

# Weifang Xu

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Research interests      US-China Relations, Chinese Foreign Policy, Chinese Politics, International Conflict, Public Opinion, Military Alliance, Survey Experiments, Machine Learning, and Text Analysis

Academic employment      **Emory University**      Atlanta, Georgia  
Postdoctoral Fellow      2024-

**National Chengchi University (NCCU)**      Taipei, Taiwan  
Lo Chia-Luen International Sinology Visiting Fellow      2023-

Education      **Florida State University (FSU)**      Tallahassee, Florida  
PhD in Political Science      2018-2024  
Committee Members: Mark Souva (Chair), Kai Quek (University of Hong Kong), Kelly Matush, and Dotan Haim

**National Chengchi University**      Taipei, Taiwan  
PhD Student in International Relations      2016-2018

**University of Edinburgh**      Edinburgh, UK  
MSc in International Relations      2014-2015

**Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University**      Fujian, China  
BA in English Literature (Top 1% in the Major)      2010-2014

Publications      **Weifang Xu.** "Pride and Prejudice: The Dual Effect of Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy on Domestic and International Audiences." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 0 (0) (2024): <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241276250>

Guan Wang and **Weifang Xu.** "Bipartisanship in the Shadow of China: The Effect of External Threats on Internal Unity in the US Congress." Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*.

**Weifang Xu,** Taylor Chewing, and Qing Wang. "We Only Care What You Do, Not Who You Are - Reexamining Human Rights and Public Support for War" Forthcoming at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Eddy Yeung and **Weifang Xu**. “Do External Threats Depolarize Americans? An Experimental Test in the Shadow of China’s Rise.” Forthcoming at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

**Weifang Xu**, Kai Quek, and Mark Souva. “Reneging on Alliances: Experimental Evidence.” *Research & Politics* 10(3) (2023): <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680231203808>

Working papers **Weifang Xu**, and Mark Souva. “Deterrence or Provocation? The Effects of ‘Strategic Clarity’ on Conflict over Taiwan.” Under Review.

Work in progress “Cross-National Experiments in International Relations” (with Joshua Kertzer and Jonathan Renshon)

“International Audience Costs and Military Alliances: Experimental Evidence from Japan” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)

“Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: A Methodological Concern” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)

“The Effect of U.S. Reassurance Policy on De-escalating Conflict Across the Taiwan Strait” (with Renard Sexton and Jessica Chen Weiss)

“How Autocrats Redefine Democracy: Evidence from Survey Experiments and Large Language Models” (with Rex Weiye Deng)

External grants and awards Foreign Policy Summer Research Fellowship Grant (Co-PI with Mark Souva), Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) USD 25,000  
Lo Chia-luen International Sinology Fellowship, Taiwan USD 10,000  
Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation (Taiwan) USD 6,000  
US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant, CKF USD 5,000  
Institute of Humane Studies (IHS) Publication Accelerator Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), IHS USD 5,000  
US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), CKF USD 5,000  
Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models (EITM) Scholarship for Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, National Science Foundation USD 3,500  
IHS Dissertation Fellowship, IHS USD 3,000

Selected internal grants and awards Guanghua Scholarship, NCCU (Taiwan) NTD 1,440,000 (USD 50,000)  
Multi-year Survey Experiments X6, Cooperative Congressional Election Study Module and Primary Elections Survey Module (2021-2024), FSU USD 25,000  
Research Grant, Institute of Politics Civic Engagement and Political Participation, FSU USD 10,000

	Dissertation Grant, FSU	USD 6,000
	Research Grant, Emory University	USD 5,000
	Essex Summer School Training Scholarship, FSU	USD 1,500
	Research Grant, FSU	USD 1,500
Selected travel grants	Political Psychology Workshop, Chinese University of Hong Kong	USD 2,000
	Strait Talk Travel Grant, Brown University	USD 1,500
	University of California San Diego (UCSD)–Fudan Center on Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference Travel Grant, Carter Center	USD 1,400
	Keeping the Republic Conference, University of Notre Dame	USD 1,000
	International Studies Association (ISA) Asia-Pacific Region Conference Graduate Student Travel Grant, ISA	USD 740
	The APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant, APSA	USD 650
	2023 Junior Scholars Symposium Travel Grant, Cato Institute	USD 500
	Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting Travel Grant, PSS	USD 400
	ISA 2024 Annual Convention Travel Grant, ISA	USD 400
Conference presentations	America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference (scheduled) 2025	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020-2024
	Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting	2023, 2024
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
	Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)	2024
	Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference	2024
	Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference (UCSD–Fudan Center)	2023
	ISA Asia-Pacific Region Conference (Japan)	2023
Invited talks	University of Southern California (scheduled)	2025
	Hong Kong Baptist University	2024
	Hitotsubashi University	2024
	Global and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community, FSU	2024
	Duke University (Kunshan)	2023
	Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)	2023
Teaching experience	<b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b>	2021, 2022, 2023
	INR 3933: International Security (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X3	
	Course contains the causes of international conflict and strategies for conflict management	
	<b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b>	2023, 2024
	INR 3934: US-China Relations (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X2	
	Course contains the economic, political, and military relations between the US and China since 1949	
	<b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b>	2023, 2024
	INR 3934: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy X2	

Course contains PRC's domestic politics and foreign policy

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, FSU** 2021

POS 5746: Political Science Data Analysis (PhD-level Statistical Course)

Weekly labs contain review sessions on fundamental concepts related to linear models and on quantitative data analysis using R and Stata

Additional method training ICPSR Summer Program (2021, 2022): *Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research, Data Science and Text Analysis, Casual Inference for the Social Sciences, and Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topics*.  
Essex Summer School: *Advanced Methods for Text as Data*

Skills **Programming:** R, Stata, Python, z-Tree, Qualtrics, and  $\LaTeX$   
**Languages:** Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (native), and English (advanced)

Reference **Mark Souva**, Professor, FSU msouva@fsu.edu  
**Kai Quek**, Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong quek@hku.hk  
**Kelly Matush**, Assistant Professor, FSU kmatush@fsu.edu  
**Dotan Haim**, Assistant Professor, FSU dhaim@fsu.edu  
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