YELING TAN

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government — 2024 - Present
Professor of Public Policy

University of Oregon — 2018-23
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Princeton University — 2017-18
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program

AFFILIATIONS

Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) — May 2022 - Present
Non-Resident Senior Fellow

University of California San Diego — 2020 - 2023
Non-Resident Scholar, 21st Century China Center

EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government — 2017
Ph.D. in Public Policy

JFK School of Government, Harvard University — 2011
M.P.A in International Development

Stanford University — 2002
B.A. in International Relations and Economics (Honors and Distinction)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Project Syndicate Forward Thinkers List — 2025
List of emerging intellectual innovators

Georgetown University Lepgold Book Prize — 2022
Best book in international relations

Peter Katzenstein Book Prize — 2022
Outstanding book in international relations, comparative politics or political economy

Emerging Scholars Global Policy Prize — 2020
University of Pennsylvania Perry World House-Foreign Affairs

Honorable Mention for Distinguished Performance 2011
Masters thesis, Harvard University

Firestone Medal for Excellence in Research 2002
Best undergraduate thesis in International Relations, Stanford University

Phi Beta Kappa 2002
Stanford University

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

Disaggregating China, Inc: State Strategies in the Liberal Economic Order, 2021. Cornell University Press Studies in Political Economy Series

- Featured on the New Books Network podcast & the Pekingology podcast

China Experiments: From Local Innovation to National Reform, 2012. Brookings Institution Press (with Ann Florini and Hairong Lai).

Asia's Role in Governing Global Health, 2012. Routledge (co-editor with Kelley Lee and Tikki Pang).

Articles

"Driven to Self-Reliance: Coercion and the US-China Innovation Ecosystem." 2025. *International Studies Quarterly,* 69(2). (with Mark Dallas, Henry Farrell and Abraham Newman)

"The Domestic Political Consequences of Global Economic Expansion: Evidence from Survey Experiments in China." 2024. *Review of International Political Economy,* 32(1), 202–225. (with David Steinberg and Daniel McDowell).

"The Limits of Liberalization: WTO Entry and Chinese State-owned Firms." 2023. *International Studies Quarterly,* 67(3) (with Christina Davis).

"Public Responses to Foreign Protectionism: Evidence from the US-China Trade War." 2023. *The Review of International Organizations*, 18: 145-167 (with David Steinberg).

- Featured on the Trade Talks podcast

"Disaggregating "China, Inc": The Hierarchical Politics of WTO Entry." 2020. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(13): 2118-2152.

"Provincial Power in a Centralizing China: the Politics of Domestic and International "Development Space"." 2020. *The China Journal*, 83(1): 79-104 (with Kyle Jaros).

- Featured on the CSIS Pekingology podcast

"Transparency without Democracy: The Unexpected Effects of China's Environmental Disclosure

Policy." 2014. *Governance*, 27(1): 37-62.

"Global Health Governance and the Rise of Asia." 2012. *Global Policy*, 3(3): 324-335. (with Kelley Lee and Tikki Pang).

Book Chapters and Working Papers

"China's Economic Security Growth Model and Implications for the US-China Security Dilemma." 2026. Peterson Institute for International Economics Working Paper 26-15.

"China's Growth Models in Comparative and International Perspective" (with James Conran). 2022. in Mark Blyth, Jonas Pontusson, Lucio Baccaro (eds.) *Diminishing Returns: The New Politics of Growth and Stagnation,* Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

China and the WTO: Why multilateralism still matters, by Petros C. Mavroidis and Andre Sapir. 2021. Princeton University Press. *The Review of International Organizations*, 2022, 17(1): 227-230.

Micro-Institutional Foundations of Capitalism: Sectoral Pathways to Globalization in China, India, and Russia. By Roselyn Hsueh. New York: Cambridge University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2023, 21(4):1504-1505.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Research on Economic Security and Peace initiative (co-PI with Christina Davis)

"How Export Control Design Shapes Retaliation and Restraint" (with Christina Davis, Katniss Li, Claas Mertens and Kaidi Zhu)

"Explaining the Fall and Rise of Economic Security in China" (with Kaidi Zhu)

"Explaining the Diffusion of Export Control Regimes" (with Christina Davis and Katniss Li)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Invited

2026

Harvard University Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies China Economy Lecture Series
Peking University, Harvard University, National University of Singapore Joint Conference on "A World in Flux"
Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies-Blavatnik School Joint Symposium on "From Economic Security to Economic Statecraft"
Tsinghua University Joint Workshop on Global Governance and Public Policy
The New School Workshop on Recalibrating Economic Relations: Working Group on China, India, and the United States

2025

Conference on Industrial Policy, Harvard University, National University of Singapore, Peking University
Frankfurt School Sino-German Center China Colloquium
Oxford University Saïd Business School Comparative Political Economy Workshop
Cambridge University Indo-Pacific Roundtable
Fung Scholars programme on China in a Changing World

2024

Columbia-Harvard International Conference on "China and the World"
Yale University & Brown University Workshop on China and International Politics Workshop
Annual Conference on China's Economic Development and U.S.-China Economic Relations, George Washington University
King's College London China Week
London School of Economics US-China Seminar Series
London School of Economics Cutting Edge Lecture Series

2023

Columbia University International Conference on "China and the World"
Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Sino-German Center colloquium

2022

Georgetown University Lepgold Prize lecture Kansas
University Trade War Lab speaker series
National University of Singapore East Asia Institute speaker series
Naval War College conference on the CCP@100
University of Michigan conference on getting China right
HKS Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation China Study Group
Hong Kong University international speaker series
HKBU, NUS, NTU, CEIBS political economy seminar
University of Pennsylvania Perry World House research seminar
University of Manchester Global Development Institute speaker series
Peterson Institute for International Economics research seminar
UC San Diego China research workshop

2021

Johns Hopkins SAIS China politics speaker series
Oxford University China Centre speaker series
Johns Hopkins SAIS political economy speaker series
Georgetown University China politics speaker series
Harvard University Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies speaker series
Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program speaker series
University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China speaker series

2020

New York University Chinese political economy series
UC San Diego workshop on Chinese economic statecraft

Brown University & Max Planck Institute workshop on the new politics of growth and stagnation

2019

Austalian National University and Harvard-Columbia conference on China and the world
Duke University Conference on getting China right: China in the world
Boston University Global Development Policy Center speaker series
UC San Diego China research workshop
University of Arkansas workshop on the US-China trade war
Harvard University Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, & Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies
University of Pennsylvania conference for young IR scholars
Harvard-Columbia conference on China and the world
Georgetown University initiative for US-China dialogue on global issues workshop
International Studies Association workshop on state transformation and global governance

Earlier years

Tsinghua University & Georgetown University initiative for US-China dialogue on global issues workshops, 2017 & 2018
Princeton-Harvard China and the World conference at the University of Maryland, 2018
Princeton University China & the World seminar series, 2017
Colorado College, 2016
New York University, 2016
Princeton University, 2016
University of Oregon, 2016
Columbia University, 2016
Oxford University conference on rethinking state-society relations in contemporary China, 2013
Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, 2013
University of Pittsburgh China local governance conference, 2012
Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, 2012
Harvard University Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, 2011

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024, 2023, 2021-2016
International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2009
International Political Economy Society Annual Conference, 2023, 2019
Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2023, 2018, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association, 2017
Northwest China Forum, 2018

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Writing and Radio

"The Emergence of 'Hedged Globalization'" Project Syndicate 2025

"Rethink … the UK's relationship with China" BBC Radio 4 2025

"Will China's latest urbanization push work?" PIIE 2024

"China's upcoming party session is unlikely to reverse its economic troubles" PIIE 2024

"How China will Respond to Biden's Tariffs" PIIE, 2024

"The Chinese Communist Party's Plans to Tighten Discipline Could have Unintended Consequences" PIIE, 2023

"Beijing Offers Muted Response to US Attempts at Reframing Relationship." PIIE, 2023

"Inflation Isn't the Only Reason Biden Should Lift China Tariffs." *Bloomberg Opinion*, 2022

"How the WTO Changed China: The Mixed Legacy of Economic Engagement." *Foreign Affairs*, Vol 100 (2), March/April 2021

"William Barr thinks China is stealing U.S. technology. But clamping down on knowledge transfer could backfire." (with Peter A. Hall). The Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post, 2020

"The Future of Trade and Investment: A Call to Prevent Economic Fragmentation." (lead author with Anabel Gonzalez), Global Future Council on International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum, 2020

"Four Scenarios for the Future of Trade and Investment." (lead author with Anabel Gonzalez), Global Future Council on International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum, 2019

"Will U.S. trade pressure actually change China's industrial policy?" The Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post, 2018

"Strategic Brief on Misconceptions around Trade Balances." (with Robert Z. Lawrence), Global Future Council on International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum, 2018

"Consolidating and Institutionalizing Decentralization in China." (with Ann Florini, Hairong Lai & Yanchun Ong), Report for the World Bank, 2010

"Transparent Warriors." (with Ann Florini), *Foreign Policy blog*, 2009

Events and Initiatives

2026

The Trump-Xi summit and possible future of US-China economic relations, PIIE
RIETI Brown Bag Lunch Seminar
Chatham House, China Economics Forum
17th Annual Queen's Institute on Trade Policy, Queens University
UK-Vietnam China Roundtable
Chatham House Global Trade Conference
US-China Geo-Economic Order Dialogue, PIIE, CSIS, China Academy of Social Sciences &

Shanghai Institute for International Studies
Oxford China Policy Lab annual conference

2025

China's economic outlook: Challenges and opportunities, PIIE
Young China Watchers Annual Conference, Kings College London
US-China Geo-Economic Order Dialogue, PIIE, CSIS, China Academy of Social Sciences & Shanghai Institute for International Studies
Oxford China Policy Lab annual conference
16th Annual Queen's Institute on Trade Policy, Queens University

2024

Aspirations, Expectations, and China's Role in the 21st Century, Salzburg Global Seminar
How to navigate the global economy in troubled times, Chatham House London Conference
Trade and Public Policy Conference, Oxford University
US-China Geo-Economic Order Dialogue, PIIE, CSIS, China Academy of Social Sciences & Shanghai Institute for International Studies

2023

Rethinking US-China Economic Engagement, Center for New American Security
China's Political Economy, US-China Business Council Annual Meeting
UC San Diego China Forum
15th Annual Queen's Institute on Trade Policy, Queens University
US-China Geo-Economic Order Dialogue, PIIE, CSIS, China Academy of Social Sciences & Shanghai Institute for International Studies
PIIE-LKYSPP Next STEP Conference

2022

China Talk International, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam
East Asia Strategy Forum, Canada Institute for Peace & Diplomacy
14th Annual Queen's Institute on Trade Policy, Queens University
"Xi Jinping's Economic Model and the Future of Globalization," PIIE
"The Path Forward: Pacific NW-China Trade," Washington Council on International Trade
"Understanding China's Stock Markets," PIIE
"Economic Security and Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific," FPRI and the Wilson Center
"China, the US and the New Global Order(s)," Weatherhead Forum, Harvard University

2019-2021

Washington International Trade Association and Asia Society Policy Institute
Keynote address, 13th Annual Queen's Institute on Trade Policy, Queens University
"Subsidies & Gov't Intervention," Friends of Multilateralism Group & World Economic Forum
Subsidies and Industrial Policy Working Group, World Economic Forum
"Integration or Decoupling: What Lies Ahead?" UC Irvine Long U.S.-China Institute
"Global Governance," National Committee on American Foreign Policy
"The US-China Technology Relationship in Flux," Brookings Institution

TEACHING

University of Oxford

China and the World Economy	2024-present
Policy Challenge II: Simulation on Weaponized Interdependence	2026
Politics of Policymaking (case study on Japan)	2024-present
MSc Thesis Development Seminar	2024

University of Oregon

Politics of Development	2023
Globalization and Development	2019 - 2022
International Political Economy	2019 - 2023
Politics of China	2018 - 2023

SERVICE

Peer reviewer:
American Political Science Review, *Comparative Political Studies*, *World Politics, International Organization, International Security*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *World Development*, *Business & Politics, Governance*, *New Political Economy, The China Journal*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Chinese Journal of Political Science*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*

Panel Discussant:
APSA Annual Conference 2023, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017; ISA Annual Convention 2022, MPSA Annual Conference 2017

Co-Organizer, *Workshop on Institutions and Public Policy*, Harvard Kennedy School (2011-12)

Co-Instructor, *Leadership through the Ages*, Multidisciplinary course in the University Scholars' Program, National University of Singapore (2009)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Research on Economic Security and Peace, Andrew Carnegie Foundation ($750,000)	2026-28
Public Intellectual Fellow, National Committee on US-China Relations	2021-2023
Fellow, World Economic Forum Global Future Council on the Future of International Trade and Investment	2017-20
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University (declined)	2017

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame (declined) 2017

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences 2016

Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies 2015

Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences 2014

Mid-dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs 2014

Senior Scholar award, China Scholarship Council 2014

Presidential Public Service Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School 2009

Tom Ford Fellowship in Philanthropy, Stanford University Haas Center 2002

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Researcher, Peking University — Summer 2016, AY 2014-15
Beijing, China

Research Assistant to Peter A. Hall — Fall 2014
Cambridge, MA

Visiting Researcher, School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University — Summer 2012, 2013
Beijing, China

Visiting Researcher, Institute of Global Health, Peking University — Summer 2012
Beijing, China

Short Term Consultant, The World Bank — 2009-2010
Washington, D.C.

Research Fellow, LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore — 2007-2009
Singapore

Singapore Country Consultant, The Asia Foundation — 2007-2009
Singapore

Senior Policy Officer & Head, United States Desk, Ministry of Defence Policy Office — 2005-2007
Singapore

Policy Officer, Indonesia & Brunei Desks, Ministry of Defence Policy Office — 2003-2005
Singapore

Tom Ford Fellow, The Asia Foundation — 2002-2003
USA / Indonesia / Bangladesh

SKILLS

Data Analysis & Software Proficient in R, Stata, LaTeX
Language Fluent in Mandarin Chinese