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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of Houston

Ph.D., Political Science, 2023–Present

Fudan University

M.A., International Relations, 2018–2021

Southwest University of Political Science and Law

B.A., Political Science and Public Administration, 2012–2016

WORKING PAPERS

Liang Li, Rui Tang. “Early-Tenure Failed Coups and Personalization: What Leads to the Erosion of Power Sharing in Authoritarian Regimes?” (*under review*)

Liang Li, Rui Tang. “Identity-Based Proximity to Power and Selective Democratic Support: Presidential Co-Ethnic Category Membership in Sub-Saharan Africa” (*under review*)

Rui Tang, Liang Li. “Farther from China, More Responsive to Trade Dependence: Democracy and Foreign Policy Alignment with China” (*under review*)

Liang Li, Li Ning, You-chen Chen. “Selective Examinations and Authoritarian State-Building: Narratives of National Unity and Frontier Governance in China’s Gaokao”

WORK IN PROGRESS

Liang Li. “Build Your Base or Break Your Rivals? Power Consolidation after Rebel Victory”

Liang Li, Abdullah Kayar. “Does State Status Matter? Tribunal Language in Investment Arbitration, 1990–2025”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Selective Examinations and Authoritarian State-Building: Narratives of National Unity and Frontier Governance in China’s Gaokao.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026.

“Coups in Power Transition Windows and Personalization: What Leads to the Destruction of Power Sharing in Authoritarian Regimes?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2025.

“Coups in Power Transition Windows and Personalization: What Leads to the Destruction of Power Sharing in Authoritarian Regimes?” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Houston		
Teaching Assistant, undergraduate courses		
Introduction to Comparative Politics		Fall 2026
Introduction to International Relations		Spring 2026
Introduction to International Relations		Fall 2025
Statistics for Political Scientists		Spring 2025
Arguments, Data, and Politics		Fall 2024
Causes and Politics of War		Spring 2024
Fudan University		
Teaching Assistant, undergraduate course		
Electoral Politics		Spring 2019

HONORS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2026	
Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2023–Present	
Nogee Scholar, University of Houston, 2023–2025	
Academic Scholarship, Fudan University, 2018, 2019, 2020	
Academic Scholarship, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, 2015	
Individual Award for Science and Technology Innovation, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, 2015	

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING

Causal Inference with Panel Data	
Lianxh, 2025.	
Instructor: Yiqing Xu, Stanford University.	
Spatial Data Analysis in Social Sciences	
CASER Summer School, NYU Shanghai, 2024.	
Instructor: Hongwei Xu, CUNY–Queens College.	
Computational Social Sciences	
Tsinghua University, 2022.	
Instructors: Chong Chen, Yue Hu, Tianguang Meng, and Hongjun Li.	
Game Theory	
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2020.	
Instructors: Emerson M. S. Niou, Tianyang Xi, and Zhaotian Luo.	

SKILLS

<i>Methods and Software:</i> R, Stata, Python, natural language processing, text analysis, LLM-assisted data collection, and L ^A T _E X.
<i>Languages:</i> Chinese (native), English (advanced).