

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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Winner of five international awards and two honourable mentions for research on Chinese politics  
Elected to the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists

## **APPOINTMENTS**

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### **University of Toronto**

Associate Professor of Political Science 2019-present  
Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy & Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2013-2019

### **Brookings Institution**

Non-Resident Fellow, Foreign Policy Program, John L. Thornton China Center 2020-present

### **Woodrow Wilson International Center**

China Fellow, Asia Program 2021-22

### **National Committee on US-China Relations**

Public Intellectuals Fellow 2019-21

### **The Rhodes Trust**

National co-secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship in China 2019-22

### **Stanford University**

Post-doctoral Fellow, The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center 2012-2013

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2011-2012

## **EDUCATION**

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### **University of Oxford**

DPhil in Politics, Rhodes Scholar  
MPhil (Distinction) in Development Studies

### **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

Honors Bachelor of Arts (*summa cum laude*), Political Science and Global Studies

## **LANGUAGES**

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Chinese (Mandarin)  
French

## BOOK

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Fu, D. (2018). *Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Studies in Contentious Politics; Columbia University Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute.

- Winner of the 2018 American Political Science Association Gregory Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics published in the previous two years.  
[First in the field of Chinese Politics, first recipient from a Canadian University since award inception in 1993]
- Winner of the 2019 International Studies Association best book award from the International Political Sociology section.
- Co-winner of the 2019 American Sociological Association Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship book award.
- Shortlisted for the 2020 Canadian Political Science Association Best Book in Comparative Politics.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Fu, D. and E. Simmons. (2021). “Ethnographic Approaches to Contentious Politics: The What, How, and Why.” Lead article to the special issue, “Studying Contentions Politics: From Afar or Up-Close?” Fu, D. (ed). *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 54 (10). 1695-1721.

Fu, D. Guest editor of special issue, “Studying Contentions Politics: From Afar or Up-Close?” *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 54 (10). [Special issue featuring five ethnographic research articles on contentious politics and a conclusion by Sidney Tarrow].

Fu, D. and E. Dirks. (Forthcoming). “The Party’s Struggle to Tame Civil Society in China.” in *The Party Leads All? The Role of the Chinese Communist Party in China’s Politics, Governance, Society, Economy, and External Relations*. Delisle, J., and G. Yang (eds). Brookings Institution Press.

Fu, D. (2021). “How the Party-State Harnessed People Power in China.” in Stoltzfus, N. and C. Osmar (eds). *The Power of Populism and People: Resistance and Protest in the Modern World*. Bloomsbury.

Fu, D. and Distelhorst, G. (2020). “Political Participation and China’s Leadership Transition.” In *Citizens & The State in Authoritarian Regimes*. Bunce, V., Koesel, C. and J. Weiss, (eds). Oxford University Press. Ch.3, 59-86.

Distelhorst, G. and Fu, D. (2019). “Performing Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.” *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 17(1). 106-121.  
Media: “Chinese Officials Use Hotlines to Take Public’s Pulse.” *The Economist*. (Feb. 4, 2017).

Fu, D. and Distelhorst, G. (2018). "Grassroots Participation and Repression under Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping." *The China Journal*, Vol. 79, (January). 100-122.

Media: "In China's Democracy Villages, No One Wants to Talk Anymore." *Reuters*. (Dec. 3, 2017). \*Most read article in 2020-21.

Fu, D. (2017). "Disguised Collective Action in China." *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 4. 499-527. Qualitative methods appendix published online, (Oct. 2016).

- Co-winner of the 2018 editorial board's best article award published in *Comparative Political Studies*.

Fu, D. (2017). "Fragmented Control: Governing Contentious Civil Society in China." *Governance*. Vol. 30(3). 445-462.

- Winner of the 2019 American Sociological Association's distinguished scholarly article award from the labor and labor movements section.

Fu, D. (2009). "A Cage of Voices: Producing and Doing *Dagongmei* in Contemporary China." *Modern China*. Vol. 35(5). 527-561.

## **OTHER BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Fu, D. and E. Dirks. (Forthcoming). "The Xi Jinping Era of Chinese Politics." in *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Wasserstrom, J. (ed). Oxford University Press.

Fu, D. (Forthcoming). "Why and How should the US Support Chinese Civil Society?" in *The China Questions II: Critical Insights into the US-China Relationship*. Carrai, M., J. Rudolph, M. Szonyi (eds). Harvard University Press.

Fu, D. and C. Berman. (Forthcoming). "Repression and Unconventional Contention in Asia" in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social & Political Movements*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Snow, D., D. Della Porta, and D. McAdam (eds). Wiley-Blackwell.

## **POLICY REPORTS / CONSULTING**

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Fu, D. and E. Dirks. (2021). Policy report. "Xi Jinping-Style Control and Civil Society Responses." *China Leadership Monitor, The Hoover Institution*. Sept. Issue.

Dirks, E. and D. Fu. (2021). Policy report. "Disaggregating Xi Jinping's China." in Behind the Headlines Series. *Canadian International Council*. Mar. 2.

Fu, D. (2018). Expert reviewer. The CCBC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary report on Canada-China business relations. *Canada-China Business Council*.

Distelhorst, G. and D. Fu. (2016). Policy report. "Working Conditions 'In' and 'Out' of Global Supply Chains: Comparative Empirical Review." *International Labor Organization*.

Distelhorst, G. and D. Fu. (2011). Assessment report. Co-designed evaluation tool and training materials to improve Ford Foundation China grantees' use of information communication technologies. *Ford Foundation*.

## RESEARCH AWARDS

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- 2020 Shortlisted, *Canadian Political Science Association*, Best Book in Comparative Politics.
- 2020 Runner-up, *International Studies Association* Best Paper Award, Human Rights Section.
- 2019 Co-winner of the *American Sociological Association* Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship book award.
- 2019 Winner of the *International Studies Association* best book award from the International Political Sociology section.
- 2019 Winner of the *American Sociological Association* distinguished scholarly article award from the labor and labor movements section.
- 2018 Winner of the *American Political Science Association* Gregory Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics published in the past two years.
- 2018 Co-winner of the *Comparative Political Studies* best paper award.

## FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS

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- 2020 Elected Member, Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists
- 2019 Visiting Fellow, Centre de Recherches Internationales, SciencesPo Paris
- 2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Development Grant
- 2017 University of Toronto Scarborough Research Competitiveness Award
- 2017 University of Toronto Connaught New Researcher Fellowship
- 2012 Post-doctoral Fellowship, The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
- 2011 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2011 Post-doctoral Fellowship [declined], U.S.-China Institute, University of Southern California
- 2010 Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation Dissertation Completion Grant, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Europe Region
- 2010 University of Oxford China Center Exceptional Research Grant
- 2010 Linacre College House Trust Conference Grant
- 2009 Harold Hyam Wingate Scholar

## MEDIA COMMENTARY

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- 2021 Quoted in “Why China’s hostage diplomacy will likely continue.” *The New Statesman*. Sep. 29.
- 2021 Quoted in “Huawei’s Meng Wanzhou and 2 Michaels: What next for China-U.S. ties?” *NBC News*. Sep. 28.
- 2021 TV commentary. “‘March for the Michaels’: Families and supporters of Kovrig and Spavor mark 1,000 days in detention.” *Global News*. Sep. 4.
- 2021 Quoted in “Trudeau Initially Hoped for Common Ground with China. But the Michael Spavor and Kovrig Detentions Marked a Turning Point in Relations.” *The Globe & Mail*. Sep. 3.
- 2021 Quoted in “Keep Your Eyes on the Sun.” *ABC News*. June 30.
- 2021 Quoted in “Second Canadian is Tried in China on Spying Charges.” *The New York Times*. Mar. 22.
- 2021 Radio Commentary. “The Main Takeaways After China’s Annual Parliament Session.” *NPR All Things Considered*. Mar. 11.
- 2021 Quoted in “Electoral Reform: In Changing Hong Kong, Who Counts as a Patriot?” *The Christian Science Monitor*. Mar. 15.
- 2021 Quoted in “Beijing Prepared to Accept the Pain to ‘Fix’ Hong Kong, Observers Say.” *South China Morning Post*. Mar. 7.

2021 Quoted in “China’s Plan to Win in a Post-Pandemic World.” *The New York Times*. Mar. 5.

2021 Quoted in “Noose Tightens on Hong Kong as China Congress Set to Open.” *AFP*. Mar. 2.

2021 Commissioned essay. “How the Chinese State Mobilized Civil Society to Fight COVID-19.” *The Diplomat*. Feb. 9.

2021 Guest host. “Showtime for Xi as China’s Annual Congress Opens.” *POLITICO China Watcher*. Mar. 4.

2020 Quoted in “For Canadians Held in China, Two Years of Isolation and Uncertainty.” *The New York Times*. Dec. 9.

2020 Quoted in “Time for China to Revisit its China Narratives.” *Politico China Watcher*. Nov. 19.

2020 Quoted in “US-China acrimony at 75th UN General Assembly as Trump slams Beijing for coronavirus and Xi decries ‘stigma.’” *South China Morning Post*. Sep. 22.

2020 Op-Ed. “China’s Activists Mourn the Loss of Hong Kong’s Glimmer of Hope.” *The Diplomat*. July 16. (with Sida Liu).

2020 Quoted in “China Leverages George Floyd Protests Against Trump, US.” *US News & World Report*. June 9.

2020 TV commentary. Trump’s Threat to Protestors a Boon for Beijing. *Bloomberg TV*. June 3.

2020 TV commentary. Hong Kong’s New National Security Law. *BBC World News*. May 23.

2020 TV commentary. China Moves to Enact Security Law in Hong Kong. *Global News*. 23.

2020 Quoted in “Coronavirus Changed China’s Big Political Event. Here’s What to Expect.” *The New York Times*. May 21.

2020 Quoted in “Haunted by Virus, China Gears Up for Annual Congress. *AFP*. May 19.

2020 Op-ed. “China has a Playbook for Managing Coronavirus Chaos.” *Foreign Policy*. May 5.

2020 Quoted in “Containing Coronavirus: Where democracy Struggles – and Thrives.” *Christian Science Monitor*. Mar. 2.

2019 Op-ed. “China is Governed by Neither Despotic Rule, nor the Rule of Law.” *The Globe & Mail*. Jan. 23. (with Emile Dirks and Sida Liu).

2019 Quoted in “Workers’ Activism Rises as China’s Economy Slows. Xi Aims to Rein Them In.” *New York Times*. Feb. 6.

2018 TV host and script writer for documentary series, “China Here and Now”. *TVO*. (originally aired Oct. 2-Nov. 13).

2018 Guest expert. China’s Political Ambitions. *TVO The Agenda with Steve Paiken*. Oct. 2.

2018 Quoted in “The Quiet Revolution: China’s Millennial Backlash.” *The Financial Times*. Apr. 17.

2018 Podcast. Diana Fu on Labor Activism in China. *National Committee on US-China Relations* interview podcast series with leading experts on China. Apr. 9.

2017 Quoted in “Is the Increasingly Assertive Xi the Same Man Trudeau Met Last Year?” *The Canadian Press*. Dec. 5.

2017 Research coverage. In China’s Democracy Villages, No One Wants to Talk Anymore. *Reuters*. Dec. 3.

2017 Quoted in “Trade, Not Human Rights, is Top of Mind as Trudeau Visits China.” *Toronto Star*. Dec. 2.

2017 Radio interview. Trudeau’s Visit: What’s at Stake? *CBC The Current*. Dec. 1.

2017 Research coverage. Chinese Officials Use Hotlines to Take Public’s Pulse. *The Economist*. Feb. 4.

2017 Op-ed. The End of Activism in China? *Foreign Affairs*. Snapshot. Aug. 2.

2016 Op-ed. Making Chinese Officials Accountable, Blog by Blog. *The Boston Review*. Sep. 27. (with Greg Distelhorst and Yue Hou).

## **SELECTED LECTURES / PANELS**

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The Wall Street Journal. “The Economic and Financial Effects of Decoupling.” Invited Panelist. (Sep. 15, 2021).

HOTDOCS Curious Minds Speaker Series. China Beyond the Headlines: a six-lecture series (Sep. 2021).

Manchester University. Invited speaker for the plenary session, “The Futures of Social Movement Research.” Alternative Futures & Popular Protest Conference. (Jun. 8, 2021).

Brookings Institution. “AAPI Heritage Month: Safeguarding Asian American Inclusion and Belonging.” Panelist. (May 20, 2021).

Lisbon University. Social Movements and Political Action Seminar. “Offline Repression and Online Boomerang: Evidence from Protest Posts in China.” (with Christian Göbel, Apr. 21, 2021).

Doing Fieldwork in China: Conversations with Practitioners.” Jointly organized by China scholars at Duke, Harvard, Reed, UPenn, Wisconsin-Madison, and Yale. (Mar. 23, 2021).

Hong Kong University. Contemporary China Research Cluster Public Lecture. “Authoritarian Citizenship: a Paradox?” (Feb. 25, 2021).

Johns Hopkins University, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. China Studies Happy Hour. “How the Chinese State Rates Its Citizens” (with postdoctoral fellow Rui Hou) (Dec. 11, 2020).

New York University, John Brademas Centre. “The Global Effects of the 2020 US Presidential Election.” (Dec. 10, 2020).

Columbia University, Department of Political Science Comparative Politics Speaker Series. “Productive Repression: Televised Confession Scripts in China.” (Dec 9, 2020).

Syracuse University, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. “Challenges to Citizenship in East Asia.” (Oct. 30, 2020).

Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asia Institute Speaker Series. “Chinese Civil Society in the Times of COVID-19.” (Oct. 9, 2020).

London School of Economics, Department of International Development Seminar Series. “Constructing Bad Citizenship: Televised Confessions in China.” (Nov. 27, 2019).

SciencesPo, Centre de Recherches Internationales Seminar Series. “Authoritarian Citizenship: A Paradox?” (Nov. 7, 2019).

The University of California, San Diego, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center. Book lecture. (May 9, 2019).  
The New School, India-China Institute. Book Lecture. (Apr. 18, 2019).

The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science Speaker Series (Apr. 8, 2019).  
“Repression Via Confession: Televised Confession Scripts in China.”

The University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science. Book Lecture. (Nov. 9, 2019).

University of Michigan, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Speaker Series (Sep. 27, 2018).  
“Repression Via Confession: Televised Confession Scripts in China.”

Free University of Berlin, Institute of China Studies (May 17, 2018).  
“Articulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.”

University of Göttingen, Centre for Modern East Asian Studies (May 16, 2018).  
“Articulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.”

University of Vienna, Department of East Asian Studies (May 15, 2018).  
“Articulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.”

Harvard University, Fairbank Center, Critical Issues Confronting China Speaker Series. Book lecture.  
(Apr. 11, 2018).

National Committee on US-China Relations, Book lecture and signing. (Apr. 9, 2018).

New York University, US-Asia Law Institute. Book lecture and interview. (Apr. 10, 2018).

The George Washington University, Sigur Center for Asian Studies Speaker Series. Book lecture. (Mar. 26, 2018).

University of Pennsylvania, Issues in Contemporary East Asia Colloquium Series. Book lecture.  
(Mar. 13, 2018).

University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs. Book Launch and Signing. Discussants:  
Michael Bernhard (Univ. of Florida) and Dan Slater (Univ. of Michigan) (Jan. 12, 2018).

Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asian Institute Speaker Series. Book lecture. (Oct. 16, 2017).

Fudan University, School of International Relations and Public Affairs Speaker Series. (Jun. 2, 2017).  
“Articulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.”

## CONFERENCES

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2021 American Political Science Association China Mini Conference

2021 International Studies Association

2020 [Invited] University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Contemporary China

2020 [Invited] Yale University, Repression in China and the World Workshop

2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2019 International Studies Association

2019 Asian Studies Association Annual Meeting

2019 [Invited] University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

2019 [Invited] Florida State University, The People and the Power: Dictators and Detractors  
2018 [Invited] Stanford University, State of the Field in Chinese Politics Conference  
2018 American Political Science Association Annual Conference  
2018 Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference  
2017 [Invited] Harvard University, Chinese Politics in Comparative Perspective  
2017 [Invited] Brown University, Civil Society and Human Rights in Peril  
2017 American Political Science Association Annual Conference  
2017 Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting  
2017 [Invited] University of Notre Dame, Comparative Workshop on China-Russia Studies  
2017 [Invited] University of Toronto Law School, China Law Conference  
2016 [Invited] Brown University, State Capacity Conference  
2016 [Invited] Brown University, Gilded Ages Workshop  
2016 [Invited] King's College, Repression in China  
2016 Association of Chinese Political Studies Annual Conference  
2014 American Political Science Association Annual Conference  
2014 [Invited] University of California, San Diego, The Politics of Stability Maintenance in China

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **American Political Science Association**

Selection Committee, Gregory Luebbert Best Book Award in Comparative Politics (2019)  
Selection Committee, Gabriel A. Almond Award Committee for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics (2020)

### **Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center**

Invited commentator, book workshop for Elizabeth Plantan, Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Ash Center (2019)

### **The Government of Canada**

Invited speaker. Department of Finance Canada. The Canada-China Roundtable Series ( Jan. 21, 2020).  
“Disaggregating China: State Policy and Social Diversity under Xi Jinping.” (with PhD supervisee Emile Dirks).  
Invited speaker. Global Affairs Canada. Panel on the CCP’s Influence Abroad (Jun. 17, 2021)  
“How the CCP Manages Dissent.”

### **Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada**

Insight Grant Reviewer (2017)

### **Peer Reviewer**

*American Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, China Journal, China Quarterly, Governance, Human Relations, International Journal of Communication, ILR Review, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Politics, Mobilization, Modern China, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Problems of Post-Communism, World Politics.*