s Rise and Legitimation Strategy,” conference on “International Legitimacy and the Rise of Great Power,” Tsinghua University, April 2012.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University, April 2012.
- “The Resources and Potential of China’s International Relations Studies,” Institute of World Economics and Politics, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, April 2012.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” China Studies Centre Distinguished Speaker Lecture, University of Sydney, March 2012.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” School of Social and Political Sciences, the University of Melbourne, March 2012.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in the Intellectual World of China’s Foreign Policy,” CIW-Lowy China Forum, Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW), Australian National University, February 2012.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in the Intellectual World of China’s Foreign Policy,” Australian International Political Economy Network (AIPEN) Workshop IV, Murdoch University, February 2012.
- “Asian Security,” the 10th IISS Asia Security Summit, the Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore, June 2011.
- “Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, June 2011.
- “International Society in East Asian History,” Workshop on “International Society and East Asia: English School Theory at the Regional Level,” Fudan University, Shanghai, May 2011.
- “Chinese Foreign Policy,” Workshops on “China in the Indian Ocean Region: Strategic Aims, Intentions and Implications,” Future Directions International (FDI), Curtin University, Perth, March and April 2011.
- “China’s Exceptionalism and Its Impact on Foreign Policy,” Seminar Series “Border Crossings: Explaining China’s International Behaviour through a Domestic Lens,” Asian Studies Centre, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, January 2011.

- “How Hierarchic Was the Historical East Asian System?,” Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, April 2010.
- “The Rise of Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” the British Inter-University China Centre conference “The Global Politics of China,” London and Manchester, November 2009.
- “Does China have an International Strategy?,” Annual Conference of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, LSE, October 2009.
- “Beyond the Tribute System,” Contemporary China Studies Program, Oxford University, October 2009.
- “Rethinking the Tribute System,” “International Conference in Honour of Wang Gungwu’s Scholarship: Bridging China Studies and International Relations Theory,” East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, June 2009.
- “China’s Foreign Policy,” China-West intellectual summit, the Glasshouse Forum, Paris, February 2009.
- “Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy,” Roundtable on “The Return of Capitalist-Authoritarian Great Powers,” the Glasshouse Forum, Paris, France, April 2008.
- “Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility in Emerging Markets,” ITEC International PhD Workshop, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, March 2008.
- “China at the Crossroads,” the Center for International Studies Distinguished Guest Lecture Series, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, June 2006.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS II

Professional Associations

- “The Conception of Morality in Moral Realism,” Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies annual conference, Beijing, July 2023.
- “China’s Grand Strategy,” Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies annual conference, Beijing, 26 June 2017.
- “Confucian Foreign Policy: Historical Manifestations and Contemporary Implications,” Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, the University of Sydney, 29 September-1 October, 2014.
- “IR Theory from Chinese Perspectives,” Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, Murdoch University, September-October 2013.
- “International Societies in Premodern East Asia,” Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, the University of Tasmania, September 2012.

- “Does China Have a Grand Strategy?,” International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, the University of Queensland, September 2011.
- “The Rise of Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relation,” Australian Political Studies Association annual conference, the Australian National University, September 2011.
- “The Rise of Chinese Exceptionalism in International Relations,” Chinese Studies Association of Australia 12th Biennial Conference, the Australian National University, Canberra, July 2011.
- “Regionalization in the Tianxia? Continuity and Change in China’s Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, New York, February 2009.
- “Chinese Domination in Historical East Asia: Sino-Mongol Relations in the Early Ming Dynasty (1368-1424),” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2008.
- “The Structure of the Historical East Asian System from the Perspective of Sino-Korean Relations,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, March 2008.
- “Domination and Resistance: Moving beyond the ‘Tribute System’ in Interpreting Traditional East Asian Politics,” Second Global International Studies Conference (WISC), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Yale University	2025–26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China’s International Relations (UG & PG) • Chinese Thinking on International Relations (UG & PG) 	
Australian National University	2014–19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China’s Foreign and Security Policy (UG) • China: Global Engagement and Domestic Transformation (PG) • Chinese Thinking on International Relations (PG) 	
Murdoch University	2010–13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rise of Greater China (UG) • International Security Studies (UG) 	
Tsinghua University	2009–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to International Relations (UG) • Special Topics in History and International Relations (PG) 	
School of Oriental and African Studies	2008–09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Society in the Chinese Political Process (PG) 	

- London School of Economics and Political Science** 2007–09
- Foreign Policy Analysis (UG, Graduate Teaching Assistant)
 - The Structure of International Society (UG, Graduate Teaching Assistant)

- London School of Economics/Peking University Summer School** 2007–09
- The New World Order: America, Asia, Europe (Teaching Assistant)

Invited Lectures

- The Global Rules-Based Order in Southeast Asia, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College, Western Creek, ACT, 2018

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Major Grant (Top Tier)** 2021–2023
National Social Science Foundation of China
- Distinguished Collaborator Scheme Award** 2012–2013
Murdoch University
- Early Career Researcher Grant** 2012
Murdoch University
- Vincent Cheng PhD Scholarship** 2006–2009
London School of Economics
- Graduate Merit Award** 2003–2004
London School of Economics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorship

- Editor, Book Series *IPP Studies in the Frontiers of China's Public Policy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021-2024

Peer Review for Book Publishers

- Bristol University Press
- Columbia University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Princeton University Press
- Routledge
- University of Hawai'i Press

Peer Review for English-language Journals

- American Political Science Review
- Asian Politics & Policy
- Asian Perspective

- Asian Security
- Australian Journal of International Affairs
- British Journal of Politics and International Relations
- Cambridge Review of International Affairs
- China: an International Journal
- Chinese Journal of International Politics
- European Journal of International Relations
- Global Policy
- Global Society
- Globalizations
- International Affairs
- International Relations
- International Studies Quarterly
- International Studies Review
- International Politics
- Journal of Conflict Resolution
- Journal of Contemporary China
- Journal of East Asian Studies
- Millennium: Journal of International Studies
- Pacific Affairs
- Review of International Political Economy
- Security Studies
- The China Journal
- The Pacific Review
- World Politics

Peer Review for Chinese-language Journals

- 中国社会科学 Social Sciences in China
- 世界经济与政治 World Economy and Politics
- 当代亚太 Journal of Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies
- 国际政治科学 Quarterly Journal of International Politics
- 战略决策研究 Studies on Strategic Decision-making

Grant Agencies

- Assessor for Australian Research Council (ARC) grant applications (2019–present)

Member of Professional Associations

- American Political Science Association
- Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee of the Australian Political Studies Association, 2011-13
- Member of the Inaugural International Relations Standing Committee of the Australian Political Studies Association, 2011-19
- International Studies Association

POLICY IMPACT

I regularly participate in high-level policy-focused meetings and workshops in Australia, Singapore, Europe, the United States, China, and Asia, including but not limited to:

- National Committee on American Foreign Policy track II conferences
- The Monterey Trialogue: China, Russia, and the United States in Central Asia
- Stockholm China Forum
- CSIS South China Sea and China Power Conferences
- The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam South China Sea Conference
- Shangri-La Dialogue
- Boao Forum
- World Peace Forum
- Australia-US-China Trilateral Dialogue

MEDIA

- Foreign affairs columnist for *The Strategist* (Australia) and *The Paper* (thepaper.cn, in Chinese language)
- Contributor to the *ChinaFile*, *East Asian Forum*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *National Interest*, *Responsible Statecraft*, *Straits Times*, *Strategist*, and *Wire China*
- Commentator for various media outlets including the *BBC*, *New York Times*, *CNN*, *NPR*, and *Sky News* (Australia)

RESEARCH EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS

- Chinese foreign policy and politics, especially grand strategy, intellectual thinking, policies toward the United States, Southeast Asia, South China Sea, and Afghanistan
- Asian international relations, historical and contemporary
- International relations theory, especially IR theory from China