



Young Scholars' Conference 2023

Chinese State and Society in the Time of COVID

August 29-30, UC San Diego

Day 1

9:00 Panel 1

COVID's Impact on Business, Labor and the Economy

Chair: Steven Liao, UC Riverside

1. Da Gong, UC Riverside: A Systematic Evaluation of the Economic Impacts of China's Zero-COVID Policies
2. Huiyu Qi, Fudan University: Remote Work Potential and Online High Skill Labor Demand: Evidence from China
3. Ye Zhang, MIT: Patronage in Plagues: Government Intervention and Essential Business Selection in the COVID-19 Lockdown

10:15 Break

10:30 Panel 2

Nationalism, Propaganda and Vaccines

Chair: Erin Baggott Carter, USC

1. Weirong Guo, Emory University: Patriotism in Action and Nationalism in Discourse: A Comparative Study of Chinese College Students Overseas and at Home
2. Yue Guan, Aarhus University: Unpacking COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake in China: Voluntary Choices, Mobilized Participation, and Preferences for Western Vaccines
3. Xueying Zhang, Fudan University: Challenging the Status Quo: China's Relations with the World Health Organization amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Panel 3

Chinese Foreign Policy & International Development in the COVID-19 Era

Chair: Haifeng Huang, Ohio State University

1. Zenobia Chan, Princeton University: HANDSHAKE DIPLOMACY Senior Leader Visits and Chinese Influence



2. Weifang Xu, Florida State University: Pride and Prejudice: The Dual Effect of “Wolf Warrior” Diplomacy on Domestic and International Audiences
3. Aurora Sun, Princeton University: COVID-19 Diplomacy and Authoritarian Ambitions
4. Rosemary Pang, University of Massachusetts Amherst: International Mudslinging in Vain: An Experiment on COVID-Related Propaganda and Overseas Nationals’ Support for Autocratic Government

2:30 Break

2:45 Panel 4

U.S.-China Relations in the COVID-19 Era

Chair: Yawei Liu, Carter Center

1. Kacie Miura, USD: A Perfect Storm: Power Transitions and Territorial Disputes
2. Jackie Wong, George Washington University: Don’t Say I Haven’t Warned You: China’s Official Rhetoric and Costly Actions
3. Dongshu Liu, City University of Hong Kong: Does Wolf Warrior Diplomacy Affect Public Approval of the US-China War? Evidence from Two Experimental Surveys

4:00 End

Day 2

8:45 Panel 5

State – Society Relations

Chair: Harris Doshay, 21st Century China Center

1. Stefanie Kam, Nanyang Technological University: The Dynamics of Central-Local Relations in China: the case of Fighting the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Joshua Freedman, Harvard University: Viral Authority: Political Compliance, Pandemic Controls, and State-Society Relations in China
3. Jay Kao, Loyola University of Chicago: Ripples of Resistance? Chinese Public Opinion toward COVID Control in 2022
4. Ziwen Zu, UC San Diego: People Have Sharp Eyes: Consequences of Participatory Digital Surveillance in China

10:15 Break

10:30 Panel 6

Bureaucrats and COVID

Chair: Li Lianjiang, Lingnan University



1. Xiaoyuan Li, Tongji University: The Mismatch of Targeted Policy: Impoverished Households and the Distribution of Government Subsidies in Rural China
2. Hongshen Zhu, University of Pennsylvania: Propaganda-Prompted Petition: Street-Level Official Accounts and Citizen Complaints in the Shanghai Lockdown
3. Bo Feng, Boston University: Politically Surviving COVID-19 in China: A Bureaucrat's Guide to Multitasking, Balancing Act, and Patronage Networks

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Panel 7

COVID Governance at the National Level

Chair: Victor Shih, UC San Diego

1. Karl Yan, Chinese University of Hong Kong: Consensus and Conformity: China's Zero-COVID Governance
2. Yipei Zhou, Fudan University: Personalized Regulation: The Use of Health Codes in China during the Pandemic
3. Leo Yang, UC San Diego: Building the Wall: How Identity Politics Facilitates Information Control in China
4. Eddie Yang, UC San Diego: The Digital Dictator's Dilemma

2:30 Break

2:45 Panel 8

COVID Governance at the Grassroots Level

Chair: Kwai Ng, UC San Diego

1. Xiaoxia Huang, Syracuse University: Cultured Forbearance and Gendered Policing in China
2. Yifang Du, Fudan University: The Transformation of Grassroots Organizations in China's Social Governance: From the Perspective of the Positioning and Functions of Street Offices and Residents Committees During the COVID-19 Pandemic

4:15 End



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