

# Iza Ding

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### University of Northwestern

Associate Professor of Political Science (2023–)

### University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2016–2023)

Assistant Professor of Public Policy (by courtesy) (2017–2023)

### University of Michigan

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (2019–2020)

Visiting Associate, International Institute

## EDUCATION

### Harvard University

Ph.D. Government (2016)

### University of Michigan

B.A. Political Science; Russian and Eastern European Studies (2009)

## BOOKS

Iza Ding. 2022. *The Performative State: Public Scrutiny and Environmental Governance in China*. Cornell University Press.

Reviewed in *China Quarterly*, *Environmental Politics*, *China Review*

Featured in The Rhodes Center Podcast, Scope Conditions Podcast, New Books Network Podcast, China Corner Office Podcast, Indian School of Public Policy Podcast

*Green Waves* (book project in progress)

## ARTICLES

Graham Beattie, Iza Ding, Andrea La Nauze. 2022. "Is There an Energy Efficiency Gap in China? Evidence from an Information Experiment." *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 115: 102713.

Iza Ding and Michael Thompson-Brusstar. 2021. "The Anti-Bureaucratic Ghost in China's Bureaucratic Machine." *China Quarterly* 248 (S1): 116-140.

Iza Ding, Dan Slater, and Huseyin Zengin. 2021. "Populism and the Past: Restoring, Redeeming, and Retaining the Nation." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56 (2): 148-169.

Iza Ding and Jeffrey Javed. 2021. "The Autocrat's Moral-Legal Dilemma: Popular Morality and Legal Institutions in China." *Comparative Political Studies* 54 (6): 989-1022.

Iza Ding and Dan Slater. 2021. "Democratic Decoupling." *Democratization* 28 (1): 63-80.

- ARTICLES  
(CONTINUED) Iza Ding. 2020. "Performative Governance." *World Politics*. 72 (4): 525-56.  
Iza Ding and Marek Hlavac. 2017. "'Right' Choice: Restorative Nationalism and Right-wing Populism in Central and Eastern Europe" *Chinese Political Science Review* 2: 427-444.
- BOOK CHAPTERS Iza Ding. 2020. "The Politics of Emissions Trading in China" in Ashley Esarey, Mary Alice Haddad, Joanna Lewis and Stevan Harrell eds. *Greening East Asia: The Rise of the Eco-Developmental State*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.
- PUBLIC AUDIENCE WRITINGS "Can China Lead the Fight on Climate Change," *The Diplomat*, December 1, 2019.  
"Why Maoism Still Resonates in China Today" (with Jeffrey Javed), *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, May 29, 2019.
- FELLOWSHIPS Salzburg Global Fellow (2024-), Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network (2020-), National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program (2019-)
- AWARDS 2017 - Virginia M. Walsh Award for the best dissertation in the field of Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, American Political Science Association.  
2017 - Best Dissertation Award in Urban and Local Politics, American Political Science Association.  
2013, 2014 - Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University  
2008 - Hopwood Award (non-fiction) University of Michigan  
2008 - First Prize in Lights Out Writing Competition on Sustainability, University of Michigan  
2008 - University Honors, University of Michigan
- GRANTS 2024- Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs Global Collaboration Grant, Northwestern University  
2022 - Jean Monet European Union Center of Excellence Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh  
2022 - Rawski Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh  
2022 - Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Publication Subsidy Grant  
2019 - Thomas and Evelyn Rawski China Studies Research Scholarship Award, University of Pittsburgh  
2017 - Dietrich School Faculty Research and Scholarship Program, University of Pittsburgh  
2017 - Social Science Research Initiative, University of Pittsburgh  
2017 - Priscilla McMillan Graduate Research Travel Grant, Davis Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies, Harvard University  
2015 - The Institute For Quantitative Social Science Research Grant, Harvard  
2015 - Ash Center China Programs Research Grant, Harvard University  
2013-2015 - Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellowship, Harvard University

INVITED TALKS  
AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 - UC San Diego Forum on U.S.-China Relations; Salzburg Global Seminar; University of Michigan (scheduled); Harvard University (scheduled); Aarhus Comparative Historical Analysis Conference (scheduled)

2023 - NEXT China; China and the Global South (Penn); International Workshop on The Economic, Legal and Political Systems for China's Green Transition; New Frontiers in Experimental Political Science (Seoul National University); Comprehensive Modernization and Political Development (Zhejiang University); Varieties of Communism (University of Florida); Brown University; University of Konstanz; University of Toronto East Asia Seminar; Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

2022 - Queen's University Belfast; Johns Hopkins SAIS; Columbia University; University of Pennsylvania; Harvard University; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Michigan; UCSD; How is China Governed (UBC)

2021 - Yale University; Johns Hopkins University; University of Maryland; Izmir Democracy University

2019 - University of Michigan; Tulane University; Peking University; Tsinghua University; Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

2018 - National University of Singapore; Carnegie Mellon University; University of Michigan; The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Technology and Digitalization & Environmental Governance in China (FU Berlin); Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society (Shanghai Jiao Tong University); Vietnam-China Workshop (McGill);

2017 - University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering; La Roche College; World Affairs Council Pittsburgh; United World College of the Adriatic; China and the Environment in the Social Sciences (University of Vienna)

2016 - Southwestern University of Finance and Economics; Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Conference on Environment and Environmentalism in East Asia (University of Alberta)

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

2024 - AAS (scheduled); MPSA (scheduled); APSA (scheduled); IPSA (scheduled)

2023 - SPSA; AAS; MPSA; APSA; CES

2022 - APSA

2020 - SPSA; APSA

2019 - SPSA; AAS; WPSA; APSA

2018 - APSA; Southwestern Mixed Method Research Workshop (UC Santa Cruz)

2017 - APSA; ISA; AAS

2016 - APSA; AAS in Asia

GRADUATE COURSES

*Comparative Politics Proseminar*, Northwestern University (FA23)

*Empirical Methods of Research*, University of Pittsburgh (FA18, FA20, FA22)

*Dissertation Seminar*, University of Pittsburgh (FA21, SP22)

*Autocracy and Democracy*, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2021), University of Michigan (SP 2020)

*Authoritarian Politics*, University of Pittsburgh (SP19)

UNDERGRADUATE  
COURSES

*Politics of China*, Northwestern University (FA23)  
*Introduction to Comparative Politics*, University of Pittsburgh (SP21, FA21, SP22, SP23)  
*Political Economy of Development*, University of Pittsburgh (FA21)  
*Democratic Erosion*, University of Pittsburgh (FA20), University of Michigan (SP20)  
*Authoritarian Politics*, University of Pittsburgh (FA17, SP18)  
*Government and Politics in Contemporary China*, University of Pittsburgh (FA16, FA17, FA18, SP22)  
*Business and Political Economy in Modern China*, University of Pittsburgh (SP17, SP18)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *China Quarterly*; *The China Journal*; *Chinese Political Science Review*; *Climate Policy*; *Comparative Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Environmental Science and Policy*; *Government and Opposition*; *Governance*; *International Public Management Journal*; *Journal of Asian and African Studies*; *Journal of Chinese Political Science*; *Journal of Chinese Governance*; *Journal of Environment and Management*; *Modern China*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Oxford University Press*; *Perspectives in Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *PS: Politics*; *Problems of Post-Communism*

Co-organizer of "Authoritarian Politics Mini Conference," WPSA 2024

Co-organizer of "Varieties of Communism" Conferences, 2019-2024

Co-organizer of Symposium on Comprehensive Modernization and Political Development, Zhejiang University 2023

Organizer of "Conference on Rural Society and Politics in China," University of Pittsburgh 2022

Section Chair of (Post) Communist Countries, MPSA 2022

Section Chair of Asian Politics, MPSA 2021

Award Committee, Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, APSA 2018

Co-organizer of Chinese Politics Mini Conference at APSA 2018

Political Science Department, University of Pittsburgh: Graduate Admission Committee (2023); Senior Search Committee (2021); Diversity Committee (2020-2022); Graduate Education Committee (2020-2021); Chair's Advisory Committee (2018-2021); Undergraduate Education Committee (2016-2018).

Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh: Advisory Board; China Council

University of Pittsburgh: Faculty Adviser for Global Citizen Lab

Organizers of Comparative Political Development Conference, Zhejiang University 2019

Organizer of "Memory as Politics: An Interdisciplinary Conference," University of Pittsburgh 2017