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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 - now     *Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies*, New York University Shanghai  
                  *Global Network Assistant Professor*, New York University
- 2020 - 2021     *Residential Fellow*, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich
- 2016 - 2017     *Assistant Professor Faculty Fellow*, New York University Shanghai
- 2013 - 2016     *Lecturer of Community & Environmental Sociology*, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### EDUCATION

- 2016, *Doctor of Philosophy*, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011, *Master of Science*, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009, *Bachelor of Law*, Sociology & Diplomacy, Fudan University
- 2008, *Universitas 21 Exchange Student*, Sociology, University of Nottingham

### PUBLICATIONS

- Book*
- Li, Yifei** and Judith Shapiro. 2020. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet*. Cambridge: Polity.
- Refereed Articles and Chapters*
- Li, Yifei** and Xiaohua Zhong. Forthcoming. "For the People' without 'By the People': People and Plans in Shanghai's Waterfront Development." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.
- Li, Yifei** and Gary Paul Green. Forthcoming. "Green Economies and Community Wellbeing." in *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, edited by M. Bell, M. Carolan, K. Legun, and Julie Keller. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Li, Yifei**. 2019. "Qi." Pp. 215-25 in *An Ecotopian Lexicon*, edited by M. Schneider-Mayerson and B. R. Bellamy. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Li, Yifei**. 2019. "Bureaucracies Count: Environmental Governance through Goal-Setting and Mandate-Making in Contemporary China." *Environmental Sociology* 5(1):12-22.
- Zinda, John Aloysius, **Yifei Li**, and John Chung-En Liu. 2018. "China's Summons for Environmental Sociology." *Current Sociology* 66(6):867-85.
- Guttman, Dan, Oran Young, Yijia Jing, Barbara Bramble, Maoliang Bu, Carmen Chen, Kathinka Furst, Tao Hu, **Yifei Li**, Kate Logan, Lingxuan Liu, Lydia Price, Michael Spencer, Sangwon Suh, Xiaopu Sun, Bowen Tan, Harold Wang, Xin Wang, Juan Zhang, Xinxin Zhang, and Rodrigo Zeidan. 2018. "Environmental Governance in China: Interactions between the State and 'Nonstate Actors.'" *Journal of Environmental Management* 220:126-35.
- Li, Yifei**. 2014. "Sustainable Cities in Flux: Continuity, Comparisons, and Conceptions." Pp. 7-31 in *From Sustainable to Resilient Cities: Global Concerns and Urban Efforts. Vol. 14, Research in Urban Sociology*, edited by W. G. Holt. Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- \*Winner of 2015 Emerald Literati Network Outstanding Author Contribution Award
- Li, Yifei**. 2012. "Environmental State in Transformation: The Emergence of Low-Carbon Development in Urban China." Pp. 221-46 in *Urban Areas and Global Climate Change. Vol. 12, Research in Urban Sociology*, edited by W. G. Holt. Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

### *Non-Refereed Contributions*

- Green, Gary P. and **Yifei Li**. 2012. "Green Collar Jobs." Pp. 177-180 in *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability: Assessing Sustainability Volume 7, China, India, and East and Southeast Asia.*, edited by S. Geall, J. Liu and S. Pellissery. Great Barrington, Massachusetts: Berkshire Publishing Group.
- Li, Yifei**. 2012. "Low-Carbon Development and Poverty in Urban China." Pp. 21-39 in *Changing Cities: Change Climate, Youth, and Land Markets in Urban Areas: A New Generation of Ideas.*, edited by L.E. Herzer. Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.
- Li, Yifei**. 2012. *Essential Buildings: The Emergence of "Low-Carbon Cities" in Post-Industrial Urban China*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Institute for Building Efficiency.
- Li, Yifei**. and Julia Currie. 2011. *Green Buildings in China: Conception, Codes and Certification*. Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Institute for Building Efficiency.

### **EXTRAMURAL FUNDING**

2020. "Down to Earth: Authoritarian Environmentalism and the Quest for Good Governance in the Age of Global China," residential fellowship (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021), awarded by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.
2019. "Emergence of the Environmental State under Authoritarianism," 3,695,737 Danish Krone, or 544,395 USD, awarded by the Danish Research Council under Grant 9038-00138B, Co-PI.
2019. "Rural Collective Land Development Rights and Responsibilities: Financing Models and Socio-ecological Impacts," 200,000 RMB, awarded by the National Social Science Fund of China under Grant 19CSH046, Co-PI.
2018. "Public Space, Waterfront Development, and Inclusive Urban Development along the Huangpu River in Shanghai," 50,000 RMB, awarded by the Shanghai Institute for Global City Research, Co-PI.
2017. "Ecological Civilization, Belt and Road, and China's Role in Global Environmental Governance," 100,000 RMB, awarded by the Shanghai Pujiang Talent Plan under Grant 17PJC073, PI.
2016. "Global Shanghai: Historical and Cultural Heritages," 150,000 RMB, awarded by the Development Research Center of Shanghai Municipality, Co-PI.
- 2013, "Down to Earth: Bureaucracy, Populism, and Local Environmental Governance in China," 11,981 USD, awarded by the United States National Science Foundation under Dissertation Improvement Grant SES-1334870, Co-PI.

### **EXTRAMURAL AWARDS**

- 2017, Development Research Award, Second Rank, Shanghai Municipal Government
- 2015, Yu Chi-Chung Scholarship for Dissertation Research, China Times Cultural Foundation
- 2015, Outstanding Author Contribution Award, Emerald Literati Network
- 2014, New Generation China Scholar Award, University of Chicago Center in Beijing
- 2009, Boeing Fellowship
- 2009, Shanghai College Graduate of the Year Award, Shanghai Municipal Government
- 2008, Hang Seng Student Leader Scholarship, University of Hong Kong
- 2007, Samsung Scholarship

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### *New York University Shanghai*

- SOCS-SHU 135 Environment and Society (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- SOCS-SHU 235 Nature in Social Thought (Spring 2018; Spring 2019)
- SOCS-SHU 333 Global Environmental Politics (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2020)
- SOCS-SHU 360 Urban Sociology (Spring 2019)

SOCS-SHU 401 Environmental Studies Capstone (Spring 2020)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

SOC 140 Introduction to Community & Environmental Sociology (Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

SOC 248 Environment, Natural Resources, and Society (Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

### **INVITED TALKS**

April 2020. *Promises and Perils of the “Green” Belt and Road: Authoritarian Environmentalism in the Age of Global China* at the Visions of Global Futures Workshop, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

March 2020. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet* book talk at the Institute for Public Knowledge of New York University.

July 2019. *China’s Green Dictatorship: State-led Environmentalism for a Planet on the Brink* at the Wildlife Conservation Society in New York City.

May 2019. *(Un?)Chartered Waters: Hydraulic Infrastructures in Zaanheh and Shanghai* at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies of Kyoto University.

March 2019. *Bureaucracies Count: Environmental Governance through Goal-setting and Mandate-making in Contemporary China* at the School of International Service of American University in Washington, D.C.

March 2019. *Scaling China's Waste Mountains: Potential Governance Reforms to Address Solid and Hazardous Waste* at the Environmental Law Institute and the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

October 2018. *Greening the Belt-and-Road Initiative (BRI) and Global Environmental Politics in the Age of Global China* at the NYUAD Social Science Colloquium in Abu Dhabi.

May 2018. *Bureaucracies Count: Environmental Governance through Goal-setting and Mandate-making in Contemporary China* at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

February 2018. *The Inadvertent Civil Space: Sichuan 2008 Earthquake Recovery and Its Durable Aftermath* at the Rachel Carson Center “Transformations in Environment and Society” workshop in Abu Dhabi.

May 2016. *Towards Earthly Diplomacy: Disengaged Environmentalism in Transnational Development* at the 2016 Duck Family Graduate Workshop on Environmental Politics and Governance at the University of Washington in Seattle.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

*Article Manuscript Referee*

*American Journal of Sociology*

*Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*

*Environmental Sociology*

*Geoforum*

*Journal of Environment and Development*

*Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*

*Modern China*

*Sage Open*

*Sociological Focus*

*Book Manuscript Referee*

Palgrave

Polity

*Organizational Referee*

Brighter Green

Render Ocean NPO Development Center

*Service to the Scholarly Community*

Editorial Committee Member (2015–16), Development Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

Review Committee Member (2012; 2019), International Institute for Asian Studies

**MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS**

Huffington Post, AFP, Quartz, International Channel Shanghai, Shanghai Daily, CCTV, NYU Shanghai Magazine