

# 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 Perspectives*

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.
- Turiel, Jesse, Iza Ding, and John Liu. 2017. [“Environmental Governance in China: State, Society, and Market.”](#) *Governance and Public Policy in China* 1: 1-75.
- 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.
- SELECTED  
WORK IN PROGRESS
- “Selfish, Short-Sighted, but Informed: How Education Fosters Environmentalism” (with Michaël Aklin)
- “High Maintenance or Low Maintenance? Environmental Policy Implementation in China” (with Denise van der Kamp)
- “Visualizing Democracy with Covariate-Adjusted Principal Curves” (with Max Goplerud)
- “Red Memory: Communist Nostalgia and Political Attitudes in Contemporary China” (with Jeffrey Javed)
- “Communism and the Comparative Imagination”
- “Climate Change and the Global South”
- “Liberalism, Nationalism, and Paths out of Reforms: A Comparison of Late-Qing China and Nineteenth Century Germany”
- “Decoupling from Empire: Hybrid Democratization in the British and American Worlds” (with Max Goplerud and Dan Slater)
- “Bureaucracy as a Vocation” (with Xiang Gao)
- 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.
- POLICY FELLOWSHIPS
- 2020 - Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network
- 2019 - National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program
- 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

- SELECTED GRANTS**
- 2022 - Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence 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
  - 2013-2015 - Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellowship, Harvard University
- INVITED TALKS**
- 2023 - Brown University; University of Konstanz
  - 2022 - Queen's University Belfast; Johns Hopkins SAIS; Columbia University; University of Pennsylvania; Harvard University; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Michigan; UCSD
  - 2021 - Yale University; Johns Hopkins University; University of Maryland; Izmir Democracy University
  - 2019 - University of Michigan; Tulane University; Peking University; Tsinghua University
  - 2018 - National University of Singapore; Carnegie Mellon University; University of Michigan; The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - 2017 - University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering; La Roche College; World Affairs Council Pittsburgh; United World College of the Adriatic
  - 2016 - Southwestern University of Finance and Economics; Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**
- 2024 - AAS (scheduled)
  - 2023 - Penn China and the Global South Conference; New Frontiers in Experimental Political Science at SNU; SPSA; AAS; MPSA; APSA
  - 2022 - APSA; UBC How is China Governed Conference
  - 2020 - SPSA; APSA
  - 2019 - SPSA; AAS; WPSA; APSA; Tsinghua Political Science Annual Meeting; Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society (Shanghai Jiao Tong University).
  - 2018 - Technology and Digitalization & Environmental Governance in China (FU Berlin); Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society (Shanghai Jiao Tong University); Vietnam-China Workshop (McGill); APSA; Southwestern Mixed Method Research Workshop (UC Santa Cruz)
  - 2017 - APSA; ISA; AAS; China and the Environment in the Social Sciences Conference (University of Vienna)
  - 2016 - APSA; AAS in Asia; Conference on Environment and Environmentalism in East Asia (University of Alberta)

- 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 SERVICE**     Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *China Quarterly*; *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*; *Oxford University Press*; *Perspectives in Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Problems of Post-Communism*
- 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.  
Organizer of "Conference on Rural Society and Politics in China," University of Pittsburgh (2022)  
Organizers of Comparative Communism conference, Zhejiang University (2019)  
Organizer of "Memory as Politics: An Interdisciplinary Conference," University of Pittsburgh (2017)

## PH.D. STUDENTS

Qin Huang (Northwestern Political Science)  
Yixuan Zhang (Pitt Political Science, co-chair)  
Qing Chang (Pitt Political Science, co-chair)  
Huseyin Zengin (Pitt Political Science, co-chair)  
Shuli Zhang (Pitt Political Science, co-chair)  
Katie Angell (Pitt Political Science)  
Vivian Chan (Pitt Political Science)  
Yunyun Lv (Pitt Economics)  
Murat Akdogan (Pitt Political Science)  
Muyao Hang (Pitt Political Science)  
Ian Delabie (Pitt Political Science)  
Akira Pinto Medeiros (Pitt Political Science)  
Xin Han (Pitt Public Policy, now assistant professor at Montana State University)  
Jose Incio (Pitt Political Science, now professor at Ciencias Sociales PUCP)  
Evelyn Chan (Pitt Political Science, now lecturer at Oxford)  
Yu Xiao (Pitt Political Science, now at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)