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CURRENT POSITION

Tsinghua University, School of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Associate Professor (untenured) of International Relations (December 2021 – Present)

Associate Chair, Department of International Relations (October 2023–Present)

Tang Scholar (January 2022 – December 2024)

Assistant Professor of International Relations (February 2020 – December 2021)

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC, United States

Ph.D., Political Science (December 2019)

Fields: Security, Peace, and Conflict; Political Methodology

Committee: Kyle Beardsley (Chair); Peter Feaver; David A. Siegel; Xun Pang; Nils B. Weidmann

Utah State University, Logan, UT, United States

M.S., Political Science (May 2015)

Nankai University, Tianjin, China

M.A., International Relations (June 2012)

B.A., International Politics (June 2010)

VISTING AFFILIATIONS

University of Oxford, China Centre, Oxford, United Kingdom

Visiting Scholar (January 2025 – February 2025)

University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Konstanz, Germany

Visiting Scholar (June 2017 – August 2017)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: Interstate and Intrastate Conflict; Political Violence; Peacekeeping; Chinese Foreign Policy

Methodological: Applied Statistics; Spatial and Network Analysis; Predictive Modeling

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

Chong Chen, Kyle Beardsley, and Nils B. Weidmann, “The Grass is Always Greener on the Other Side: Transnational Ethnic Inequality and Ethno-nationalist Conflict,” *Journal of Peace Research*, First published Jun 14, 2025, pp.1-16, DOI:[10.1177/00223433251317102](https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433251317102).

Gabriella Levy, Rebecca Dudley, Chong Chen, and David A. Siegel, “Diplomatic Statements and the Strategic Use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 69, No. 2-3, 2025, pp.296–320, DOI: [10.1177/00220027241227907](https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241227907).

Chong Chen, “The Contagion of Foreign Policy Change: Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Chinese Leadership Visits, 1978-2014” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol.16, No. 2, 2023, pp.157–180, DOI: [10.1093/cjip/poad003](https://doi.org/10.1093/cjip/poad003).

Chong Chen, Jordan Roberts, Shikshya Adhikari, Victor Asal, Kyle Beardsley, Edward Gonzalez, Nakissa Jahanbani, Patrick James, Steven Lobell, Norrin M. Ripsman, Scott Silverstone, and Anne van Wijk, “Tipping Points: Challenges in Analyzing International Crisis Escalation,” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 2022, viac024, DOI: [10.1093/isr/viac024](https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viac024).

Laia Balcells, Chong Chen, and Costantino Pischedda, “Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 66, No. 1, 2022, sqab095, DOI: [10.1093/isq/sqab095](https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqab095).

- Chong Chen and Kyle Beardsley, "Once and Future Peacemakers: Continuity of Third-Party Involvement in Civil War Peace Processes," *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2021, pp. 285-311.
- Kaitlyn Webster, Priscilla Torres, Chong Chen, and Kyle Beardsley, "Ethnic and Gender Hierarchies in the Crucible of War," *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 64, No. 3, 2020, pp. 710-722.
- Kaitlyn Webster, Chong Chen, and Kyle Beardsley, "Conflict, Peace, and the Evolution of Women's Empowerment," *International Organization*, Vol. 73, No. 2, 2019, pp. 255-289 [Lead article].
- Chong Chen, "Territorial Dispute Initiation by Weaker States," *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 11, No. 3, 2018, pp. 339-372.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN CHINESE (SELECTED)

- Huiyi Lyu, Xiaoyu Si, and Chong Chen, "How do International Peacekeeping Operations Affect External Support in Civil Wars," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 11, 2024, pp. 29-59.
- Chong Chen, Haixia Qi, and Hao Guan, "The Foreign Policy Consequences of the Belt and Road Initiative: A Big Data Approach to Measuring Bilateral Relations," *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), Vol. 41, No.5, 2024, pp.27-54.
- Bei Huang and Chong Chen, "Development of Digital Technologies and Political Violence in Conflict-affected Countries," *Quarterly Journal of International Politics* (国际政治科学), No. 3, 2024, pp.36-71.
- Xiaoyu Si and Chong Chen, "Compositions of UN Troop Contributing Countries and Civilian Protection: Micro-Level Evidence from Peacekeeping Missions in Africa," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 6, 2023, pp. 54-82.
- Chong Chen and Jingtian Hu, "Spatial Dependence and Armed Conflict Prediction," *Quarterly Journal of International Politics* (国际政治科学), No. 2, 2022, pp. 86-123.
- Zhusong Yang, Chong Chen, and Jingxi Yang, "The Conditional Impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on National Governance," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 3, 2022, pp. 4-29 [Lead article].
- Chong Chen, "Explaining the Formation of Global Diplomatic Networks: New Evidence from Network Analysis of Large-scale Event Data," *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), Vol. 38, No. 4, 2021, pp. 120-154.
- Chong Chen, "Armed Conflict and Women's Empowerment: Evidence from Two Natural Experiments," *Journal of International Security Studies* (国际安全研究), Vol. 39, No. 4, 2021, pp. 103-127.
- Yao Wen, Mengying Xie, and Chong Chen, "Explaining the Wave of Foreign Participation in Chinese Belt and Road Initiative: Evidence from Spatial Analyses," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 2, 2021, pp. 134-154.
- Xun Pang and Chong Chen, "The Hirschman Effect of International Finance: How China's Currency Swap Agreements Affect Foreign Policy Convergence," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 6, 2020, pp. 132-155.
- Chong Chen and Xun Pang, "Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Terrorist Attacks in Africa: A Big Data Approach with GIS and Split-Population Duration Models," *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), Vol. 37, No. 2, 2020, pp. 121-154.
- Chong Chen, "Rethinking Opportunity, Greed, Grievance and Internal Conflict: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of African Political Violence," *World Economics and Politics* (世界经济与政治), No. 8, 2018, pp. 94-127.

BOOKS AND ONLINE READERS

- Chong Chen, *Spatial Dependence and Conflict Prediction in the Age of Big Data* (Under Contract with Social Sciences Academic Press (China))
- Chong Chen, Feng Liu, and Xuefeng Sun eds., *China's Economic Statecraft in a New Era: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025)[e-reader]
- Feng Liu, Xuefeng Sun, and Chong Chen eds., *New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023) [e-reader]

OP-EDS

- Priscilla Torres, Katie Webster, Chong Chen, and Kyle Beardsley, "Might COVID-19 Upend Social Hierarchies?" *Political Violence at a Glance*, September 30, 2020.

UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

- "The Diffusion of Territorial Dispute Claims," with So Jin Lee and David A. Siegel (Revise & Resubmit at *Research and Politics*)
- "Rebel Alliances and the Severity of Violence in Civil Wars," with Gary Uzonyi
- "Mediating Post-Civil War Peace: Third Parties in the Design and Implementation of Civil War Peace Settlements," with Huiyi Lyu and Colin Flint

WORKING PAPERS

“Interstate Hostility, Transborder Ethnic Kin, and the Onset of Civil War”

“In the Shadow of Rebellion: The Intrastate Diffusion of Ethnic Inclusion”

“Ethnic Diversity, Local Competition, and Separatist Conflicts”

“Provision of Infrastructure and Local Conflict: Evidence from China’s Belt and Road Initiative,” with Huiyi Lyu, Bei Huang, and Ying Huang

“Rebel Leaders and Civil War Alliances,” with Zhejun Qiu, Ruolin Su, and Weiwen Yin

SOFTWARE IN DEVELOPMENT

Chong Chen, “**postregplots**: An R Package for Visualizing Simulation-based Marginal Effects from Generalized Linear Models” (development version available from [GitHub](#))

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

GRANTS

National Special Support Plan for High-level Talents, ¥ 300,000 RMB (2023–2026)

Young Scholars Grant, National Social Science Fund of China, ¥ 200,000 RMB (2021–2023)

Initiative Scientific Research Program, Tsinghua University, ¥ 160,000 RMB (2022–2023)

Start-Up Research Fund, Tsinghua University, ¥ 300,000 RMB (2020–2023)

Travel Grant, ISA (2019)

Jerry B. and Callie Stone Scholarship, Duke University (2018–2019)

Conference Travel Grant, Duke University (2017–2019)

RGS Graduate Student Travel Grant, Utah State University (2013–2015)

Graduate Research and Projects Grant, Utah State University (2015)

The Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA (2015)

Travel Grant, ISA–West (2014)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

First Prize of the Teaching Achievement Award, Tsinghua University (2025)

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Advisor Award, Tsinghua University (2025)

2024 CNKI Highly Cited Scholars (Top 5%), The China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) (2025)

Outstanding Mater’s Thesis Advisor Award, Tsinghua University (2024)

Top Young Talent of the National Special Support Plan for High-level Talents, Chinese Government (2023)

Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Advisor Award, Tsinghua University (2023)

Tang Scholarship, Tsinghua University & Cyrus Tang Foundation (2022 – 2024)

Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad (2020)

Graduate Fellowship, Duke University (2015–2020)

Bradley Fellow, The Bradley Foundation (2016–2018)

Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University (2016–2019)

Summer Fellowship to Visit University of Konstanz, Department of Political Science, Duke University (2017)

Full Tuition Waiver Award & Graduate Assistantship, Utah State University (2013–2015)

Outstanding Graduating Student Award, Nankai University (2012)

Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Nankai University (2010)

National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China (2007–2009)

PRESENTATIONS

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference: 2017, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025
 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024
 Peace Science Society (International) Annual Conference: 2016, 2018
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference: 2014, 2015, 2021, 2024
 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference: 2015, 2018
 The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) Annual Conference: 2017
 Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC): 2023, 2024
 ISA–West Annual Conference: 2014
 Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (CCPSIS): 2010–2012, 2018–2025
 National Forum for Computational Social Science Annual Conference: 2020, 2021

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2025: University of Oxford China Centre; Nankai University; Renmin University of China; Xi'an Jiaotong University; Lanzhou University; University of International Business and Economics; Northwest Normal University
2024: Nankai University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; Renmin University of China; Jilin University; Sichuan University; Lanzhou University; Peking University
2023: Shandong University; Jinan University; Renmin University of China; Zhengzhou University; University of Macau; Xinjiang University; Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Lanzhou University; Nanjing University; Sun Yat-Sen University; University of International Business and Economics
2022: Sun Yat-Sen University; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Lanzhou University; Xi'an Jiaotong University; Fudan University; Nanjing University; Shanghai Institute for International Studies; Peking University
2021: Beijing Foreign Studies University; University of International Business and Economics; Sun Yat-Sen University; Shanghai International Studies University; Renmin University of China; Nankai University; Beijing Foreign Studies University; Renmin University of China; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Shanghai Institute for International Studies
2020: Shanghai International Studies University; Xi'an Jiaotong University; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences; Shanghai University of Political Science and Law; Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Tsinghua University
2019 and earlier: Tsinghua University; Lanzhou University; University of Pennsylvania; Nankai University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR AT TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Fundamentals of Quantitative Methods for International Relations (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2025)
 Introduction to International Security (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

GRADUATE COURSES

Spatial Analysis for Social Sciences (Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)
 Introduction to Data Science (Fall 2025)
 Civil Wars (Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2025)
 Empirical Analysis of International Relations (Co-Instructor, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

SHORT COURSES

Spatial Data Visualization and Analysis with R
 – Laboratory of Computational Social Science and State Governance, Tsinghua University

- Tsinghua Computational Social Science Institute, Tsinghua University
- Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University
- School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Linear and Logistic Models

- Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University

TEACHING ASSISTANT

PS233: Nuclear Weapons, Duke University (Spring 2019)

PS146: Politics and Economics, Duke University (Spring 2018)

PS329S: Politics in Violence, Duke University (Fall 2017)

POLS 3000: Research Methods in Political Science, Utah State University (Fall 2014–Spring 2015)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

PHD ADVISEES

YanJun Lu (2029 expected)

Ying Huang (2027 expected)

Huiyi Lyu (2026 expected)

Xiaoyu Si (2025)

MA ADVISEES

Jingtian Hu (2026 expected)

Zimu Wang (2026 expected, Computer Science)

Frosina Hui Voser (2026 expected)

Jia Han (2025)

YanJun Lu (2025)

Amanda Grace Howard (2025, Schwarzman College)

Mengyuan Hao (2024)

Asnaya Zeynalli (2024)

BiligtSaikhhan Uuganbayar (2023)

Stefania Jiang (2022)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEES

Kayi Yang (2026 expected)

Zhigao Dai (2024)

Hao Sha (2025, Xingjian College)

Yuhang Zhang (2026 expected)

Jingtian Hu (2023)

Tianyue Hu (2023)

Qi Wang (2023)

Xiaoxiao Li (2022)

Jingxi Yang (2022)

Yuanqian Chen (2022)

Jiapeng Zhao (2021)

Lydia Ren (2021)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Associate Chair, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2023–Present)

Faculty Advisor for Practice Education, Tsinghua University (2023–2026)

Faculty Advisor for Capstone Projects, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University (2021–Present)

Executive Director, [International Relations Data and Computing Lab](#), Tsinghua University (2020 – 2022)

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2023)

PhD Students Qualifying Examination Committee, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University (2020–2023)

Faculty Committee, Graduate Conference in Social Sciences, Tsinghua University (2020)

Student Organizer, Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop Series, Duke University (2018–2019)

Graduate Student Member, Security, Peace, and Conflict Job Search Committee, Duke University (2017–2018)

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Co-Organizer, [Annual Conference of the Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies](#) (2021 – Present)

Associate Editor, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2020 – Present)

Youth Editorial Board, *Asian Review of Political Economy* (2023 – Present)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic and Decision Making* (2023 – Present)

Organizer & Host, Tsinghua Annual Workshop on Empirical International Relations (2020 – Present)

Organizer & Host, Tsinghua Annual Workshop of Innovations in International Relations Theories (2021 – 2023)

Chair/Discussant: Annual Meeting of Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies (2018 – 2023); Annual New Faces Conference of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (2017); Annual Conference of American Political Science Association (2025)

Volunteer, The 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (2018)

Anonymous Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Review of International Organizations*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Chinese Political Science Review*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Interactions*, *Sage Publications*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *China Economic Quarterly*, *Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies*, *Journal of International Security Studies*, *Foreign Affairs Review*, *Journal of Strategic and Decision Making*, *Quarterly Journal of International Politics*, *Pacific Journal*, *World Economics and Politics*, *World Politics Studies*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society (International)

The Society for Political Methodology

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Summer 2014)

Semester At Sea, Spring 2012 Voyage (105 Days, 12 Countries, and 25,000 Nautical Miles around the World)

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (native), English

Computer: R, STATA, SAS, SPSS, L^AT_EX, Python, Git/GitHub, Gephi, ArcGIS, QGIS, HTML

REFERENCES

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