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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (expected 2024)

Dissertation (tentative title): “*Whither Socialism? Workers’ Democracy and the Class Politics of Reform in China’s Early Post-Mao Transition*”

Committee: Cihan Tugal (chair), Laura Enriquez, Dylan Riley, Yan Long, Winnie Wong (Rhetoric)

Qualifying Examinations: Political Sociology (Cihan Tugal), Development (Laura Enriquez, chair), Political Economy (Dylan Riley)

M.A. Sociology, Harvard University, 2018

Qualifying Paper: “*Preempting ‘No Taxation without Representation’: The Case of Taxing Private Homeownership in China, 2003-2011*”

Committee: Orlando Patterson (chair), Jocelyn Viterna, Ya-Wen Lei, Monica Prasad (Northwestern University)

B.A. Duke University, 2015

VISITING APPOINTMENT

2020-2022 Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Sociology
- Economic Sociology
- Sociology of Development
- Comparative-Historical Methods
- Theory
- Labor and Work

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Bonikowski, Bart and Yueran Zhang. Forthcoming. “Populism as Dog-Whistle Politics: Anti-Elite Discourse and Sentiments towards Out-Groups.” *Social Forces*.

Zhang, Yueran. 2022. “What’s Really behind China’s ‘Common Prosperity’ Program?” *New Labor Forum* 31(2): 62-70. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10957960221090978>

Zhang, Yueran. 2020. “Political Competition and Two Modes of Taxing Private Homeownership: A Bourdieusian Analysis of the Contemporary Chinese State.” *Theory and Society* 49(4): 669-707. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-020-09395-0>

- Co-Winner, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2019 (awarded to an earlier draft)
- Winner, Reinhard Bendix Best Student Paper Award, Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2018 (awarded to an earlier draft)

Miscellaneous Academic Publications

Zhang, Yueran. 2023. “Review of *The End of the Village: Planning the Urbanization of Rural China* by Nick R. Smith.” *Contemporary Sociology* 52(1): 87-89. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061221142074hh>

Zhang, Yueran. 2022. “1989: Workers on Tiananmen Square.” pp. 496-504 in *Proletarian China: A Century of Chinese Labour*, edited by Ivan Franceschini and Christian Sorace. London and New York: Verso.

Zhang, Yueran. 2021. “Bourdieusian Theory and the Political Logic of ‘Populism with Chinese Characteristics’.” *ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section Newsletter* (Spring 2021): 27-29.

Zhang, Yueran. 2019. “Q&A with Yueran Zhang, Co-Winner of the 2019 Political Sociology Graduate Student Article Award.” *States, Power and Societies: ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter* (Fall/Winter 2019): 22-24.

Academic Publications in Chinese

Zhang, Yueran. 2022. “The Applications of Marxian Approaches in Contemporary North American Political Sociology (in Chinese).” *Chinese Political Science (Zhongguo Zhengzhixue)* 13: 21-37.

Zhang, Yueran. 2021. “Bringing Class Back into the ‘Developmental State’: Political Sociology, Historical Sociology and the Theoretical Development in the Social Sciences (in Chinese).” *Sociological Review of China (Shehuixue Pinglun)* 9(6): 175-195.

Fang, Ran and Yueran Zhang. 2019. “The Peculiarity of Chinese State Capital: On *The Specter of Global China* by Ching Kwan Lee (in Chinese).” *Twenty-First Century (Ershiyi Shiji)* 174: 149-159.

Zhang, Yueran. 2018. “Society Reflected or Society Articulated? Two Marxian Approaches to the Party-Society Relationship (in Chinese).” *Sociological Studies (Shehuixue Yanjiu)* 195: 216-241.

Zhang, Yueran and Bai Gao. 2014. “Institutional Analysis and Fiscal Sociology: On *The Politics of Free Markets* by Monica Prasad (in Chinese).” *Chinese Journal of Sociology (Shehui)* 34(1): 229-241.

Translation

Chinese translation of *The Politics of Production: Factory Regimes under Capitalism and*

Socialism by Michael Burawoy, Shanghai: Centennial Publishing House, co-translated with Xiao Zhou and proofed by Yuan Shen (Forthcoming, 2023).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association 2019
- Reinhard Bendix Best Student Paper Award, Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association 2018
- Special Recognition in Political Sociology, General Written Examination, Department of Sociology, Harvard University 2016
- Ida Harper Simpson Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Sociology, Duke University 2015
- Odum Award for the Best Undergraduate Student Paper, Southern Sociological Society 2014

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- Academic Subvention, Kaifeng Foundation 2021
- Research Grant in Modern Chinese History, Esherick-Ye Family Foundation 2021

Internal (selected)

- Elvera Kwang Siam Lim Fellowship in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley 2020, 2022
- ABD Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley 2020, 2022
- Catherine and William L. Magistretti Graduate Fellowship, College of Letters and Science, UC Berkeley 2021
- Barbara and Arnold Silverman Graduate Fellowship, College of Letters and Science, UC Berkeley 2020
- Summer Research Grant, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University 2017

TEACHING

Independent Instructor

- Sociological Reading and Composition: Workers of the World Fall 2022, Spring 2023
UC Berkeley
- Urbanization in China (co-taught with Emily Feng) Spring 2015

Duke University

Teaching Assistant

Human Trafficking, Slavery and Other Forms of Servitude in the Modern World Spring 2018

Harvard University

The Caribbean: Globalization, Socio-Economic Development and Cultural Adaptations Fall 2017

Harvard University

Guest Lecturer

Chinese Economy Spring 2023

University of Chicago

Introduction to Political Economy Fall 2021

Peking University

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

“The Yugoslav Inspiration: Transnational Socialism and Workers’ Democracy in the Early Post-Mao China”

UC Graduate Student Workshop on the History of China’s Reform and Opening, 2022

“Workers as the Masters of the World? The Rise and Fall of Democratic Enterprise Management in the Early Reform Period”

Conference on the History and Sociology of China’s Reform and Opening, 2021

Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University, 2021

“Political Competition and Two Modes of Taxing Private Homeownership”

Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University, 2021

School of Government, Peking University, 2021

Department of Sociology, Renmin University of China, 2020

Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University, 2020

“China’s Contemporary Maoism: How Anti-Democratic Centralism Informs Radical Democratic Aspirations”

Graduate Student Conference on Radical Democracy, New School for Social Research, 2018

“Preempting ‘No Taxation without Representation’: The Case of Taxing Private Homeownership in China”

ASA Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, 2018

Urban China Seminar, MIT, 2017

Chinese Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University, 2017

Workshop in History, Culture and Society, Harvard University, 2017

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2018-2020 **Workshop and Reading Group on Capitalist Society and Post-Capitalist Futures**, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
Student Coordinator

2016-2018 **Workshop in History, Culture and Society**, Department of Sociology,
Harvard University
Student Coordinator

2016-2017 **Politics and Social Change Workshop**, Department of Sociology, Harvard
University
Student Co-founder and Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021-2023 **Student Representative** (elected), Section on Comparative-Historical
Sociology, American Sociological Association

2021-2022 **Organizer and Discussant**, Preliminary Book Manuscript Workshop Series
for Yige Dong's *The Fabric of Care* (supported by an academic subvention
from the Kaifeng Foundation)

Occasional reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Qualitative Sociology*