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Research interests      Public Diplomacy, U.S.-China Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, Chinese Foreign Policy, International Conflict, Public Opinion, Military Alliance, Survey Experiments, 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      Guan Wang and **Weifang Xu**. “Bipartisanship in the Shadow of China: The Effect of External Threats on Internal Unity in the US Congress.” *International Studies Quarterly* 69 (2) 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaf030>

**Weifang Xu**, Taylor Chewning, and Qing Wang. “We Only Care What You Do, Not Who You Are - Reexamining Human Rights and Public Support for War” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2025: 1-13: <https://doi:10.1017/XPS.2024.19>

Eddy Yeung and **Weifang Xu**. “Do External Threats Depolarize Americans? An Experimental Test in the Shadow of China’s Rise.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2025:1-11. <https://doi:10.1017/psrm.2024.60>

	<p><b>Weifang Xu.</b> “Pride and Prejudice: The Dual Effect of Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy on Domestic and International Audiences.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 69 (5) (2024): <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241276250">https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241276250</a> (Job Market Paper)</p> <p><b>Weifang Xu,</b> Kai Quek, and Mark Souva. “Reneging on Alliances: Experimental Evidence.” <i>Research &amp; Politics</i> 10(3) (2023): <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680231203808">https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680231203808</a></p>
Working papers	<p><b>Weifang Xu.</b> “Intergroup Discourses and Great Power Reconciliation – Experimental Evidence from the United States and China.” Under Review.</p> <p><b>Weifang Xu</b> and Mark Souva. “Deterrence or Provocation? The Effects of ‘Strategic Clarity’ on Conflict over Taiwan.” Under Review.</p>
Work in progress	<p>“Cross-National Survey Experiments” (with Joshua Kertzer and Jonathan Renshon)</p> <p>“Revisiting Audience Costs in International Relations: Reintegrating International Audiences into Theory” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)</p> <p>“Audience Costs and Belligerence Benefits: Replication and Extension” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)</p> <p>“Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: A Methodological Concern” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)</p> <p>“The Effect of U.S. Reassurance Policy on De-escalating Conflict Across the Taiwan Strait” (with Renard Sexton and Jessica Chen Weiss)</p> <p>“The Doomsdays of Hegemony: How the U.S. Public Responds to China’s Rise”</p>
Teaching experience	<p><b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b> 2021, 2022, 2023          INR 4091: International Security (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X3          Course covers the causes of international conflict and strategies for conflict management</p> <p><b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b> 2023, 2024          INR 3933: US-China Relations (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X2          Course covers the economic, political, and military relations between the US and China since 1949</p> <p><b>Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU</b> 2023, 2024          INR 3934: Chinese Foreign Policy X2          Course covers Chinese foreign policy with emphasis on major strategic shifts and the domestic factors shaping external behavior</p>

**Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU** 2023, 2024  
 INR 3935: Chinese Politics X2  
 Course covers Chinese domestic institutions, elite politics, and public opinion

**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

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
	Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference Travel Grant, University of California San Diego (UCSD)	USD 2,000
	Strait Talk Travel Grant, Brown University	USD 1,500
	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	New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference at Yale University	2025
	America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference	2025
	The Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting	2025
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020-2025
	Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting	2023-2025
	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)	2023, 2025
	ISA Asia-Pacific Region Conference (Japan)	2023
Invited talks	Trinity College Dublin	2025
	Yonsei University	2025
	Old Dominion University	2025
	University of Southern California	2025
	Sun Yat-sen University	2025
	Xiamen University	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
Additional method training	ICPSR Summer Program (2021, 2022): <i>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</i> . Essex Summer School: <i>Advanced Methods for Text as Data</i>	
Skills	<b>Programming:</b> R, Stata, Python, z-Tree, Qualtrics, and $\text{\LaTeX}$ <b>Languages:</b> Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (native), and English (advanced)	
Reference	<b>Mark Souva</b> , Professor, FSU	msouva@fsu.edu
	<b>Kai Quek</b> , Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong	quek@hku.hk
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