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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (expected 2023)

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, Jonah Levy (Political Science)

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

Majors: Sociology (High Distinction) and Mathematics (B.S. track) /Minor: Physics

summa cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Sociology
- Economic Sociology
- Sociology of Development
- Comparative-Historical Methods
- Theory
- Global and Transnational

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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)

Under Review

Bonikowski, Bart and Yueran Zhang. "Populism as Dog-Whistle Politics: Anti-Elite Discourse and Sentiments towards Out-Groups." R&R (minor) at *Social Forces*.

Miscellaneous Academic Publications

Zhang, Yueran. Forthcoming. "Review of *The End of the Village: Planning the Urbanization of Rural China* by Nick R. Smith." *Contemporary Sociology*.

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. "Bourdieuian 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. 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.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Graduate Student Paper Award, 2019
Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association
- Reinhard Bendix Best Student Paper Award, Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association 2018
- Special Recognition in Political Sociology, General Written Examination, 2016

Department of Sociology, Harvard University

- 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
UC Berkeley Fall 2022

Urbanization in China (co-taught with Emily Feng)
Duke University Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant

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

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

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Political Economy
Peking University

Fall 2021

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*