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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	University of California, San Diego Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	July 2024-
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Political Science and Scientific Computing Majors: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology London School of Economics and Political Science , London, UK M.Res in International Development, with Distinction M.Sc in Development Studies, with Distinction University of Hong Kong , Hong Kong Bachelor of Social Sciences, with First-class honors	2018-2024 2015-2016 2013-2014 2013
PUBLICATIONS	6. Liu, Guoer, and Kevin Quinn. "Why the Average Treatment Effect for the Overlap Population (ATO) Matters for Natural Experiments." <i>Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis</i>, forthcoming. 5. Quinn, Kevin M., Guoer Liu, Lee Epstein, and Andrew D. Martin. "What to Observe When Assuming Selection on Observables." <i>Political Analysis</i> 34, no. 1 (2026):1-22. 4. Liu, Guoer. "Where Are the Missing Dead? How Metrics Management Mitigates Official Data Misreporting in China." <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> 4, no. 2 (2023): 231-258. 3. Liu, Guoer, and Yuki Shiraito. "Multiple Hypothesis Testing in Conjoint Analysis." <i>Political Analysis</i> 31, no. 3 (2023): 380-395. 2. Liu, Guoer, Kenneth Mori McElwain, and Yuki Shiraito. "The Clash of Traditional Values: Opposition to Female Monarchs." <i>European Political Science Review</i> 15, no. 2 (2023): 291-310. 1. Liu, Guoer, and Andrew Kilmister. "Socialist Models of Development." In Poverty and Development: Into the 21st Century (Third Edition), edited by Tim Allen and Alan Thomas. Oxford University Press, 2021.	
WORK IN PROGRESS	4. Liu, Guoer. "Co-opting Automation: How Technology Reorganizes Political Discretion in China." (R&R in <i>World Politics</i>) 3. Liu, Guoer. "When Automation Builds Trust: Information Credibility and Authoritarian Rule."	

2. Oh, Jieun, **Guoer Liu**, Yusaku Horiuchi, Yuki Shiraito. “Getting the Counterfactual Right in Survey-Timing Designs.”
1. Gallagher, Mary E., Deanna Kolberg, **Guoer Liu**, Daniela Stockmann, Lawrence S. Root, Yujeong Yang, Nicole Wu, and Ziyi Wu. “Understanding Attitudes toward China and Globalization: A Cross-National Investigation and Mixed-Methods Approach.”

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. **Liu, Guoer**. “Automated: Why Governments Bind Themselves to Machines.”
- Early-Career Researcher Fellowship at Scholars’ House at Tokyo, 2027 (scheduled).
 Hellman Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2026 - 2027.
 Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant (via 21st Century China Center), 2026–2028.
 School of Social Sciences Research Grant, University of California, San Diego, 2026.
 Academic Senate Research Grant, University of California, 2026.
 Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award, APSA, 2025.
 Best Student Poster Award (Applied) at PolMeth XL, 2023.
 Asian PolMeth X Graduate Student Paper/Poster Prize, 2023.
 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2023-2024.
 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan, 2021, 2023.
 Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Travel Grants, 2023.
 NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2022-2024.
 EITM Summer Institute, 2022.
 Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Research Fellowship, 2021.
 Roy Pierce Award. Center for Political Studies, 2019.
 WCED Graduate Student Research Grants, 2019.
 LRCCS Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018-2023.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

2026: Conference on façade Politics, Yale University (scheduled); AI in China and Southeast Asia, San Diego State University (scheduled); Chinese Text as Data Workshop, Chinese University of Hong Kong (scheduled); Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences (SICSS), New York University Shanghai (scheduled).
2025: Center on Contemporary China, Princeton University; Department of Political Economy, King’s College London; Climate Pipeline Project Conference, Princeton University.
2024: Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia, New York University; Bridging Asia Conference at the University of Southern California.
2023: Causal Inference Seminar at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

WPSA Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Regimes: 2026.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018, 2023, 2024, 2026 (scheduled).
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2023, 2024.
 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting: 2022, 2023, 2025.
 Asian Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting: 2021, 2023.
 Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science Winter Conference: 2023.

TEACHING	University of California, San Diego Authoritarian Politics (Ph.D.) Causal Inference (Ph.D.) Chinese Politics (Undergraduate) Data Politics (Undergraduate)
REFeree SERVICE	American Journal of Political Science; Environmental and Resource Economics; European Political Science Review; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Politics; Political Analysis; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
SERVICE	Member, Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award Selection Committee, APSA, 2026.
COMPUTER SKILLS	R, Python, Google Earth Engine, ArcGIS, NVivo, Stata