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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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- 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

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

## EDUCATION

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- 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

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### Book

- Wang, Y. *The Railpolitik: Leadership and Agency in Sino-African Infrastructure Development*. (Under contract with Oxford University Press)  
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. (2022). ‘Presidential extraversion: Understanding the politics of Sino-African mega-infrastructure projects.’ *World Development*, 158, 105976.
- Wang, Y. (2022). Executive agency and State capacity in development: Comparing Sino-African railways in Kenya and Ethiopia. *Comparative Politics*, 54(2), 349-373.
- 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: Chinese State-owned Enterprises’ Instrumental Role in Africa’s Industrial Park 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**

- UNDP (forthcoming). Scoping Report: Collaboration on Promoting Responsible Business Conduct of Chinese Overseas Investment for the Contributions to the SDGs.
- 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:**

- 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**

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- 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 11<sup>th</sup> “Challenging Cup” Academic Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Shanghai and 3<sup>rd</sup> place nationally

## **CONFERENCE & INVITED TALKS**

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- 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), Zhejiang University
- 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**

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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, Comparative Politics
- 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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- 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, *2019 Report on the Sustainable Development of Chinese Private Enterprises Overseas*.
- 2015 – 2016 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.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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

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## 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.

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## REFERENCES

### **Ricardo Soares de Oliveira**

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Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy and Director of the International Development Program (IDEV), and the China Africa Research Initiative (CARI) at Johns Hopkins University’s School of

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