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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- 2022- Assistant Professor in International Relations, Duke Kunshan University
- 2021 – 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia-Harvard China and the World program,
Postdoctoral Research Scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and
Adjunct Lecturer at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

AFFILIATIONS

- 2021 – 2024 Non-resident Research Associate, ‘China, Law and Development’ Project,
University of Oxford
- 2021– 2023 Oxford Martin School African Governance Project

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Wang, Y. and Y., Luo, (2015). *China Business Perception Index: Survey on Chinese Companies' Perception of Doing Business in Kenya*. Geneva: Globethics.net.
- Wang, Y. ‘The Railpolitik: Leadership and Agency in Sino-African Infrastructure Development.’
(Under review)

Peer-reviewed Articles

- Wang, Y. 'Presidential Extraversion: Understanding Sino-African Infrastructure Development.' (Accepted subject to minor change, *World Development*)
- Wang, Y. (2022) '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.

Under Review

- with Linda Calabreze, 'Chinese capital, state effectiveness and the BRI: A tale of 'fractured development' in Cambodia.' (Under review)

Work in progress:

- 'African social agency in the great power competition.' (with Benard Musembi Kilaka)
- 'The Infrastructure-Security Nexus: A comparative study of Chinese SOEs' security strategies in Kenya and Ethiopia.' (with Karen Zhu and Will Shumate)
- 'Anti-corruption with Chinese Characteristics: CCP's anti-corruption reach in Africa.' (with Hong Zhang)
- '"National Champions" As Policy Diffusers: How Chinese State-owned Enterprises Shape Africa's Special Economic Zone Strategies.' (with Hong Zhang)
- 'Cooperate-media relations: media interactions between Chinese infrastructure companies and Kenyan/Ethiopian media.' (with Hangwei Li, supported by Carnegie Endowment)

Policy Papers and Working Papers

- 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

Undergraduate:

- 2023 Instructor, China in the World, Duke Kunshan University
2021 Tutor, Comparative Political Economy, Hertford College, University of Oxford.

Graduate:

- 2021 Instructor, REGN U6405: Sino-African Relations in History and Present, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
2020 Seminar leader, Evidence for Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
2019 Teaching assistant, Applied Policy Module: Statistics. Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
2013 Teaching assistant, Social Institutions and Economic Development, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 UNDP, Collaboration on Promoting Responsible Business Conduct of Chinese Overseas Investment for the Contributions to the SDGs \$15,000
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 11th “Challenging Cup” Academic Competition, 2nd place in Shanghai and 3rd place nationally

CONFERENCE & INVITED TALKS

- 2022 ISA, APSA, CWP annual conference, LSE Global China Seminar Series, UPenn guest lecture on China’s Political Economy; Development Studies Association annual conference (2022); Virtual Panel on Foreign Economic Policy and the African State: African Agency in the 21st Century (Boston University);

	Symposium on China and the regional impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (University of Kansas and the Kansas City International Relations Council)
2021	Oxford University China African Network Seminar Series; International Studies Association; ASA (panel organizer and co-chair); Columbia-Harvard China and the World (CWP) Seminar Series; Polisci Workshop China; Heidelberg University Seminar; OUCAN; British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) workshop
2020	African Studies Association; American Political Science Association; C. Hoare & Co. Winter Talks; Development Workshop; Beijing Administration College
2019	Development Corridor Programme Research Hub
2017	Shanghai Conference on Africa and Asia, Harvard Center for African Studies; Oxford University China Africa Network; China Africa Research Initiative Annual Conference.

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2018	Peking University, Centre for African Studies, Visiting Scholar, 2018.
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SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020 –	Reviewer for: South African Journal of International Affairs, Progress in Development Studies, China Quarterly, Policy Studies, Comparative Politics
2020	Admission interview for politics at St. Peter's College, Oxford

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

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

2021-2022	Consultant, UNDP China, 'Collaboration on Promoting Responsible Business Conduct of Chinese Overseas Investment for the Contributions to the SDGs.'
2019	Consultant, Overseas Development Institute, 'Opportunities and Risks for Sustainable Development Linked to China's Belt and Road Initiative.'
2018 – 2019	Consultant, UNDP China, <i>2019 Report on the Sustainable Development of Chinese Private Enterprises Overseas.</i>
2015 – 2016	Consultant, UNDP China, <i>2015 Report on the Sustainable Development of Chinese Enterprises Overseas.</i>

- 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

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

SKILLS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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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