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## Academic Positions

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

January 2024 –

Faculty Affiliate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

2024 –

Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Studies Center

2024 –

**Nanyang Technological University, Singapore**

Assistant Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

July 2022 – December 2023

**Stanford University, Stanford, CA**

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation

2021–22

## Education

**University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI**

Ph.D., Political Science

2022

**Peking University, Beijing, China**

M.A., International Relations

2016

**Tsinghua University, Beijing, China**

B.A., International Politics

2013

## Publications

Gao, Jacque, and **Frederick R. Chen**. 2025. “Less Is More: Property Rights and Dictators’ Demand for Foreign Direct Investment.” *Review of International Organizations* (forthcoming).

**Chen, Frederick R.**, Jon C.W. Pevehouse, and Ryan M. Powers. 2023. “Great Expectations: The Democratic Advantage in Trade Attitudes.” *World Politics* 75 (2): 316–352.

**Chen, Frederick R.** and Jian Xu. 2023. “Partners with Benefits: When Multinational Corporations Succeed in Authoritarian Courts.” *International Organization* 77 (1): 144–178.

\* Winner of the David A. Lake Award for Best Paper at the 2019 International Political Economy Society Conference

**Chen, Frederick R.** 2021. “Extended Dependence: Trade, Alliances, and Peace.” *Journal of Politics* 83 (1): 246–259.

\* Winner of the Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for outstanding graduate student research in the social sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2019–20

\* Winner of the Mildred Potter Hovland Award for best article by a Political Science graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2018–19

\* Coverage: Peterson Institute for International Economics, Monkey Cage

**Chen, Frederick R.** 2019. “Disentangling Bias: National Capabilities, Regime Type, and International Conflict Mediation.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36 (2): 149–168.

\* Winner of the Mildred Potter Hovland Award for best article by a Political Science graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2016–17

## Research in Progress (Selected)

“Firm Nationality and Local Government Preferences for Foreign Direct Investment.” (with Jonathan A. Chu) *Under review*.

“Compliance in Non-Compliant Territories: How Jurisdictional Exposure Regulates Multinational Corporations.” (with Jian Xu) *Under review*.

“Foreign Policy in Hard Economic Times.”

“Horses for Courses: Types and Performance of U.S. Ambassadors.” (with Zhenhuan Lei)

“Strategic Substitutions: Exchange Rate Regimes, Geopolitics, and Trade.”

“Bad Governments, Good Citizens? Regime Type and Foreign Perceptions.” (with Haoming Xiong)

“Foreign Direct Investment and U.S. Congressional Politics.” (with Jing Luo)

## Awards, Fellowships & Grants (Selected)

### *EXTERNAL*

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| Academic Research Fund Tier 1, Ministry of Education, Singapore (PI, S\$87,208)       | 2023–26 |
| Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation | 2021–22 |
| David A. Lake Award for Best Paper, International Political Economy Society           | 2020    |
| EITM Certification Scholarship, Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models         | 2018    |
| Chiang Chen Fellowship, Chiang Chen Foundation, Hong Kong                             | 2013–15 |

### *INTERNAL*

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| Good to Great Proposal Development Grant, Ohio State University (\$10,000)             | 2025                   |
| Faculty Individual Research Grant, Mershon Center, Ohio State University (\$10,000)    | 2025–26                |
| Social Science and Humanities Seed Grant, Nanyang Technological (PI, S\$30,000)        | 2023–25                |
| Summer Writing Scholarship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison                | 2021                   |
| Experiment Pilot Grant, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison                    | 2021                   |
| Graduate Student Research Grant, UW–Madison Graduate School                            | 2020; 2021             |
| Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences, UW–Madison | 2020                   |
| Graduate Student Research Grant, Wisconsin Project on International Relations          | 2018; 2019; 2020       |
| Summer Initiative Funding, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison                 | 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020 |
| University Fellowship, UW–Madison  | 2016–17; 2019–20       |

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| Mildred Hovland Award for Best Article by a Political Science Student, UW–Madison | 2017; 2019             |
| Political Science Departmental Grant, UW–Madison                                  | 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019 |
| Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award, UW–Madison                             | 2018                   |
| Graduate Student Academic Special Award, Peking University                        | 2015                   |
| Education Abroad Program Scholarship, Peking University                           | 2014–15                |
| Graduate Student Fellowship, Peking University                                    | 2013–15                |
| Academic Innovation Award, Peking University                                      | 2014                   |
| Student Research Grant, Center for Japanese Studies, Peking University            | 2014                   |
| Outstanding Graduate Award, Tsinghua University                                   | 2013                   |
| Academic Excellence Scholarship, Tsinghua University                              | 2010; 2011             |

## Conferences & Invited Talks

*Key: (P)resentation; (Co)author presented; (D)iscussant; (C)hair. No notation indicates one presentation.*

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

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| American Political Science Association  | 2016; 2017 (Co); 2019 (Co); 2021; 2024 (P,Co); 2025 (P,Co)                      |
| European Political Science Association  | 2023 (2P,D,C); 2024 (2P); 2025 (P,D)  |
| International Political Economy Society | 2017 (Co); 2019 (2P); 2021; 2023  |
| International Studies Association       | 2016; 2020 (cancelled); 2021 (2P); 2025   |
| Midwest Political Science Association   | 2015 (2P); 2017 (2P,Co,C); 2018 (2P,C); 2019 (Co);<br>2021 (2P,D,C); 2024 (P,D) |

### INVITED TALKS & SMALL CONFERENCES

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| 2024: Tsinghua University; University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign; Copenhagen Business School–Princeton Money in Politics Conference  |  |
| 2023: National University of Singapore; Peking University  |  |
| 2022: Nanyang Technological University; The Ohio State University; University of Georgia; University of Oxford; University of Toronto; New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference      |  |
| 2021: University of Michigan; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Notre Dame; Washington University in St. Louis; APSA Political Economy Section Junior Research Workshop |  |

## Teaching

### AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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| Political Analysis of International Economic Relations | Spring 2025 |
| International Economics and Security (graduate)        | Spring 2025 |
| Theories of International Political Economy (graduate) | Spring 2024 |

### AT NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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| International Economics and Security (graduate) | Trimester 3, 2022–23; Trimester 1, 2023–24 |
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## Service

### *TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY*

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| Department Executive Committee                   | 2025–26 |
| International Relations Faculty Search Committee | 2024–25 |
| Ph.D. Admissions and Recruitment Committee       | 2023–24 |

### *TO NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY*

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| Ph.D. Admissions Committee                      | 2022–24 |
| Co-organizer, RSIS–WTO Parliamentarian Workshop | 2022–23 |

### *TO THE DISCIPLINE*

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| Co-host, Pre-ISA Workshop on the Decline of the Liberal International Order  | 2026 |
| Section Head, International Relations Subfield, MPSA Conference  | 2024 |
| Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science, Asian Review of Political Economy, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Economics &amp; Politics, European Journal of Political Research, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, World Politics</i> |      |