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EDUCATION

Duke University

PhD, MA Political Science

Durham, NC

Aug. 2019 –

- Fields: political institutions (first), political methodology (second)
- Research interests: authoritarianism, repression, state-society relations, China
- Dissertation: Recalibrating Repression: Evolving Institutions of Social Control in Mao and Post-Mao China
- Committee: Melanie Manion (chair), Timur Kuran, Adriane Fresh, Livia Schubiger

University of Oxford

MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies (distinction)

Oxford, UK

Sep. 2015 – June 2017

Bowdoin College

BA Government & Legal Studies and East Asian Studies (cum laude)

Brunswick, ME

Sep. 2010 – May 2014

Associated Colleges in China

Intensive Chinese immersion program

Beijing, CN

Sep. 2012 – Dec. 2012

EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Research Assistant

Duke University

Aug. 2019 – Present

Durham, NC

- Research Assistant: Melanie Manion (2019-present)
- Teaching Assistant: PS332: Games and Politics (Fall 2021); PS333: Democracy and Social Choice (Spring 2022); PS202: Comparative Political Parties (Fall 2022)

Bureau of Intelligence and Research Graduate Student Intern

US Department of State

Sept. 2021 – June 2022

Remote

- Worked intensively with Chinese-language open source materials to provide research assistance to the INR China desk staff
- Drafted memos on topics such as cross-Strait relations, China's activity in international organizations, and China's strategy in the developing world
- Updated and maintained a comprehensive database of Chinese-language academic publications

Research Associate, China Studies

Council on Foreign Relations

July 2017 – July 2019

New York, NY

- Conducted research and wrote memos analyzing and providing recommendation on issues related to Chinese domestic politics, foreign policy, and East Asian regional security for Dr. Elizabeth C. Economy, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow and Director for Asia Studies
- Drafted successful grant proposals and renewal applications for program initiatives; Coordinated with other Asia fellows and research associates to develop and manage the Asia program budget
- Responsible for organizing roundtable meetings for members, publishing a monthly newsletter, managing the CFR Asia Program social media accounts, and handling various administrative duties
- Hired and managed four program interns

J. William Fulbright Fellowship Grantee

Zhejiang Normal University

Sept. 2015 – July 2016

Jinhua, CN

- Designed, executed, and sustained a 10-month independent social science research project in China
- Conducted extensive interviews and fieldwork with African students, traders, and artists, as well as Chinese local government officials, university administrators, and businesspeople
- Completed Chinese-language graduate seminars in Chinese and Foreign Political Theory, African Culture and Development, and Introduction to African History and Culture

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Duke Summer Research Fellowship <i>Duke University</i>	Summer 2020, 2021, 2022
Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy Research Grant <i>Duke University</i>	Spring 2021, 2022
Charles Carroll Everett Graduate Scholarship <i>Bowdoin College</i>	Spring 2019, 2020
Yenching Global Symposium Grantee <i>Peking University</i>	Spring 2018
Ko Cheuk-hung Prize for Best MSc Dissertation <i>University of Oxford</i>	Spring 2017
O'Brien Graduate Scholarship <i>Bowdoin College</i>	Spring 2015
Departmental Award for Excellence in Comparative Politics <i>Bowdoin College</i>	Spring 2014
Grua/O'Connell Award for Independent Research <i>Bowdoin College</i>	Fall 2013
Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship <i>Institute for International Education</i>	Fall 2012
Freeman Award for Studies in Asia <i>Institute for International Education</i>	Fall 2012

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

“Dual Mandates in Chinese Congresses: Information and Cooptation,” with Melanie Manion and Hongshen Zhu, *Issues & Studies*, 58 (1), March 2022.

“Crisis and Correction: Do Government Rectification Efforts Restore Citizen Trust After Governance Failure?,” with Melanie Manion and Hongshen Zhu. *Under Review*.

“Protest and Repression in China’s Digital Surveillance State,” *Under Review*.

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS, SPEAKING, AND POLICY PAPERS

“Algorithms and Lockdowns: How China’s Gig Economy Works,” *The Spectator*, April 19, 2022. [PODCAST]

“Under a COVID-19 Cloud, China’s Gig Economy Comes of Age,” *Jamestown China Brief*, May 29, 2020.

“China’s Pension System Is Not Aging Well,” *The Diplomat*, March 6, 2019.

“China’s Gig Economy is Driving Close to the Edge,” *Foreign Policy*, September 7, 2018.

“Chinese Parents, Pharma Industry Worried Sick After Latest Vaccine Scandal,” *Asia Unbound, Council on Foreign Relations*, July 24, 2018.

“China’s Heavy Hand in Africa,” *Asia Unbound, Council on Foreign Relations*, March 22, 2018.

“When Baltimore Shook With Anger, Here’s What China Saw,” *Foreign Policy*, May 5, 2015.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (advanced)

Software: R, Stata, LaTeX

Methodological Training: regression, survey methods, causal inference, text analysis, qualitative methods

REFERENCES

Dr. Melanie Manion

Vor Broker Family Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Duke University [melanie.manion@duke.edu]

Dr. Timur Kuran

Professor of Economics and Political Science, Gorter Family Professor of Islamic Studies, Duke University [t.kuran@duke.edu]

Dr. Elizabeth Economy

Senior China Advisor, US Department of Commerce [lizeconomy@gmail.com]