

Hao Xi

Political Economy; Comparative Politics; Canadian Politics; Chinese Politics

Methods: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis

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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo	Sep 2023–Present
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (ABD)	
<i>Teaching Certificate</i> : Fundamentals of University Teaching	
<i>Graduate Diploma</i> : Computational Data Analytics for the Social Sciences and Humanities	
University of Toronto	2018
MA in Political Science	
Peking University	2016
MA in Law (Political Science) with Distinction	
China University of Political Science and Law	2014
LLB in Political Science	

PUBLICATION

2026, “Betting on Borrowed Time in Infrastructure Investment: How Local Officials’ Tenure Expectations Drive China’s Subway Gamble” *China Review*. (Accepted and Forthcoming).

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

2025, “Seeing Like a Local State: How Intergovernmental Dynamics Produced Ottawa’s Troubled LRT Development.” (Revised & Resubmitted, Under Second-Round Review).

2026, “Announcement as Product, Stasis as Cost: Intergovernmental Friction and Infrastructure Delivery Gap in Canada.” (Under Review).

2026, with Hongming Wang, “Decoding Enforcement Logic Through Violation Discourse: Machine Learning Evidence from China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign.” (Under Review).

2026, with Yifan Lu, “Education as Strategy: Vocational Reform and Social Mobility in Neoliberal China.” (Under Review).

ARTICLES IN CHINESE

2016, with Lingqi Liu, “Political Trust and County Governments’ Fiscal Capacity after the Tax-Sharing Reform: Empirical Analysis Based on Nationally Representative Sample,” *Journal of Guangdong Province Administration College* (ISSN 1008-4533), No.6:1-8.

2015, “The Failure of the Constitutional Institution and Paradox of Political Struggle in the Early Republic of China,” *Graduate Students’ Journal of Peking University* (Spring Issue): 37-47.

2013, “Strong Despotic Power and Weak Infrastructural Power of the Bureaucratic System in the 10-19th-Century China,” *Shantou University Journal* (ISSN 1001-4225), Vol.29. No.4: 18-25.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

University of Waterloo , Teaching Assistant	
<i>PSCI 231 Government and Business</i>	Fall 2025
<i>PSCI 290 The Politics of Pop Culture</i>	Winter 2025
<i>ARBUS 300 Practical Business Skills</i>	Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
<i>ARBUS 400 Strategy and Program Integration</i>	Winter 2024, Winter 2025
University of Victoria , Teaching Assistant (Teaching evaluations available upon request.)	
<i>Global Development</i>	2021

<i>The Worlds of Politics</i>	2021
<i>Introduction to International Politics</i>	2022
<i>Canadian Politics (Leading TA)</i>	2022, 2023
<i>Canadian Institutions of Government</i>	2023
Peking University, Teaching Assistant	
<i>China's Economic Development and Reform (PKU-LSE MPP)</i>	2016
<i>Local Politics and Governments in China</i>	2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (2026, Ottawa): Proposal Accepted
American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2026, Boston): Proposal Accepted
Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (2025, Toronto)
Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (2024, Montreal)
Association of Chinese Political Science Studies Annual Meeting (2018, Harrisonburg, VA)

WORK EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant Consultant Assistant	Aug 2022–June 2023
<i>Division of Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation (LTSI), University of Victoria</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborated with LTSI team to create TA binder project and conduct workshops 	
Research Assistant	Sep 2020–Jan 2021
<i>Development Research Center of The State Council, Beijing</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted data analysis and report writing on business-state relations in China 	
Research Assistant	Aug 2018
<i>China Development Research Foundation, Beijing</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted data analysis and report writing on industrial policies and poverty alleviation 	

AWARDS & HONORS

• Outstanding Graduate Student, Peking University	2016
• Merit Student, Peking University	2014
• Special Academic Scholarship, Peking University	2014
• National Scholarship for Graduate Students, Ministry of Education (Top 2%)	2013
• National Scholarship for Undergraduate Students, Ministry of Education (Top 1%)	2013
• First-class Undergraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship, CUPL	2013
• Top-Ten Undergraduate Academic Papers in 11th “Zhonglun Cup” Contest, CUPL	2013

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native); English (fluent)

Programming & Software: R, Python, L^AT_EX; Microsoft Office Suite; Learning Management Systems (Brightspace, LEARN)