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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 - now *Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies*, New York University Shanghai
Global Network Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, New York University
- 2024 - 2025 *Residential Fellow*, DFG Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies, Universität Hamburg
- 2023 - 2024 *Fellow*, Henry Luce Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Early Career Program
- 2021 - 2022 *Fellow*, China-U.S. Scholars Program (CUSP), New York University
Honorary Fellow, Bell Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 - 2021 *Residential Fellow*, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (declined due to Covid-19)
- 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, *Exchange Student*, Sociology & Public Policy, University of Nottingham

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Li, Yifei. (In Preparation). *Environmentalism Of, By, and For the Chinese State*.
Coggins, Christopher and Yifei Li (eds). (Forthcoming; Contracted). *Handbook on China's Environment*. Newbury Park, California: Sage Publications.
- Li, Yifei and Judith Shapiro. 2020. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet*. Cambridge, UK: Polity.
*Reviewed in [Governance](#), [Environmental Politics](#), [Journal of Political Ecology](#), [Green European Journal](#), etc.
*Promoted by [Harvard University](#), [Woodrow Wilson Center](#), [Chicago Council on Global Affairs](#), etc.
*Featured on [NPR](#), [The Economist](#), [Foreign Affairs](#), [Sinica](#), [China Dialogue](#), [South China Morning Post](#), etc.

Refereed Articles and Chapters

- Li, Yifei and Xuefei Ren. (Forthcoming). "Everyday Oblivion in Eco-Civilized China" *Qualitative Sociology*. (Invited Contribution to the Special Issue "Qualitative Studies of the Environment.")
- Li, Yifei. 2024. "Coercive Environmentalism." Pp. 79-85 in *Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Sociology*. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781803921044.ch16>
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- Li, Yifei and Judith Shapiro. 2021. "Rethinking Extractivism on China's Belt and Road: Food, Tourism, and Talent." Pp. 135-154 in *Our Extractive Age: Expressions of Violence and Resistance*, edited by Judith Shapiro and John-Andrew McNeish. Routledge. <https://www.doi.org/10.4324/9781003127611-11>
- Li, Yifei and Xiaohua Zhong. 2020. "'For the People' without 'By the People': People and Plans in Shanghai's Waterfront Development." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 45(5): 835-847. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12964>
- **Winner of the 2020-2021 Wiley Top Cite Article Award**
- Li, Yifei and Gary Paul Green. 2020. "Green Economies and Community Wellbeing." Pp 107-123 in *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, edited by M. Bell, M. Carolan, K. Legun, and Julie Keller. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108554510.009>
- Li, Yifei. 2019. "Qi." Pp. 215-225 in *An Ecotopian Lexicon*, edited by M. Schneider-Mayerson and B. R. Bellamy. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- **Republished and featured on Atmos at <https://atmos.earth/rewriting-the-ecological-imagination-qi-deep-ecology/>**
- Li, Yifei. 2019. "Bureaucracies Count: Environmental Governance through Goal-Setting and Mandate-Making in Contemporary China." *Environmental Sociology* 5(1):12-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2018.1492662>
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- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2018.04.104>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S1047-004220140000014001>
- **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. [https://doi.org/10.1108/S1047-0042\(2012\)0000012012](https://doi.org/10.1108/S1047-0042(2012)0000012012)
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.9561409.44>

Book Reviews

- Li, Yifei. 2024. "Review of *Ecological States: Politics of Science and Nature in Urbanizing China* by Jesse Rodenbiker." *Journal of Asian Studies* 83(3).
- Li, Yifei. 2022. "Review of *Certifying China: The Rise and Limits of Transnational Sustainability Governance in Emerging Economies* by Yixian Sun." *The China Quarterly*, 252: 1315-7. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305741022001485>
- Li, Yifei. 2022. "Review of *China's Environmental Foreign Relations* by Heidi Wang-Kaeding." *The China Journal*, 88: 149-151. <https://doi.org/10.1086/720249>
- Li, Yifei. 2022. "Review of *Toxic Politics: China's Environmental Health Crisis and Its Challenge to the Chinese State* by Yanzhong Huang." *Political Science Quarterly*, 137(2): 452-453. <https://doi.org/10.1002/polq.13341>
- Li, Yifei. 2012. "Review of *The Globalization of Energy: China and the European Union* edited by Mehdi Amineh and Guang Yang." *International Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter* 60: 32-33. <https://www.iias.asia/the-newsletter/article/geopolitical-contention-institutional-inadequacy-global-energy-game>

Li, Yifei. 2012. "Review of *Miami: Mistress of the Americas* by Jan Nijman." *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie (Journal of Economic and Social Geography)* 103(3): 379-381. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9663.2012.00726.x>

Non-Refereed Contributions

McKie, Ruth, Omar Faruque, Claire Debucquois, Guy Edwards, Paul K. Gellert, Ricardo A. Gutierrez, Kathryn Hochstetler, Yifei Li, Carlos Milani, Jonathan R. Waltz, Oluwaseun Oguntuase, Lucas Christel, and Elisabeth Mohle. (Forthcoming). "Across the Global South." in *Global Assessment of Climate Obstruction*, edited by J. Timmons Roberts, Carlos R. S. Milani, Jennifer Jacquet, and Christian Downie. Oxford University Press.

Li, Yifei and Judith Shapiro. 2022. "China Planet: Ecological Civilization and Global Climate Governance" *Issues in Science and Technology*, XXXVIII(4): 49-53. <https://issues.org/china-planet-ecological-civilization-climate-governance-li-shapiro/>

Li, Yifei. 2022. "China's Food Pagodas : Looking Forward By Looking Back?" *Research Briefs at the NYU Center for Environmental and Animal Protection*. <https://wp.nyu.edu/ceap/research/research-briefs/>

Li, Yifei. 2021. "China's Race to 77.6: Is a Target-based COVID-19 Campaign a Model for Climate Response?" *New Security Beat*, July 15. <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2021/07/chinas-race-77-6-target-based-covid-19-campaign-model-climate-response/>

Li, Yifei. 2021. "China's Glorious Green Dreams." *Issues in Science and Technology*, XXXVII (2), Winter. <https://issues.org/debating-chinese-environmental-climate-policy-forum/>

Li, Yifei and Judith Shapiro. 2021. "Environmentalism with Chinese Characteristics." *Noema Magazine*, January 12. <https://www.noemamag.com/environmentalism-with-chinese-characteristics/>

- Finalist, 2022 Covering Climate Now Journalism Award

Li, Yifei and Judith Shapiro. 2020. "The High Stakes and Pitfalls of China's Drive for Carbon Leadership." *South China Morning Post*, October 31. <https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3107503/high-stakes-and-pitfalls-chinas-drive-carbon-leadership>

- Translated into French and re-published in *Telos*, March 19, 2021, translated by Richard Robert of Science Po. <https://www.telos-eu.com/fr/la-strategie-carbone-de-la-chine-et-ses-enjeux.html>

Li, Yifei. 2020. "The Promise of Whistleblowing in China." *Accountability Research Center*, American University. <https://accountabilityresearch.org/the-promise-of-whistleblowing-in-china/>

Li, Yifei. 2020. "Coronavirus as Alibi for the Surveillance State." *Contexts: Understanding People in their Social Worlds*. <https://contexts.org/blog/covid-19-impact-on-asia-and-beyond/#li>

Li, Yifei. 2019. "On These Rainy Days of Shanghai." *Shanghai Daily*, February 26. <https://www.shine.cn/opinion/1902260162/>

Li, Yifei. 2018. *Teacher's Guide for "Under the Dome: Investigating China's Smog"*. Vancouver: Global Environmental Justice Documentaries Project. <https://gei.docuseek2.com/gj-032a>

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 FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2024. "Gardens Unbound: Cultivating Common Grounds for Living Through the Climate Crisis," 20,000 USD, American Studies Fellowship, United States Embassy in Beijing, PI, declined due to family reasons.

2024. “When Power Goes Green: The Politics of Ecological Emergency in the Shadow of Authoritarianism,” DFG (*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*) German Research Foundation Fellowship, 7,000 Euros, or 7,585 USD, DFG Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies, Universität Hamburg, PI.
2023. “Environmentalism Of, By, and For the Chinese State,” 49,583.59 USD, Luce/ACLS Early Career Long-Term Fellowship in China Studies, PI.
2021. “Environmentalism Of, By, and For the Chinese State,” 36,949 USD, China-U.S. Scholars Program (CUSP) Fellowship, jointly funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Ford Foundation, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Henry Luce Foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Fund, PI.
2021. “The Belts, Roads, and Initiatives of the Belt and Road Initiative,” 5,000 USD, India China Institute Research Fellowship, The New School, PI.
2020. “Down to Earth: Authoritarian Environmentalism and the Quest for Good Governance in the Age of Global China,” 28,000 Euros, or 31,832 USD, Residential Fellowship awarded by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (*Die Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*), PI, declined due to Covid-19.
2019. “Emergence of the Environmental State under Authoritarianism,” 3,695,737 Danish Krone, or 544,395 USD, awarded by the Danish Research Council (*Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond*) under Grant 9038-00138B, Co-PI with Ole Bruun.
2019. “Rural Collective Land Development Rights and Responsibilities: Financing Models and Socio-ecological Impacts” (集体建设用地建设租赁用房的融资模式及社会影响), 200,000 RMB, awarded by the National Social Science Fund of China (国家社会科学基金) under Grant 19CSH046, Co-PI with Yue Du 杜月.
2018. “Public Space, Waterfront Development, and Inclusive Urban Development along the Huangpu River in Shanghai” (上海黄浦江两岸公共空间建设案例课题), 50,000 RMB, awarded by the Shanghai Institute for Global City (上海市决策咨询委员会全球城市研究院) under Grant 2018-50, Co-PI with Hai Yu 于海.
2017. “Ecological Civilization, Belt and Road, and China’s Role in Global Environmental Governance” (“一带一路”战略背景下的全球环境治理与生态文明), 100,000 RMB, awarded by the Shanghai Pujiang Program (上海市浦江人才计划) under Grant 17PJC073, PI.
2015. “Global Shanghai: Historical and Cultural Heritages” (上海全球城市历史文化资源及其开发利用研究), 150,000 RMB, awarded by the Development Research Center of Shanghai Municipality (上海市政府发展研究中心) under Key Grant 2014-A-32-B, Co-PI with Jian Zhou 周俭.
- 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 with Gary Paul Green.

EXTRAMURAL AWARDS

- 2022, Finalist, Covering Climate Now Journalism Award
- 2021, Wiley Top Cite Article Award
- 2016, Development Research Award, 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

INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

2021, Book Subvention, NYU Center for the Humanities
2020, Summer Research Grant, NYU Center for Environmental and Animal Protection
2016, Kolb Dissertation Award, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2016 & 2012, Graduate Academic Achievement Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013, Departmental Nominee, Richard M. Heins Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
2013, Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013, A. Eugene Havens Award for Development Scholars, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2011, Evelyn T. Crowe Master's Thesis Research Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

COURSES

New York University Shanghai

SOCS-SHU 135 Environment and Society (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
SOCS-SHU 235 Nature in Social Thought (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2023)
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 Seminar (Spring 2020)

New York University Washington Square

ENVST-UA 101 Environment and Society (Fall 2020/Go Local)
ANST-GA 2500.005 Development, Environment, and Animals (Fall 2021)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

C&E/SOC 140 Introduction to Community & Environmental Sociology (Fall 2013, Spring 2015)
C&E/SOC 248 Environment, Natural Resources, and Society (Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

INVITED TALKS

July 2024. *Capacious Capacity: Conceptualizing the State in Chinese Environmental Governance*, Department of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
July 2024. *When Power Goes Green: The Politics of Ecological Emergency in the Shadow of Authoritarianism*, Keynote Address at the DFG Futures of Sustainability, Universität Hamburg.
July 2024. *Capacious Capacity: Conceptualizing the State in Chinese Environmental Governance*, Institute of Intercultural and International Studies, Universität Bremen.
March 2024. *Environmentalism with Chinese Characteristics: Promises and Risks*. Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University.
October 2023. *Why Do Some Environmental Programs Go Awry?* Guangzhou American Center, U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou.
June 2023. *Cannon Fodder: Militarized Metaphors in China's Environmental Governance*. Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University.
May 2023. *Cannon Fodder: Militarized Metaphors in China's Environmental Governance*. Inaugural Earth Works Symposium, Bard College at Simon's Rock.
October 2022. *Zero-COVID, Carbon Neutrality, and the Future of Coercive Environmentalism*. Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies, Western Michigan University.
March 2022. Panel on *Ascension*, Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital, Washington D.C.
December 2021. *Greening Belt and Road? Understanding China's Ecological Civilization Concept and Possibilities*, The Heinrich Böll Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia.
November 2021. *The Ecological Question in Global Health*, India China Institute, The New School.

October 2021. *Authoritarian Environmentalism on the Belt and Road*, Center for International and Global Studies, Duke University.

June 2021. *Environmental Authoritarianism in Question*, Inaugural Event at the Berlin Contemporary China Network (BCCN), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

April 2021. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet* book talk at the ChinaTalks Lecture Series at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

April 2021. Keynote Speaker at the *Pluralizing the Anthropocene* webinar, University of Coimbra, Portugal.

April 2021. *Can China Go Green? Environmental Governance in China* seminar at the Environmental Humanities Center at Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy.

February 2021. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet* book talk at the California-China Climate Institute, Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, California.

January 2021. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet* book talk at Antioch University, Keene, New Hampshire.

November 2020. *Is Coercive Environmentalism the Answer?* live interview at the SupChina NEXTChina Conference.

November 2020. *Authoritarian Environmentalism and Chinese Ecological Civilization*, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

October 2020. *China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet* book talk at the Wisconsin China Initiative, Madison, Wisconsin.

October 2020. *China's Coercive Environmentalism* at the Wilson Center, Washington D.C.

September 2020. *Green Authoritarianism* at the 21st Century China Center, UC San Diego, San Diego, California.

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.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

March 2024. *China and The Environment Amidst Rising Geopolitical Tensions* (as discussant) and *Third Nature: The Production Of Oblivion In China's Pursuit Of Ecological Civilization* (as presenter) at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Seattle.

March 2024. *Navigating Global China: Addressing Global Challenges in a Polarizing Political Context*. School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia.

November 2023. *Climate Action and Health Conference* at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute.

- June 2023. *Eurasia with Chinese Characteristics: Cultural and Scientific Appropriation in Belt and Road Tourism and Archaeology* at the Asia and the Mediterranean World Conference at NYU Florence.
- March 2023. *Returning Farmland to Forest and Back: Plantationocene without Plantations* (as presenter) and *China's Green Soft Power: Discourses, Policies, Practices* (as discussant) at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Boston.
- March 2023. *Participation without Democracy – Empowerment or Surveillance in China's Digital Authoritarianism?* (as discussant) at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association in Montreal.
- March 2022. *China Planet: Ecological Civilization and Global Climate Governance* at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii (remote attendance).
- February 2022. *China Planet: Ecological Civilization and Global Climate Governance* at the Beyond the Hinterland and the Sea: A Workshop on the Indian Ocean World, jointly organized by NYU Shanghai and Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.
- June 2021. *China's Food Pagodas: Climate Change, Health, and the Strange Case of Dairy* (with Dale Jamieson) at the Brooks Institute Summer Academic Workshop.
- April 2021. *Belts and Roads in Environmental Perspective* (with additional service as panel chair and organizer) at the NYU Center for Global Asia.
- October 2020. *Contested Waters: China-India Environmental Politics on the Roof of the World* (with additional service as panel chair and organizer) at the Geopolitics and Ecology of Himalayan Water Project, Abu Dhabi.
- November 2019. *Heavenly Compasses and Earthly Matrices: Interrogating the Ethics of Big Data Environmental Governance in the Age of Global China* (with additional service as panel chair and conference co-organizer) at the International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium on Ambivalent Infrastructures in Dimapur, India.
- October 2019. *(Un?)Charted: Hydraulic Infrastructures in Zaanheh and Shanghai* (with additional service as panel chair and discussant) at the Fifth Biennial Conference of East Asian Environmental History in Tainan, Taiwan.
- August 2019. *“For the People” without “By the People”: People and Plans in Shanghai's waterfront development* at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association in New York City.
- May 2019. *Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Environmental Governance in the Age of Global China* (with additional service as panel chair) at the NYU Center for Global Asia Annual Conference in New York City.
- March 2019. *Policy Entrepreneurship as Relational Boundary-Work: Evidence from Urban Community Governance in China* at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Denver.
- November 2018. *(Un?)Charted: Hydraulic Infrastructures in Zaanheh and Shanghai* (with additional service as conference co-organizer) at the International Symposium on Water Heritage in Asian Cities in Shanghai.
- June 2018. *Pride and Prejudice in China's Pursuits of Ecological Civilization* at the Political Ecology Network Conference in Oslo, Norway.
- June 2018. *“For the People” without “By the People”: Exclusive Inclusion in Shanghai's Waterfront Development* at the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Urban Infrastructure History and the Social Sciences Conference in Venice.
- March 2018. *The Inadvertent Civil Space: Sichuan 2008 Earthquake Recovery and Its Durable Aftermath* at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Washington, D.C.
- October 2017. *Durable Impact of Disaster Relief on Civil Society in China: Case of Sichuan 2008 Earthquake* at the International Symposium on Environmental Sociology in East Asia in Taipei.
- March 2017. *Environmentalism of the Total: Quantitative Indicators and Authoritarian Rule in China's Environmental Politics* at the International Studies Association's Annual Convention 2017 in Baltimore.
- August 2016. *Accidental Participation: Post-Disaster Reconstruction and the Emergence of Participatory Planning in Southwest China* at the 33rd International Geographical Congress in Beijing.
- May 2015. *The Pilot Contest: Bumpy Landing of Transnational Environmental Governance in Beijing* at the Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development section of the American Sociological Association in Providence, Rhode Island.

July 2014. *Down To Earth: Environmental governance by the local state, for the national state, and with supra-national agencies* at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama.

July 2014. *Simplification Politics: Ascendance of Quantitative Indicators into State Affairs* at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Sociological Association in Wuhan, China.

October 2013. *Down to Earth: Developmental Bureaucracy and Local Environmental Governance in China* at the Third Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development section of the American Sociological Association in Salt Lake City.

March 2013. *Down to Earth: Bureaucratic Consistency and Local Environmental Governance in China* at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago.

August 2012. *Growth Machine Refashioned: Case Study of Plastic Bag Ordinance in Marin County, California* at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association in Denver.

April 2012. *Environmental State in Transformation: The Emergence of Low-Carbon Development in Urban China* at the Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association in Pittsburgh.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Guest Editorship

Sociology of Development (Special Issue on Authoritarian Environmentalism, 2023)

Double-Blind Journal Referee

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Antipode

Asian Journal of Social Science

Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space

Environmental Politics

Environmental Sociology

Geoforum

Global Environmental Politics

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

Journal of Chinese Political Science

Journal of Current Chinese Affairs

Journal of Environment and Development

Journal of Environmental Planning and Management

Journal of Urban Affairs

Modern China

Regulation & Governance

Sage Open

Sociological Focus

Sociology of Development

Space and Culture

Theory and Society

Book Manuscript Referee

Palgrave, Polity, Routledge, Springer Nature

External Examiner

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO; *Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*),
Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg (*Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg*)
University of Bremen (*Universität Bremen*)

Service to the Nonprofit Community

Brighter Green, The Good Food Institute, Rendu Ocean, Green Initiatives

Service to the Public Policy Community

Office of the United States Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MA), USA
The National Assembly, Republic of Korea

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Available upon request

MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

International Outlets in English

The New York Times, NPR, The Economist, BBC World Service, Reuters, Financial Times, Nature, Deutsche Welle, Bloomberg, Huffington Post, The Wire, Slate, Quartz, South China Morning Post, Noema Magazine, China Dialogue, Babbage from Economist Radio, Sup China, Nikkei, MIT Technology Review, Carbon Brief, Climate Home News

International Media in Other Languages

Le Monde, Die Zeit, Agence France-Presse, CNA Singapore, Radio France Internationale, Trouw, Sentaku 選択

Local Shanghai-based Venues

Sixth Tone, British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, International Channel Shanghai, Shanghai Daily, Shanghai Foreign Correspondents Club, NYU Shanghai Magazine

Select Feature Stories

On NPR's The World show, <https://theworld.org/stories/2021-01-14/green-china-where-authoritarianism-and-environmentalism-meet>

On Japan's Sentaku 『選択』, <https://www.sentaku.co.jp/articles/view/21477>

REFERENCES

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