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Research interests Public Diplomacy, U.S.-China Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, 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 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* 0 (0) (2025): <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*. 0 (0) (2025): <https://doi:10.1017/psrm.2024.60>

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| | <p>Weifang Xu. “Pride and Prejudice: The Dual Effect of Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy on Domestic and International Audiences.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 0 (0) (2024): https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241276250 (Job Market Paper)</p> <p>Weifang Xu, Kai Quek, and Mark Souva. “Reneging on Alliances: Experimental Evidence.” <i>Research & Politics</i> 10(3) (2023): https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680231203808</p> |
| Working papers | Weifang Xu, and Mark Souva. “Deterrence or Provocation? The Effects of ‘Strategic Clarity’ on Conflict over Taiwan.” Under Review. |
| Work in progress | <p>“Cross-National Experiments in International Relations” (with Joshua Kertzer and Jonathan Renshon)</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>“Revisiting Audience Costs in International Relations: Reintegrating International Audiences into Theory” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)</p> <p>“Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: A Methodological Concern” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)</p> |
| External grants and awards | <p>Foreign Policy Summer Research Fellowship Grant (Co-PI with Mark Souva), Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) USD 25,000</p> <p>Lo Chia-luen International Sinology Fellowship, Taiwan USD 10,000</p> <p>Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation (Taiwan) USD 6,000</p> <p>US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant, CKF USD 5,000</p> <p>Institute of Humane Studies (IHS) Publication Accelerator Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), IHS USD 5,000</p> <p>US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), CKF USD 5,000</p> <p>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</p> <p>IHS Dissertation Fellowship, IHS USD 3,000</p> |
| Selected internal grants and awards | <p>Guanghua Scholarship, NCCU (Taiwan) NTD 1,440,000 (USD 50,000)</p> <p>Multi-year Survey Experiments X6, Cooperative Congressional Election Study Module and Primary Elections Survey Module (2021-2024), FSU USD 25,000</p> <p>Research Grant, Institute of Politics Civic Engagement and Political Participation, FSU USD 10,000</p> <p>Dissertation Grant, FSU USD 6,000</p> <p>Research Grant, Emory University USD 5,000</p> <p>Essex Summer School Training Scholarship, FSU USD 1,500</p> |

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| | 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 | America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference | 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, 2025 |
| | 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 |
| | Old Dominion University | 2025 |
| | University of Southern California | 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 | Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU INR 3933: International Security (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X3 Course contains the causes of international conflict and strategies for conflict management | 2021, 2022, 2023 |
| | Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU INR 3934: US-China Relations (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X2 Course contains the economic, political, and military relations between the US and China since 1949 | 2023, 2024 |
| | Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU INR 3934: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy X2 Course contains PRC's domestic politics and foreign policy | 2023, 2024 |

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
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