



**Schedule for the 2024 Young Scholars Conference:
China's Social Challenges and Legal Landscape**

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May 5

6:00 p.m. - **Dinner**

Taste of Hong Kong, 4428 Convoy St Ste 320 330, San Diego, CA 92111

May 6

4550 La Jolla Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

9:00 a.m. - **Opening Remarks**, Dick Madsen, Director of Fudan-UC Center

9:05-10:30 a.m. - **Courts and Judges**

Moderator - Neysun Mahboubi, Director, Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant - Kwai Ng, Professor, UC San Diego

- The Law and Economics of Lawyers - Evidence from the Revolving Door in China's Judicial System - Wenwei Peng, Harvard Postdoc
- Authoritarian Courts as an Institution of Control: Political Action and Trial Result - Jongyoon Baik & Eddie Yang, UPenn Postdoc and UC San Diego Political Science PhD Candidate
- Justice from Above? Administrative Elevated Trials and Intergovernmental Delegation Dilemma in China - Chao-Yo Cheng, Birkbeck, University of London Lecturer
- Algorithm as Managers in the Chinese Court System: An Evaluation of Productivity and Workload Distribution Among Judges - Rui Zuo, UT Austin Economics PhD Candidate

10:30-11:00 a.m. - **Tea Break**

11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – **US-China Relations**

Moderator - Yawei Liu, Senior Advisor on China, The Carter Center

Discussant - Victor Shih, Professor, UC San Diego

- Navigating the Tides: Understanding the Impact of Media Negativity in U.S.-China Relations - Wei Zhong, NYU Postdoc
- Sanction Busting or Industry Boosting? China's Strategic Response to US Sanctions - Jialu Li, Harvard Government PhD Candidate
- Adjudicating National Security in the China-US Rivalry - Ji Ma, Duke Law SJD (Coauthored Ji Li UC Irvine)
- Messaging at the Water's Edge: Congressional Polarization and U.S.-China Relations - Rachel Yu & Young Yang, UC San Diego Polisci PhD Student and 21CCC Research Scholar

12:30-2:00 p.m. - **Lunch**

2:00-3:15 p.m. - **Transparency and Media**



Moderator - Alex Wang, Professor, UCLA

Discussant - Margaret Roberts, Professor, UC San Diego

- Transparency and Authoritarian Rule of Law: Mixed Effects of Open Government Information in China - Handi Li, Princeton University's Center on Contemporary China Postdoc
- How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions - Tony Zirui Yang, Emory Assistant Professor
- Nationalistic Outbursts in Chinese Entertainment: Unveiling Celebrity Agency and Public - Lingxiao Chen, Emory Sociology PhD Student

3:15-4:45 p.m. - **Development and Poverty Alleviation**

Moderator - Lei Guang, Executive Director, 21st Century China Center

Discussant - Hongxia Wei, Chief Senior Fellow, the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies

- Varieties of Socialist Market Economy: Developmental Models and State Behaviors in China* - Qin Huang, Northwestern Political Science PhD Candidate
- Interacting for Development: Targeted Poverty Alleviation in Chinese Villages - Xin Han, Montana State University Assistant Professor
- Weathering Storms and Policies: the Vulnerable Voyage of Inner Mongolian Herders Amidst Climate and Policy Shifts - Ruona Qi, Duke Law Masters of Law Current Student Wuhan University PhD of 2023

6:00 p.m. - **Dinner**

En Fuego Cantina and Grill, 1342 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014



May 7

Panels take place at Seventh College West rooms 15A & B. 10176 Scholars Dr N, La Jolla, CA 92093

8:30-10:00 a.m. - **Gender** ([Hybrid - Link to Zoom](#))

Moderator - Iza Ding, Associate Professor, Northwestern University

Discussant - Yan Long, Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley

- Gaokao and the Parenthood Gap - MiaoRong Lin, Zhejiang University Sociology PhD Candidate
- "The Paradox of Bride Price in Contemporary China: Legal, Political, and Gender Perspectives" - Xinyi Cai, McGill Politics PhD Candidate (Virtual)
- Affirmative Action for Men: Gendered Recruitment in China's Public Sector - Xiaoxia Huang, Syracuse Political Science PhD Candidate
- Courts and Responsiveness: Gender, Credit and Law in the Evolution of China's Marital Debt Rules - Sifan Jiang, Duke SJD

10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - **Transnational China**

Moderator - Dick Madsen, Director of Fudan-UC Center

Discussant - Ji Li, Professor, UC Irvine

- Cross-border Impacts: How China's College Expansion Contributes to America's Graduate Programs - Yuli Xu, UC San Diego Economics PhD Candidate
- Geopolitics from Below: The Social and Diasporic Roots of Global China - Jiaqi Liu, Princeton University's Center on Contemporary China Postdoc, Singapore Management University Assistant Professor
- Competition, Market, Supply Chain, and (Dis)engagement: The Determinants and Consequences of US Companies' Lobbying on US-China Engagement - Haoran Gao University of Chicago Public Policy PhD Candidate
- Be My Friendly Reviewers: How China Shapes its Reviews in UN Human Rights Regime - Lucie Lu Columbia Law China and the World Postdoc

12:00-1:30 p.m. - **Lunch**



1:30-2:45 p.m. - Enforcement and Administration

Moderator - Margaret Lewis, Professor, Seton Hall University

Discussant - Micheal Thompson-Brusstar, Postdoc, UC San Diego

- From Parlor to Back Alley: don't have the full title but its about prostitution law enforcement - Xuancheng Qian, Princeton Politics PhD Candidate; Yutian An, Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School and PhD Candidate in Politics, Princeton University
- Contending over Territories: The Political Economy of Jurisdiction Restructuring in Urban China- Jianzi He, Fudan Assistant Professor
- Fiscal Origin of Selective Enforcement: Evidence from China's Administrative Penalties- Shengqiao Lin & Gary Zu, UT Austin Political Science PhD Candidate and UC San Diego Political Science PhD Candidate

3:00-4:15 p.m. - Juries, Lawyers, and Law

Moderator - Yifang Du, Professor, Fudan University

Discussant - Patrick Chester, Postdoc, UC San Diego

- Can Juries legitimize the authoritarian judiciary? A survey experiment from China - Yingjie Fan, Princeton Politics PhD Candidate
- How do Lawyers affect Autocratic Rule: Experimental Evidence from China - Gary Zu, UC San Diego Political Science PhD Candidate
- Authoritarian Judicial Balancing: Distributional Conflict, Labor Law, and the Value of Dependent Courts - Hsu Yumin Wang Emory Political Science PhD Candidate

4:15 p.m. - Closing Remarks - Cheng Yuan, Professor, Fudan University

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Picnic at La Jolla Shores

8300 Camino Del Oro, La Jolla, CA 92037



Attendees

Alex Wang	Professor, UCLA School of Law
Chao-Yo Cheng	Lecturer, Birkbeck, University of London Quantitative Political and Social Research
Dick Madsen	Director, Fudan-UC Center
Gary Zu	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Geoff Hoffman	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Handi Li	Postdoctoral Scholar, Princeton University's Center on Contemporary China
Haoran Gao	PhD Candidate, University of Chicago Public Policy
Harry He	PhD Student, UC San Diego Political Science
Hongxia Wei	Chief Senior Fellow, the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies
Hongyu Zhang	Postdoctoral Researcher, Tsinghua University
Hsu Yumin Wang	PhD Candidate, Emory University Political Science
Iza Ding	Associate Professor, Northwestern University Political Science
Ji Li	Professor, UC Irvine School of Law
Ji Ma	SJD, Duke Law School
Jiacong Li	PhD Candidate, Tsinghua University School of Environment
Jialu Li	PhD Candidate, Harvard Government
Jianzi He	Assistant Professor, Fudan university Institute for Global Public Policy
Jiaqi Liu	Postdoctoral Scholar, Princeton University's Center on Contemporary China; Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University Sociology
Jongyoon Baik	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China
Jun Fu	Professor of Political Economy and Public Policy, Peking University National School of Development, School of Government, Institute for Global Health and Development.
Kwai Ng	Professor, UC San Diego Sociology
Lei Guang	Executive Director 21st Century China Center, UC San Diego



Leo Yang	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Lingxiao Chen	PhD Student, Emory University Sociology
Lucie Lu	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program
Margaret Lewis	Professor, Seton Hall Law School
Margaret Roberts	Professor, UC San Diego Politics
Michael Cerny	Program Associate, Carter Center
Micheal Thompson-Brusstar	Postdoctoral Fellow, 21st Century China Center UC San Diego
Mingpu Xiao	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Neysun Mahboubi	Director, University of Pennsylvania Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations
Olivia Maddox	PhD Student, UC San Diego History
Patrick Chester	Postdoctoral Fellow, 21st Century China Center UC San Diego
Qin Huang	PhD Candidate, Northwestern University Political Science
Rachel Yu	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Riming Nie	Visiting Scholar, 21st Century China Center UC San Diego
Rui Zuo	PhD Candidate, UT Austin Economics
Ruona Qi	Masters of Law, Duke Law School
Shengqiao Lin	PhD Candidate, UT Austin Political Science
Sifan (Yolanda) Jiang	SJD, Duke Law School
Tony Zirui Yang	Assistant Professor, Emory University Political Science
Victor Shih	Director, 21st Century China Center UC San Diego
Wei Zhong	Postdoctoral Fellow, NYU Center for Social Media and Politics
Wenwei Peng	Post-doctoral Fellow, Harvard University Economics
Xiaohan Wu	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Political Science
Xiaoxia Huang	PhD Candidate, Syracuse University Political Science
Xin Han	Assistant Professor, Montana State University



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Yawei Liu	Senior Advisor on China, The Carter Center
Yifang Du	Professor, Fudan University Law School
Yingjie Fan	PhD Candidate, Princeton University Political Science
Young Yang	Research Data Analyst, UC San Diego China Data Lab
Yuan Cheng	Professor, Fudan University School of Social Development and Public Policy
Yuchen Guo	PhD Candidate, Sun-Yat Sen Economics
Yuli Xu	PhD Candidate, UC San Diego Economics
Yutian An	PhD Candidate, Princeton University Political Science