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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Northwestern University Associate Professor of Political Science (2023–) Director, Asian Studies Graduate Cluster University of Pittsburgh Assistant Professor of Political Science (2016–2023) Assistant Professor of Public Policy (by courtesy) (2017–2023)	
EDUCATION	Harvard University Ph.D. Government (2016) University of Michigan B.A. Political Science; Russian and Eastern European Studies (2009)	
BOOK	Iza Ding. 2022. The Performative State: Public Scrutiny and Environmental Governance in China . Cornell University Press. Reviewed in <i>China Quarterly</i> , <i>Environmental Politics</i> , <i>China Review</i> , <i>Journal of Asian Studies</i> , <i>The Journal of Development Studies</i> , <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> , <i>China Review</i> , <i>China Perspectives</i> Featured in The Rhodes Center Podcast, Scope Conditions Podcast, New Books Network Podcast, China Corner Office Podcast, Indian School of Public Policy Podcast	
ARTICLES	Iza Ding and Denise van der Kamp. 2024. “How Policy Shapes Politics: Uneven Environmental Policy Implementation in China.” <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> 34(155): 743-758. Graham Beattie, Iza Ding, Andrea La Nauze. 2022. “Is There an Energy Efficiency Gap in China? Evidence from an Information Experiment.” <i>Journal of Environmental Economics and Management</i> 115: 102713. Iza Ding and Michael Thompson-Brusstar. 2021. “The Anti-Bureaucratic Ghost in China’s Bureaucratic Machine.” <i>China Quarterly</i> 248 (S1): 116-140. Iza Ding, Dan Slater, and Huseyin Zengin. 2021. “Populism and the Past: Restoring, Redeeming, and Retaining the Nation.” <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> 56 (2): 148-169. Iza Ding and Jeffrey Javed. 2021. “The Autocrat’s Moral-Legal Dilemma: Popular Morality and Legal Institutions in China.” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 54 (6): 989-1022. Iza Ding and Dan Slater. 2021. “Democratic Decoupling.” <i>Democratization</i> 28 (1): 63-80.	

ARTICLES (CONTINUED)	Iza Ding. 2020. “Performative Governance.” <i>World Politics</i> . 72 (4): 525-56.
	Iza Ding and Marek Hlavac. 2017. “‘Right’ Choice: Restorative Nationalism and Right-wing Populism in Central and Eastern Europe” <i>Chinese Political Science Review</i> 2: 427-444.
SELECTED WORKING PAPERS	Iza Ding. “Authoritarian Teleology.”
	Iza Ding and Dan Slater. “Mischief of the Franchise: British “Granting” of Universal Suffrage in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), 1927-1931.”
	Iza Ding and Deborah Seligsohn. “Chinese Conception of Leadership in Global Climate Governance”
	Iza Ding. “Climate Change and the Global South.”
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.
REVIEWS	Iza Ding. 2026. Review of Circular Ecologies: Environmentalism and Waste Politics in Urban China by Amy Zhang. <i>Journal of Asian Studies</i> 85(1): 232-243.
	Iza Ding. 2024. Review of Dictatorship and Information: Authoritarian Regime Resilience in Communist Europe and China by Martin Dimitrov. <i>China Quarterly</i> 258: 559-560.
	Iza Ding. 2024. Review of Undue Process: Persecution and Punishment in Autocratic Courts by Fiona Shen Bayh. <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 139 (2): 322-324.
PUBLIC WRITINGS	Iza Ding and Deborah Seligsohn. 2026. “An Accidental Climate Revolution.” Break—Down.
	Iza Ding. 2026. “The Grinning Defiance of Chinese Soft Power” <i>The Ideas Letter</i> 63.
	Iza Ding. 2026. “Studying is Harmful: China Sits the Gaokao” <i>London Review of Books</i> .
	Iza Ding. 2025. “The Sorrows of Burkean Liberals” <i>The Ideas Letter</i> 40.
	Iza Ding. 2024. “Goodbye, Gibbon” <i>The Ideas Letter</i> 28.
	Iza Ding. 2024. “Tangible Knowledge: Climate Change in Pastoral Mongolia” <i>The Berlin Journal</i> .
TEACHING AT NORTHWESTERN	Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture)
	Politics of China (undergraduate lecture)
	Global Environmental Politics (undergraduate seminar)
	Growth (undergraduate seminar)
	Comparative Politics Pro-seminar (graduate seminar)

FELLOWSHIPS
AND GRANTS

2026 - Technology, the Environment and the Future of Europe Fellow, Remarque Institute, New York University

2024 - Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin

2024 - Buffett Faculty Fellow, Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs

2024 - Buffett Institute Global Collaboration Grant, Northwestern University

2024 - Salzburg Global Fellow

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

2020- Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network

2019 - National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program

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

AWARDS

2017 - Virginia M. Walsh Award for the best dissertation in the field of Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, APSA.

2017 - Best Dissertation Award in Urban and Local Politics, APSA.

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, University of Michigan

INVITED TALKS
AND PRESENTATIONS

2026 - Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs; University of Louisville; NYU; Oxford University; Hertie School of Governance

2025 - UC Berkeley; University of Washington Seattle, Washington; UBC; Tsinghua University; LSE; Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung; Oxford University; Humboldt University; Leiden University; Hertie School of Governance; The International Student Festival in Trondheim

2024 - Keynote at Model UN conference in Berlin; Freie Universität Berlin Global History Colloquium; Yale Comparative Politics Workshop/Leitner Political Economy Seminar; Brown Chinese Politics Speaker Series; Berlin Science Week; UCSD China Forum (San Diego); Aarhus Comparative Historical Analysis Conference; Northwestern Comparative-Historical Social Science Workshop; Salzburg Global Seminar; University of Michigan; Harvard Yenching Institute; UCSD China Forum (Washington, DC)

2023 - NEXT China (New York); China and the Global South Conference (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

2025 - MPSA; EPSA; APSA
 2024 - AAS; MPSA; APSA; IPSA; SSHA
 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

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*; *World Politics*

Reviewer, APSA DDRIG

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

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

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