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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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| 2021 – 2022 | Columbia-Harvard China and the World Fellowship Program                                        |
| 2021 – 2024 | Non-resident Research Associate, ‘China, Law and Development’ Project,<br>University of Oxford |
| 2021– 2023  | Oxford Martin School African Governance Project                                                |

## EDUCATION

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| 2021 | DPhil in Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations,<br>Oxford University. |
| 2017 | MSc in Politics Research, Department of Politics and International Relations,<br>Oxford University.   |
| 2013 | Master in Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.                            |
| 2011 | Bachelor of Law in International Relations, Law School, Shanghai International<br>Studies University. |

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

Wang, Y. and Y., Luo, (2015). *China Business Perception Index: Survey on Chinese Companies' Perception of Doing Business in Kenya*. Geneva: Globethics.net.

### Peer-reviewed Articles

Wang, Y. (forthcoming) ‘Executive Agency and State Capacity in Development: Comparing Sino-African Railways in Kenya and Ethiopia.’ *Journal of Comparative Politics*

Wang, Y. and U. Wissenbach, (2019). ‘Clientelism at work? A case study of Kenyan Standard Gauge Railway project.’ *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 34/3: 280-299.

### Chapters

Sun, Y. and Y. Wang, (2015). 'Learning to Collaborate: The Case Study of a Chinese-Kenyan CSR Effort.' In Young-Chan Kim (eds). *China and Africa: A New Paradigm of Global Business*. Springer.

Wissenbach, U. and Y. Wang, (2015). 'Development Policy – alternatives, challenges and opportunities.' In Wang, J. and W. Song, *China, the European Union and International Politics of Global Governance*. Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Policy Papers and Working Papers**

'Presidential Extraversion: Understanding Sino-African Infrastructure Development.' (Under review)

with Linda Calabrece. 'Agency through industrial regulations: Managing Chinese investments in Cambodia.' Working paper.

with Benard Musembi Kilaka. 'Imagined community: African community agency in Sino-African infrastructure projects.' Working paper.

Wissenbach, U. and Y. Wang, (2017). 'Local politics meets Chinese engineers – A study into the Chinese-built Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway Project in Kenya.' Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies China-Africa Research Initiative (SAIS-CARI) working paper.

Wissenbach, U. and Y. Wang, (2017). 'Local Politics Meets Chinese Engineers: A Study of the Chinese-Built Standard Gauge Railway Project In Kenya.' Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies China-Africa Research Initiative (SAIS-CARI) policy brief.

Wang, Y. and S. Zadek, (2016). 'Sustainability Impacts of Chinese Outward Direct Investment: A Review of the Literature.' International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) working paper.

### **TEACHING**

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#### **Undergraduate:**

2021                      Comparative Political Economy, Hertford College, University of Oxford.

#### **Graduate:**

2020                      Evidence for Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

2019                      Applied Policy Module: Statistics. Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

2013                      Social Institutions and Economic Development, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2018 – 2021	China Scholarship Council £112,200
2016	China Oxford Scholarship Fund, £8,000
2015	China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS-CARI) Fellowship, \$15,000
2013	Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government of Harvard Kennedy School, funding for thesis, \$3,000
2012	Harvard Kennedy School Summer Internship Fund, \$3,000
2010	The 11 <sup>th</sup> "Challenging Cup" Academic Competition, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in Shanghai and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place nationally

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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2021	Oxford University China African Network Seminar Series International Studies Association African Studies Association
2020	African Studies Association; Panel: African Understandings and Agency in China-Africa Engagements. Paper: Individual Agency in State Capacity: Comparing Sino-Africa railway development in Kenya and Ethiopia. Virtual conference. American Political Science Association; Panel: state-building in comparative perspective. Paper: Reconciling efficiency and accountability? Virtue conference.
2017	Shanghai Conference on Africa and Asia, Harvard Center for African Studies; Panel: Infrastructure, Trade, and Industrialization. Paper: Chinese-Funded and Constructed Railway Projects in Sub-Saharan African States. Shanghai. Oxford University China Africa Network: Between Physical and Ideological Mobility; Panel: The Politics of Transport: Realpolitik, Elite Ideologies and the Role of Infrastructure. Paper: Politicization for Development: The politics of Sino-Africa railway cooperation. Oxford. China Africa Research Initiative Annual Conference; Panel: China, Africa, and the West. Paper: The politics of Sino-Africa infrastructure development. Washington D.C.

## INVITED TALKS

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2021	Heidelberg University, Seminar, Title: A Tale of Two Railways.
2020	C. Hoare & Co. Winter Talks, Title: Staying on track: what drives success investing in Africa. Development workshop. Politicization for Development: The politics of Sino-Africa railway cooperation. Angola, Luanda.

Beijing Administration College, 中国工程师遇上非洲政治：中非基础设施合作研究。Beijing, China.

2019 Development Corridor Programme (DCP) Research Hub, Title: Clientelism at work? A case study of Kenyan Standard Gauge Railway project.

## **VISITING APPOINTMENTS**

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2018 Peking University, Centre for African Studies, Visiting Scholar, 2018.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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2020 – Reviewer for: South African Journal of International Affairs, Progress in Development Studies, China Quarterly, Policy Studies

2020 Admission interview for politics at St. Peter's College, Oxford

## **NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD**

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2015 – 2016 Consultant, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) China

2014 Research Lead, Sino-Africa Center of Excellence Foundation

2019 – 2020 Convener, Oxford University China Africa Network (OUCAN)

## **CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE**

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2019 Consultant, Overseas Development Institute (ODI) on 'Opportunities and Risks for Sustainable Development Linked to China's Belt and Road Initiative.'

2018 – 2019 Consultant, UNDP China, *2019 Report on the Sustainable Development of Chinese Private Enterprises Overseas.*

2015 Consultant, UNDP China, *2015 Report on the Sustainable Development of Chinese Enterprises Overseas.*

2014 – 2015 Consultant, International Institute for Sustainable Development. 'Sustainability Impacts of Chinese Outward Direct Investment.'

2015 Consultant, International Institute for Environment Development, 'Chinese Businesses in Africa: Perspectives on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Role of Chinese Government Policies'.

2012 – 2013 Research Assistant, Professor Matt Andrews's project on Building State Capability at Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School.

2012 Trainee, OECD-DAC Working Paper on Policy Coherence for Development.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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- 2019 – Member, International Studies Association  
2020 – Member, American Political Science Association  
2018 – Member, African Studies Association

## **SKILLS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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Fluent in English and Chinese, conversational level in Portuguese, French, and Japanese.

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research (IQMR).

Fieldwork experience in Africa (1.5 years), Southeast Asia (2 months), Europe (1 month). Two years working experience (NGO sector) in Kenya.

## **REFERENCES**

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