

CHEN SHEN

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, International Political Economy, Chinese Politics, Nationalism, Game Theory.

EDUCATION

- Texas A&M University • Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science • Degree expected 2027
Dissertation: *Navigating Pressures: How the Chinese Government Manages Domestic and International Challenges*. • Successfully defended
Committee: Robert Harmel (Co-chair), Quan Li (Co-chair), Carlo Horz, Ren Mu
 - University of California San Diego • Master of International Affairs • 2018
 - Renmin University of China • Bachelor of Law, International Politics • 2015
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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

4. **Shen, Chen**, and Hankyeul Yang. 2026. “Revisiting Our Understanding of Major Power Diplomacy: The Causes and Consequences of High-Level Diplomatic Visits with China, 1960–2020.” *International Studies Quarterly* 70, no. 1: sqag009.
 3. Harmel, Robert, Zhaoqing Li, **Chen Shen**, and Yao-Yuan Yeh. 2026. “Life-Cycle and Generational Influences on Chinese Political Behavior and Attitudes: Age Matters, and so Does Context.” *Social Science Quarterly* 107, no. 2: e70141.
 2. Harmel, Robert, Zhaoqing Li, **Chen Shen**, and Yao-Yuan Yeh. 2024. “Monolithic Chinese political culture?: A cross-regional exploration.” *Social Science Quarterly* 105, no. 5: 1457-1473.
 1. Harmel, Robert, **Chen Shen**, and Yao-Yuan Yeh. 2022. “Understanding Chinese nationalism: Does location matter?” *Social Science Quarterly* 103, no. 3: 670-685.
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REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- Harmel, Robert, Chen Shen, and Yao-Yuan Yeh. “Alternative Agents of ‘Good Citizenship’ Socialization in China: Party, State Employment, and Religion” (Invitation to Revise and Resubmit at *Politics and Religion*).
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UNDER REVIEW

- Shen, Chen. “No more ‘all you can eat’? Evaluating Xi’s anti-corruption campaign’s effect on prices of goods related to bribery.”
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WORKING PAPERS

- Shen, Chen. “Quid Pro Quo in Human Rights Crises: How Authoritarian States Use Foreign Aid to Secure International Support.”

- Shen, Chen, Tianyi Yang, and Quan Li. “Exploring the Determinants of the Belt and Road Initiative Projects.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of Record • Texas A&M University
 - POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics • 184 students enrolled • Fall 2025
 - POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics • 81 students enrolled • Spring 2025
 - POLS 429 Issues in World Politics • 33 students enrolled • Spring 2024
 - POLS 429 Issues in World Politics • 33 students enrolled • Fall 2023
- Teaching Assistant • Texas A&M University
 - POLS 606 Spatial Analysis • Ph.D. • Fall 2024
 - POLS 604 Applied Game Theory • Ph.D. • Spring 2023
 - POLS 601 Components of Political Inquiry • Ph.D. • Fall 2022
 - POLS 308 Game Theoretical Methods • Undergraduate • Spring 2022
 - POLS 309 Polimetrics • Undergraduate • Spring 2026 & Fall 2020

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics, International Relations, International Political Economy, Game Theory, Authoritarian Politics, Chinese Politics.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Exploring the Determinants of the Belt and Road Initiative Projects. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. USA.
- 2026 Quid Pro Quo in Human Rights Crises: How Authoritarian States Use Foreign Aid to Secure International Support. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.
- 2025 Age vs. Generation in Chinese Political Behavior and Attitudes Revisited: Over-time Comparisons of Z, Y and Earlier Cohorts. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.
- 2024 Money for votes? How China responds to international human rights pressure. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.
- 2024 Monolithic Chinese Political Culture?: A Cross-Regional Exploration. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.
- 2023 Agents of “good citizenship” socialization. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.
- 2022 Understanding Chinese nationalism: Does location matter? Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.

2021 Multi-dimensionality of Chinese Nationalism. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. USA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Manuscript Referee, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*.
 - Conference Session Chair, “Hybrid Capital: Chinese SOEs in Global Political Competition,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026.
 - Conference Discussant, “Chinese Political Attitudes and Behavior,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021.
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SKILLS

- Languages
 - Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent).
 - Research Methods
 - Computational text analysis, spatial econometrics, formal modeling, panel data methods, causal inference, survey experiments.
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REFERENCES

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