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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
2021-2026 (expected)
Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: Methodology
Dissertation: The Domestic and International Implications of the Personalization of
Power: The Case of China under Xi

MA. Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, 2020
MA. Political Science, Nankai University, China, 2013
BA Human Resource Management, Southwest University, China, 2010

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Paul Schuler, Trung-Anh Nguyen, **Yongfeng Tang**, Mohammad Khan, “Founding
Leaders and National Narratives: Anthropomorphism and the Roots of Founding
Leader Personality Cults in Three East Asian Cases” *Comparative Political Studies*,
online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140251381777>

Yongfeng Tang, Isabelle Côté, “How Large-scale Land Protests Succeed in China: The
Role of Domestic Media.” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 26: 333-353 (2021).

EDITOR-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Jianwen Liu, **Yongfeng Tang**, “The Cooperation between NGOs and Local
Governments and its Contribution to China’s Balanced Regional Development” *Learn
and practice* 2012(6):36-43. (in Chinese)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Jianwen Liu, **Yongfeng Tang**, Chapter One, in Jianwen Liu and Long Yang (eds.).
From Free Aid to Equality and Reciprocity: Regional Cooperation between Tibet and
Inland China and its Role in Maintaining the Long-term Stability and Prosperity in
Tibet. Beijing: Social Science Literature Press, 2014. (in Chinese)

BOOK REVIEWS

Isabelle Côté, **Yongfeng Tang**, 2020, Review of Solinger, Dorothy (2019) *Polarized
Cities: Portraits of Rich and Poor in Urban China*. Rowman & Littlefield. *Pacific
Affairs* 2020 June.

UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPER

Paul Schuler, **Yongfeng Tang**, “Anthropomorphizing the Nation: The Impact of Xi Jinping’s Personalization of Power on Taiwanese Attitude towards China and the US.”

CONFERENCES

“The Foreign Face of Personalized Politics: The Impact of Xi Jinping’s Personalization of Power on the Perception of Chinese Foreign Threat.” (By Paul Schuler & **Yongfeng Tang**). Presented at WPSA 2025 Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, April 18th, 2025.

“Anthropomorphizing the Nation: The Impact of Xi Jinping’s Personalization of Power on Taiwanese Attitude towards China and the US.” (By Paul Schuler & **Yongfeng Tang**). Presented at APSA 2024 Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Sep 5th, 2024.

“Does Xi have a Personality Cult? Bringing Conceptual Clarity to the Concept.” (By Paul Schuler & **Yongfeng Tang**). Presented at APSA 2023 Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, Sep 1st, 2023.

“Why do authoritarian regimes make concessions when a Social Movement Campaign erupted? A case study from China.” (By **Yongfeng Tang** & Kirssa Cline Ryckman), Presented at WPSA 2023 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 5th, 2023.

“The Re-emergence of Cult of Personality in China—The Xi Jinping Cult: Cult of Legitimation.” (By **Yongfeng Tang**). Presented at Saguaro Symposium 2023, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 14, 2023.

“The Rise of Mao’s Cult in China in the 1930s to 1940s: the ‘Face of the Nation’ theory” (By Paul Schuler and **Yongfeng Tang**). Presented at Saguaro Symposium 2022, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 25, 2022.

“How Large-scale Land Protests Succeed in China: The Role of Domestic Media. ” Presented at The Fourth Annual Changing Political Landscapes Conference, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, November 24, 2020. (Online conference)

“Why a Large-Scale Land-Related Protest at Liantang Village Failed?”, Presented at The Third Annual Changing Political Landscapes Conference, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, April 8, 2019.

“The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in China’s Balanced Regional Development” (*zhongguo quyue fazhan zhongde minjian zuzhi yu defang hezuo*), Presented at The First National Doctoral Seminar on Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Governance, Nankai University, Tianjin, November 24-25, 2011.

INVITED TALK

“Informal discussion on China’s politics after 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China”. December 2012. Tianjin University of Finance and Economics.
Tianjin, China.

FIELDWORK

China: Tianjin Municipality, Yunnan province, Guangdong province (January-March 2019); Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Jiangxi, Shaanxi (May-June 2023)

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS & FUNDING

University of Arizona, SGPP, Starns Fellowship, Spring 2023, (\$700)
University of Arizona, SBSRI Pre-Doc Grant, Spring 2023, (\$500)
University of Arizona, GPSC Travel Grant, Winter 2023, (\$1500)
University of Arizona, GPSC Research Grant, Spring 2023, Winter 2023 (\$1500, \$1500)
University of Arizona, Summer Research Fellowship: 2022, 2023; (\$3083, \$3724)
University of Arizona, Graduate Assistantship, FA 2021 – Now
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Fieldwork funding, 2020, (\$980)
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Graduate Research Award, 2019, (\$1775)
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Travel Grant, 2019, (\$250)
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Scholarship for post-graduates, 2018, (\$10,000)
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Scholarship for post-graduates, 2017, (\$ 6,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

POL 417 Dictatorship: Could It Happen Here? Fall 2025, University of Arizona
PA/SOC 241 Criminal Justice Administration, Teaching of Record, University of Arizona: Spring 2025 (Seven Week 1); Spring 2025
POL 202, International Relations, Teaching of Record, University of Arizona: Summer 2024 (Seven Week 2); Fall 2024; Summer 2025 (Seven Week 2)
POL 204, Comparative Politics, Dr. Paul Schuler, University of Arizona: Spring 2024 (TA)
POL 202, International Relations, Dr. Kirssa Cline Ryckman, University of Arizona: Fall 2023 (TA)
POL 201: American National Government, Dr. William Mishler, University of Arizona: Spring 2023 (TA)
POL 203: Political Ideas, Dr. Suzanne Dovi, University of Arizona: Spring 2022 (TA)
POL 201: American National Government, Dr. Barbara Norrander, University of Arizona: Fall 2021; Fall 2022 (TA)

GUEST LECTURE:

Comparative Politics (University of Arizona)	2025
The Origins of Data in Politics and Policy (University of Arizona)	2025
Comparative Politics (University of Arizona)	2024

WORKING EXPERIENCE & RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Schuler, SGPP, University of Arizona, Summer 2024
Research Assistant for Professor Côté, Department of Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Canada, July 25, 2021, to August 31, 2021.
Research Assistant for Professor Côté, Department of Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Canada, November 16, 2020, to April 30, 2021.
ChangCe Think Tank, Research Assistant, Beijing, China, October 2013 to June 2014

SERVICES

Reviewer for GPSC awards, 2023-2024 academic year; 2024-2025 academic year.
Reviewer for the *Journal of Politics*.

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native speaker); English (Fluent).

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R; Stata; Qualtrics; LATEX.

REFERENCES

Paul Schuler

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