

# Iza Ding

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2016–).  
Assistant Professor of Public Policy (by courtesy) (2017–).  
Associate, Asian Studies Center  
Associate, European Studies Center  
Associate, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

### University of Michigan

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (2019-2020).  
Visiting Associate, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies

## EDUCATION

### Harvard University

Ph.D. Government (2016)

Dissertation: *Invisible Sky, Visible State: Environmental Governance and Political Support in China*

Virginia M. Walsh Award for the best dissertation in the field of Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, American Political Science Association.  
Best Dissertation Award in Urban and Local Politics, APSA.

### University of Michigan

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

## BOOKS

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

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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

Iza Ding and Michael Thompson-Brusstar. 2021. "The Anti-Bureaucratic Ghost in China's Bureaucratic Machine." *China Quarterly* 248 (S1): 116-140. DOI: [10.1017/S0305741021000977](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305741021000977)

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. DOI: [10.1007/s12116-021-09333-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-021-09333-w)

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. DOI: [10.1177/0010414020957694](https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414020957694)

- ARTICLES  
(CONTINUED)
- Iza Ding and Dan Slater. 2021. "Democratic Decoupling." *Democratization* 28 (1): 63-80. DOI: [10.1080/13510347.2020.1842361](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1842361)
- Iza Ding. 2020. "Performative Governance." *World Politics*. 72 (4): 525-56. DOI: [10.1017/S0043887120000131](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887120000131)
- 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. DOI: [10.1007/s41111-017-0069-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41111-017-0069-8)
- 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.
- RESEARCH NOTES
- 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.
- ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW
- "Selfish, Short-Sighted, but Informed: How Education Fosters Environmentalism" (with Michaël Aklin)
- "Red Memory: Communist Nostalgia and Political Attitudes in Contemporary China" (with Jeffrey Javed)
- "Power to the Powerless: Credible Communication in the Quotidian Use of Authoritarian Institutions" (with William Spaniel)
- SELECTED WORKING PAPERS
- "High Maintenance or Low Maintenance? Environmental Policy Implementation in China" (with Denise van der Kamp)
- "Environmental Nationalism"
- "Visualizing Democracy" (with Max Goplerud)
- 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.
- SELECTED GRANTS
- 2022 - Jean Monnet 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 University

GRANTS (CONTINUED)	<p>2015 - Ash Center China Programs Student Research Grant, Harvard University</p> <p>2013-2015 - Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellowship, Harvard University</p> <p>2013,2014,2015 - Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University</p>
FELLOWSHIPS	<p>2020 - Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network</p> <p>2019 - National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program</p>
AWARDS	<p>2017 - Virginia M. Walsh Award for the best dissertation in the field of Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, American Political Science Association.</p> <p>2017 - Best Dissertation Award in Urban and Local Politics, American Political Science Association.</p> <p>2013, 2014 - Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University</p> <p>2008 - Hopwood Award (non-fiction) University of Michigan</p> <p>2008 - First Prize in Lights Out Writing Competition on Sustainability, University of Michigan</p> <p>2008 - University Honors, University of Michigan</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>2022 - University of Pennsylvania; Harvard University; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Michigan; UCSD</p> <p>2021 - Yale University; Johns Hopkins University; University of Maryland; Izmir Democracy University</p> <p>2019 - University of Michigan; Tulane University; Peking University; Tsinghua University</p> <p>2018 - National University of Singapore; Carnegie Mellon University; University of Michigan; The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>2017 - University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering; La Roche College; World Affairs Council Pittsburgh; United World College of the Adriatic</p> <p>2016 - Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (Chengdu); Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2022 - APSA (scheduled)</p> <p>2020 - SPSA; APSA</p> <p>2019 - SPSA; AAS; WPSA; APSA; Tsinghua Political Science Annual Meeting; Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society (Shanghai Jiao Tong University).</p> <p>2018 - Technology and Digitalization &amp; 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)</p> <p>2017 - APSA; ISA; AAS; China and the Environment in the Social Sciences Conference (University of Vienna)</p> <p>2016 - APSA; AAS in Asia; Conference on Environment and Environmentalism in East Asia (University of Alberta)</p>

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GRADUATE COURSES	<p><i>Empirical Methods of Research</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022).</p> <p><i>Dissertation Seminar</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall &amp; Spring 2022)</p> <p><i>Autocracy and Democracy</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2021), University of Michigan (Spring 2020).</p> <p><i>Authoritarian Politics</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2019).</p>
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES	<p><i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)</p> <p><i>Political Economy of Development</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2021)</p> <p><i>Democratic Erosion</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2020), University of Michigan (Spring 2020)</p> <p><i>Authoritarian Politics</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2017, Spring 2018).</p> <p><i>Government and Politics in Contemporary China</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2022).</p> <p><i>Business and Political Economy in Modern China</i>, University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2017, Spring 2018).</p>
OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Teaching Assistant, <i>Restless Empire</i>, Harvard Kennedy School (Fall 2015)</p> <p>Head Teaching Fellow, <i>The Worlds of Business in Modern China</i>, Harvard College (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, <i>The Political Economy of Transition in China</i>, Harvard Kennedy School (Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016)</p> <p>Teaching Fellow, <i>International Conflict and Cooperation</i>, Harvard College (Fall 2012)</p> <p>Teaching Fellow, <i>The Political Economy of Modern China</i>, Harvard College (Spring 2012)</p> <p>Teaching Fellow, <i>Government and Politics of China</i>, Harvard College (Fall 2011)</p>
ADVISING (GRADUATE)	<p>Shuli Zhang (Pitt political science)</p> <p>Xin Han (Pitt public policy)</p> <p>Katie Angell (Pitt political science)</p> <p>Yunyun lv (Pitt economics)</p> <p>Yixuan Zhang (Pitt political science, co-chair)</p> <p>Qing Chang (Pitt political science, co-chair)</p> <p>Huseyin Zengin (Pitt political science, co-chair)</p> <p>Jose Incio (Pitt political science, defended in 2022)</p> <p>Evelyn Chan (Pitt political science, defended in 2022)</p> <p>Yu Xiao (Pitt political science, defended in 2019)</p>

ADVISING (UNDERGRADUATE)	<p>Lu Zhang (Pitt Sociology)</p> <p>Siyuan Ren (Pitt Philosophy)</p> <p>Alyssa Martinec (Pitt Political Science/German)</p> <p>Christopher Johnson (Pitt Chinese/Economics)</p> <p>Qianru Du (Pitt Political Science)</p> <p>Silang Huang (Pitt Music/Politics-Philosophy)</p> <p>Alexandra Foote (Harvard Department of East Asian Studies)</p> <p>Ralph Alexander Hunt III (Harvard Department of African and African-American Studies)</p> <p>Heng Shao (Harvard Department of Government)</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS	<p>Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>; <i>American Political Science Review</i>; <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>; <i>China Quarterly</i>; <i>Chinese Political Science Review</i>; <i>Comparative Politics</i>; <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>; <i>Democratization</i>; <i>Environmental Science and Policy</i>; <i>Government and Opposition</i>; <i>Governance</i>; <i>International Public Management Journal</i>; <i>Journal of Asian and African Studies</i>; <i>Journal of Chinese Political Science</i>; <i>Journal of Chinese Governance</i>; <i>Journal of Environment and Management</i>; <i>Modern China</i>; <i>Journal of Politics</i>; <i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>; <i>Oxford University Press</i>; <i>Perspectives in Politics</i>; <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>; <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i></p> <p>Section Chair of (Post) Communist Countries, MPSA 2022</p> <p>Section Chair of Asian Politics, MPSA 2021</p> <p>Award Committee, Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, APSA (2018)</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS	<p>Political Science Department, University of Pittsburgh: Senior Search Committee (2021); Diversity Committee (2020-); Graduate Education Committee (2020-2021); Chair's Advisory Committee (2018-2021); Undergraduate Education Committee (2016-2018).</p> <p>Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh: Advisory Board; China Council.</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh: Faculty Adviser for Global Citizen Lab.</p> <p>Organizer of "Conference on Rural Society and Politics in China," University of Pittsburgh (2022)</p> <p>Organizers of conference on "Comparative Development Models," Zhejiang University (2019)</p> <p>Co-organizer of Chinese Politics Mini Conference at APSA (2018)</p> <p>Organizer of "Memory as Politics: An Interdisciplinary Conference," University of Pittsburgh (2017)</p> <p>Graduate Student Associate, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University (2015-2016)</p> <p>Graduate Student Affiliate, the Institute For Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (2011-2016)</p> <p>Coordinator, "Chinese Politics Research Workshop," Harvard University, MIT and Boston University (2012-2013)</p>