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EXPERTISE

Research: Chinese politics, civil society, diaspora politics, transnational repression
Policy: domestic Chinese politics & society, track II diplomacy, human rights & political risk
Methods: qualitative methods, political ethnography and interviewing

APPOINTMENTS

University of Toronto

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

Royal Society of Canada

Elected Member, College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists 2020-2027

Brookings Institution

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

Woodrow Wilson International Center

China Fellow, Asia Program 2020-2021
Member, the Canada-US Commission on China 2022-

National Committee on US-China Relations

Public Intellectuals Fellow 2019-2020

Sciences-Po Paris

Visiting Scholar, Centre de Recherches Internationales 2019 Fall

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

University of Oxford

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

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

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

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (native), French (proficient)

BOOKS

E. Dirks and Fu, D. Book project. *China's Transnational Repression*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press Elements: Global China Book Series.

-This study examines the particularities of China's campaign of transnational repression under Xi Jinping, including how the CCP seeks to exert control in democracies.

Fu, D. Book Project. *Becoming Liberals? How China's Diaspora Gen-Z Politically Engage in Democracies*.

-This study examines the political attitudes and engagements of students in the Chinese diaspora who have left China to pursue a liberal arts education in liberal democracies.

Fu, D. (2018). Monograph. *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 recipient in the field of Chinese Politics; first 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.

Book Interviews: National Committee on US-China Relations; UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy; New Books Network; Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hou, R. and D. Fu. (2022). "Sorting Citizens: Governing via China's Social Credit System." *Governance*. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12751>

E. Dirks and D. Fu. (2022). "Governing Untrustworthy Civil Society in China." *The China Journal*. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1086/722908>

Fu, D. and E. Dirks. (2022). "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. and C. Berman. (2022). "Unconventional Mobilization (Asia and the Middle East)" in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social & Political Movements*, 2nd edition. Snow, D., D. Della Porta, B. Klandermans, and D. McAdam (eds). Wiley-Blackwell.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9780470674871.wbespm653>

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

*Guest editor of the special issue, “Studying Contentions Politics: From Afar or Up-Close?”
Comparative Political Studies. Vol. 54 (10).

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

Fu, D. (2022). “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 R. Hou. (2022). “Rating. Citizens with China’s Social Credit System.” in *CCP Futures: the New Era of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics*. Pieke, F. and B. Hofman (eds). NUS Press.

Fu, D. and E. Dirks. (2022). “The Xi Jinping Era of Chinese Politics.” in *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*, 3rd edition. Wasserstrom, J. (ed). Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS

- 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.

POLICY REPORTS / CONSULTATIONS

- Fu, D. (2022). Policy report. “Is Rights Advocacy Civil Society in China Dead? How the United States Should Navigate People-to-People Exchange in a New Era.” *The Woodrow Wilson Center*.
- 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. Expert reviewer. The CCBC’s 40th anniversary report on Canada-China business relations. *Canada-China Business Council*. 2018.
- Distelhorst, G. and D. Fu. (2016). Policy report. “Working Conditions ‘In’ and ‘Out’ of Global Supply Chains: Comparative Empirical Review.” *International Labor Organization*.

POLICY ENGAEMENT / ADVISING

American Council of Learned Societies (New York City)

Consultant, (Nov. 2021). Future challenges in the China studies field: the securitization of China studies.

Brookings Institution (Washington, DC)

Non-Resident Fellow, Foreign Policy Program, John L. Thornton China Center (2020-present). Regular policy analysis and commentary on US-China relations and Chinese domestic politics.

Government of Canada

Invited speaker. Department of Finance Canada. The Canada-China Roundtable Series (Jan. 2020).

“Disaggregating China: State Policy and Social Diversity under Xi Jinping” (with Emile Dirks).

Invited speaker. Global Affairs Canada. Panel on the CCP’s Influence Abroad (Jun. 2021)

“How the CCP Manages Dissent.”

Invited lecturer. Canadian School of Public Service. Fundamentals of China Course (2021, 2022, 2023)

The National Committee on US-China Relations (New York City)

Public Intellectuals Fellow (2019-2020). Delegation visits and closed-door discussions with policymakers in DC, Seattle, Beijing, and Hong Kong.

The Woodrow Wilson Centre (Washington, DC)

Invited member, Canada-US Commission on China. Contributing to regular closed-door discussions with policymakers, scholars, and other stakeholders on pressing policy issues related to Canada, US, and China.

OPINION ESSAYS [2020-22]

“Chinese Protestors are Reacting to a Broken Social Contract.” *NBC*. Dec. 1, 2022.

“America Should Open its Arms to Chinese Students.” *New York Times*. Nov. 17, 2022.

“Around the Halls: The outcomes of China’s 20th Party Congress.” *Brookings*. Oct. 25, 2022.

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

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

“China’s Activists Mourn the Loss of Hong Kong’s Glimmer of Hope.” *The Diplomat*. Jul. 16, 2021.

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

SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARY [May. 2022-Apr. 2023]

BBC. “Technology has become the double-edged sword of Asia’s protests.” Mar. 26, 2023.

CBC. “Chinese Canadians worry foreign interference probe could stigmatize politicians, candidates.” Mar. 29, 2023.

Globe & Mail. “Chinese comedian ‘Chi Zi’ has online profile wiped After Canadian Tour.” Mar. 6, 2023.

Bloomberg. “China masses take Covid fight into own hands as Xi sits back.” Jan. 18, 2023

Bloomberg. “Xi faces dilemma as China quietly detains young Covid protestors.” Jan. 15, 2023.

Financial Times. “China’s Covid Generation: the surging inequality behind Xi’s U-turn.” Jan. 3, 2023.

Financial Times. “Xi Jinping’s Credibility ‘Badly Wounded.’ As China’s COVID Death Toll Mounts.” Dec. 31, 2022.

AFP. “‘Give me my youth back’: Students return to the forefront of China protests.” Dec. 26, 2022.

BBC World Service. Live T.V. Commentary on China’s Covid Protests. Dec. 2, 2022.

CBC. “Filling in the blank: Why protesters in China are holding up white sheets of paper. Nov. 30, 2022.

Globe & Mail. “Chinese students in Canada mobilize covertly to deliver anti-Xi message. Nov. 17, 2022.

Wall Street Journal. “Beijing protester’s battle cry sends ripples worldwide.” Oct. 22, 2022.

Washington Post. “Few signs that China is trying to escape its zero-covid trap.” Oct. 14, 2022.

Reuters. “When Chinese protesters came up against Xi’s security machine.” Oct. 10, 2022.

The New Statesman. Podcast episode. “The Party Leads Everything: China under Xi.” Oct. 4, 2022.

AFP. “‘COVID zero’ key to Xi legacy as leader prepares for third term.” Oct. 6, 2022.

POLITICO China Watcher. Dangerous liaison: U.S. and allies target China-Russia ties. Jul. 7, 2022.

Financial Times. “Covid in China: Xi’s fraying relationship with the middle class.” Jun. 25, 2022.

Reuters. “No work and nowhere to live: a rural migrant’s ordeal in locked-down Shanghai.” May 18, 2022.

BBC World Service. “How China’s silenced feminist Sophia Huang Xueqin went missing.” May 18, 2022.

POLITICO China Watcher. China’s Ukraine Quagmire. Mar. 17, 2022.

Los Angeles Times. “Troubles mount in China ahead of Xi’s bid to stay in power.” May 13, 2022.
CNN. “With new leader, the future for progressive politics looks more challenging.” May 11, 2022.
Financial Times. “Shanghai lockdown tests Xi Jinping’s loyalties in China’s Communist Party.” May 7, 2022.

INVITED LECTURES / PANELS [2019-2023]

Canadian School of Public Policy. “The State and the Citizen.” Speaker. Fundamentals of China Course. (2021, 2022, 2023).

University of Minnesota China Centre. “China’s Gen-Z in the Era of Decoupling.” Keynote. Considering China Webinar Series. (Mar. 2023).

Brookings Institution. “Rethinking China’s Rise, Restraints, and Resilience.” Moderator. John L. Thornton China Center. (Feb. 2023).

University of British Columbia. “Reflections on the 20th Party Congress Roundtable.” Speaker. School of Public Policy & Global Affairs. (Dec. 2022).

University of California, Los Angeles. “The Changing Contours of Hong Kong Civil Society.” Speaker. Global Hong Kong Series. (Nov. 2022).

Brookings Institution. “Xi’s Sweep: Beyond China’s 20th Party Congress.” Speaker. John L. Thornton China Center (Nov. 2022).

The Wall Street Journal. “The Economic and Financial Effects of Decoupling.” Speaker. (Sep. 2021).

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

Manchester University. “The Futures of Social Movement Research.” Plenary speaker. Alternative Futures & Popular Protest Conference. (Jun. 2021).

Brookings Institution. “AAPI Heritage Month: Safeguarding Asian American Inclusion and Belonging.” Panelist. John L. Thornton China Center. (May 2021).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The University of California, San Diego. “Mobilizing Without the Masses in China.” Book lecture. 21st Century China Center. Book lecture. (May. 2019).

The New School. “Mobilizing Without the Masses in China.” Book lecture. India-China Institute. (Apr. 2019).

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

The University of California, Berkeley. “Mobilizing Without the Masses in China.” Book Lecture. Department of Political Science. (Nov. 9, 2019).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Political Science Association

Executive Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research Section (2022-present)

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

Selection Committee, Gregory Luebbert Best Book Award in Comparative Politics (2019)

Canada China Forum, Advisory Board Member (2023-present)

Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Editorial Board Member (2023-present)

The Rhodes Trust

National Co-secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship in China (2019-22)

Responsible for overseeing the selection process of Rhodes Scholars in the China jurisdiction.

Final Selection Committee (2016, 2017); pre-selection committee (2016, 2018)

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant Reviewer (2017)