

# YUGE WANG

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| EDUCATION                                | <div> <b>University of Georgia</b> <span>Athens, GA</span> </div> <div>           Ph.D. in Political Science and International Affairs           <span>Expected Spring 2027</span> </div> <div>           Major: Comparative Politics         </div> <div>           Minor: Political Methodology         </div> <div>           Dissertation: <i>Personalist Power Beyond the Inner Circle</i> </div> <div>           Committee: Rongbin Han (Chair), Alexa Bankert, Joseph Ornstein, and Shane P. Singh         </div> <div> <b>University of Science and Technology of China</b> <span>Hefei, China</span> </div> <div>           M.B.A. in Finance and Economics           <span>2014</span> </div> <div> <b>Hangzhou Normal University</b> <span>Hangzhou, China</span> </div> <div>           B.A. in Economics           <span>2009</span> </div> |
| ACADEMIC<br>POSITIONS                    | <div> <b>Tourism College of Zhejiang</b> <span>Hangzhou, China</span> </div> <div>           Assistant Professor, School of Tourism Management and Service           <span>2015–2022</span> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| RESEARCH<br>INTERESTS                    | Authoritarian Politics; Elite Politics and Political Selection; State Capacity;<br>Political Legitimacy; Chinese Politics; Computational Social Science                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PUBLICATIONS                             | <u>Refereed Journal Articles</u><br>(2025) <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Rongbin Han. “Authoritarian Elasticity: How Autocracies May Effectively Mobilize for Crisis Management.” <i>Governance</i> , 38(4): e70074. doi:10.1111/gove.70074.<br><u>Refereed Journal Articles (in Chinese)</u><br>(2020) <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Lei Ren. “The Impact of Trade Conflicts on U.S. Tourist Demand for Travel to China: Evidence and Forecasting.” <i>Lüyou Luntan (Tourism Forum)</i> , 13(4): 62–72.<br>(2017) <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Yongqi Wang. “Determinants of U.S. Tourist Demand for Travel to China: Evidence from a Bayesian-Regularized BP Neural Network.” <i>Journal of Zhejiang Normal University (Natural Science Edition)</i> , 40(4): 459–464.                                                                                                           |
| MANUSCRIPTS<br>IN REVIEW<br>AND REVISION | <b>Yuge Wang</b> . “Selecting for Restraint: Personalist Power and Delegated Political Selection.” <b>(Job Market Paper)</b> . Under Review<br>Wendy Weile Zhou, <b>Yuge Wang</b> , and Rongbin Han. “Trapped: Chinese Overseas Youth’s Structured Pragmatism Amid US–China Rivalry.” Revise and Resubmit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| WORKING PAPERS             | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Adapting to Personalism: How Local Elites Respond to Power Personalization in China.”                                                    |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Centralizing the Narrative: How Protégés Construct Regime Personalization.”                                                              |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Gary Ziwen Zu. “Service as Surveillance: Local Intermediaries and Preemptive Control in China.”                                        |            |
| PROJECTS IN PROGRESS       | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Equal Before the Measure: Shared Measurement and Perceived Fairness in an Unequal Order.”                                                |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Who Must Follow the Rules? Authoritarian Rule by Law and the Demand for Procedural Legality.”                                            |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Born into Distrust: Targeted Repression and the Intergenerational Trust Deficit in Local Governance.”                                    |            |
| SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS | Dean’s Professional Experience Fund, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia                                                      | 2026       |
|                            | Elsa Favila Travel Award, Western Political Science Association                                                                                             | 2026       |
|                            | Prestage–Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association                                                                                          | 2026       |
|                            | Graduate Research Grant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia                                                                         | 2023, 2025 |
|                            | Travel Grant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia                                                                                    | 2023–2025  |
|                            | Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Georgia                                                                                                        | 2024, 2025 |
| CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS  | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “How Elite Competition Mitigates Agency Problems under Personalist Rule.” APSA 2026 ( <i>forthcoming</i> ).                               |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Protégé Networks and Meritocratic Political Selection under Personalist Rule.” ISA 2026; MPSA 2026; WPSA 2026.                           |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Shadow Factions: The Dictator’s Local Dilemma.” SPSA 2026; Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science 2025.                        |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Downward Pressure: Dictators’ Inherent Advantage Against External Threats.” ISA 2025.                                                    |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “Rushing Forward: How Protégés Drive Regime Personalization.” Atlanta Symposium on Political Science 2025.                                |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang.</b> “The Path to Personalism: Strategic Protégé Placement and Power Concentration in China.” APSA 2024.                                       |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Rongbin Han. “Janus-Faced Authoritarian Rule: COVID-19 and the Institutional Adaptation of Grid Social Management in China.” ISA 2024. |            |
|                            | <b>Yuge Wang</b> and Rongbin Han. “Innovating Authoritarian Grassroots Control: The Grid Management System in China.” APSA 2023.                            |            |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE        | <b>University of Georgia</b>                                                                                                                                | Athens, GA |
|                            | <i>Instructor of Record</i>                                                                                                                                 |            |
|                            | Data Analytics for International Policy (INTL 4004E), Summer 2025 and Summer 2026<br>Chinese Politics (INTL 4361), Fall 2025 and Spring 2026                |            |
|                            | <i>Teaching Assistant</i>                                                                                                                                   |            |
|                            | Introduction to International Relations (INTL 3200), Spring 2025                                                                                            |            |

American Government (POLS 1101), Fall 2023 and Spring 2024  
Introduction to Comparative Politics (INTL 3300), Spring 2023

**Tourism College of Zhejiang**

Hangzhou, China

*Instructor of Record*

Principles of Economics, 2015–2022

Financial Analysis, 2015–2022

Online Marketing, 2016–2022

**ORIGINAL  
DATASETS**

Chinese government WeChat corpus, 2013–present, covering 61 central-level accounts and official accounts from all provincial-level jurisdictions and prefecture-level cities. Includes deleted posts; updated annually.

Biographical and tenure dataset, 2002–present, covering Party secretaries and governors in all provincial-level jurisdictions and Party secretaries and mayors in all prefecture-level cities.

**SERVICE**

Methods Consultant, Methods Help Desk, University of Georgia

2025–2026

**RESEARCH AND  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**University of Georgia**

Athens, GA

Research Assistant to Jeffrey D. Berejikian

Fall 2026

Research Assistant to Daniel W. Hill, Jr.

Fall 2026

Research Assistant to Rongbin Han

Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2024

Research Assistant to Amanda Murdie

Fall 2022

**China Construction Bank, Zhejiang Branch**

Hangzhou, China

Product Manager

2014–2015

Customer Manager, Hangzhou Xihu Branch

2009–2014

**ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING**

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2023

**METHODS AND  
SOFTWARE**

*Methods:* Causal inference; panel-data analysis; survey experiments; text-as-data; machine learning; geospatial analysis

*Software:* R, Python, Stata, MATLAB, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**LANGUAGES**

Chinese (native); English (fluent)

**PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

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