

# QING CHANG

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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State-Business Relations in Developing Countries; Authoritarian Politics; Chinese Politics; Causal Inference and Machine Learning

## EDUCATION

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**Department of Political Science**, University of Pittsburgh 08/2018 - Expected 05/2024  
Ph.D. Candidate  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

**Department of Political Science**, Duke University 08/2015 - 05/2017  
M.S. in Political Science

**Department of Economics**, North Carolina State University 08/2013 - 05/2015  
M.S. in Economics

**Department of Finance**, Jiangnan University 08/2009 - 05/2013  
B.A. in Finance

## DISSERTATION TITLE

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Political Consequences of Growth-enhancing Institutions: Evidence from Housing Market in China  
**Committee:** [Michaël Aklin](#) (co-chair), [Iza Ding](#) (co-chair), [Max Goplerud](#), [Melanie Manion](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

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Good Friends versus Best Friends: How Different Types of Political Connection Work in China  
*Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy: Vol. 4: No. 2, pp 259-285.* [Link](#)

Generalized Kernel Regularized Least Squares (with [Max Goplerud](#))  
*FirstView, Political Analysis* [Link](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

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### Political Economy

Promotion Incentives, Political Competition, and Public Land Prices [Link](#)

Political Selection, Resource Allocation, and Long-term Economic Growth [Link](#)

Land Price Distortion and Rural Inequality [Link](#)

### Methodology

Flexible Estimation of Marginal Treatment Effects

## TEACHING

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PS 0700 Research Methods for Political Science  
Fall 2019, Undergraduate Level  
Role: TA

PS 2010 Foundations of Quantitative Methods  
Fall 2022 2023, Graduate Level  
Role: Main Instructor

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh | Spring 2023 |
| Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh | 2021-2022   |
| School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh           | 2021, 2022  |
| EITM Scholarship   | 2019        |
| School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh                   | 2018-2019   |

## GRANTS

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|  |      |
|--|------|
| Evelyn and Thomas Rawski Graduate Student/Faculty Research Partnership Award, \$6k | 2022 |
| Evelyn and Thomas Rawski Graduate Fellowship in China or Chinese Studies, \$10k    | 2021 |
| Hayek Fund for Scholars, \$5k  | 2021 |

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND EXTRA TRAINING

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### Conferences

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| NEWEPS-21  | 2023             |
| PolMeth XXXIX, Poster Session (Accepted but not presented) | 2022             |
| Society for Institutional and Organization Economics       | 2019, 2022       |
| APSA   | 2022             |
| IPES   | 2022             |
| MPSA   | 2019, 2021, 2022 |

### Invited workshops

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| Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia, NYU | 2023 |
| Frances McCall Rosenbluth Junior Workshop         | 2022 |
| MWEPS IV  | 2020 |

### Extra Training

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| Digital China Initiative, Harvard University | 2022 |
| ICPSR  | 2019 |

## SKILLS

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| <b>Languages</b> | R, Stata, QGIS |
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