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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Governance, Sustainable Development, Political Economy, China

EDUCATION

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
Ph.D., International Relations/Political Science, August 2018 (expected)
Dissertation: *Private Governance in China: Limits and Promise of Transnational Standards to Promote Sustainable Commodities*
Committee Co-Chairs: Liliana Andonova, Thomas Hale
M.A. International Relations/Political Science, 2014

Nanjing University, Nanjing, China
M.A., International Relations, 2012
B.A., French Studies, 2010

Sciences Po, Paris, France
Certificate of One-year Exchange Program (64 ECTS), Political Science and Economics, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

- Peer-reviewed articles

“Emerging Markets and Private Governance: The Political Economy of Sustainable Palm Oil in China and India,” (with Philip Schleifer), *Review of International Political Economy*, online first, 1-25, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2017.1418759>.

“Transnational Public-Private Partnerships as Learning Facilitators: Global Governance of Mercury,” *Global Environmental Politics*, 17(2), 21–44, 2017.

“The Changing Role of China in Global Environmental Governance,” *Rising Powers Quarterly*, 1(1), 43–53, 2016.

“Microblogging-Based Civic Participation on Environment in China: A Case Study of the PM 2.5 Campaign,” (with Irina Fedorenko), *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 27(5), 2077–2105, 2016.

- Encyclopedia entry

“Private Governance,” (with Liliana Andonova), *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, 2017.

- Invited book review

“Lo, Alex. 2016. *Carbon Trading in China: Environmental Discourse and Politics*. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan,” *Global Environmental Politics*, 16(3), 159–161, 2016.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Private Governance in Developing Countries: What Are the Drivers of Voluntary Carbon Offset Programs?” (with Liliana Andonova, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), revise and resubmit.

“Illusion of Transcendence: Transnational Sustainability Standards in China’s Agri-food Supply Chains,” under preparation.

“Beyond Consumerism: Examining How Policy Framing Affects Citizens’ Willingness to Reduce Meat Consumption and Car Use in China, Germany, and the United States” (with Lukas Fesenfeld, Michael Wicki, and Thomas Bernauer, ETH Zurich), under preparation.

Sustainable Commodity Governance and the Global South. A journal special issue co-edited with Hamish van der Ven (McGill University) and Benjamin Cashore (Yale University), proposal submitted.

“Swimming in their Own Direction: Explaining Domestic Variation in Sustainability Governance for Aquaculture in Asia” (with Hamish van der Ven, McGill University), under preparation.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Panel organized

2017 “Transnational Private Sustainability Governance: Impacts, Limits and New Perspectives,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, USA

- Paper presentations

2017 Lund Conference on Earth System Governance, Lund, Sweden
2017 International Studies Association Hong Kong Conference, Hong Kong, China
2017 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, USA
2017 Interconnections Conference, Bonn, Germany
2017 Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress, St. Gallen, Switzerland

- 2016 International Conference on “Disclosing Transparency: The Transformative Power of Transparency,” Wageningen, The Netherlands
- 2016 Conference on “The EU and China: Climate Change and Energy Security,” Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, USA
- 2016 Swiss Political Science Association’s Annual Congress, Basel, Switzerland
- 2015 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Montreal, Canada
- 2015 Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies Annual Conference, Beijing, China
- 2015 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, USA

- Discussant

- 2016 Chinese Community of Political Science and International Studies Annual Conference, Beijing, China

INVITED TALK

- 2017 Centre for International Environmental Studies Lunch Seminar, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- 2017 Tea Sustainability Union Inaugural Meeting, Hangzhou Tea Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- 2016 Workshop “ITCs and Governance in Europe and China,” Confucius Institute, University of Geneva

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIP & GRANTS

- 2017 Runner-up for the Oran R. Young Prize 2017 (for the best early-career paper of the Lund Conference on Earth System Governance)
- 2017 International Studies Association Catalytic Research Workshop Grant (USD 6,935)
- 2015-2018 Swiss National Science Foundation Doc.CH Fellowship for the dissertation project “Transnational Private Governance for the Environment in China” (CHF 203,544 for three years)
- 2015 ECPR Travel Grant for the ECPR General Conference 2015 (EUR 250)
- 2015 Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences Travel Grant (CHF 1,000)
- 2014 Doctoral scholarship of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (CHF 21,000, declined)
- 2012 – 2014 Scholarship of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (CHF 23,000)
- 2013 Best Delegation in the Oikos World Trade Organization Model, awarded by University of St. Gallen and the World Trade Organization
- 2010 First Prize of Bachelor Thesis in Jiangsu Province
Best Bachelor Thesis of Nanjing University

2007-2009 First Prize of People's Scholarship of Nanjing University for the excellence of study

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- June 2016 Summer School "Tackling Transparency: Methodological Challenges of Research on Disclosing Sustainability," Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University, the Netherlands
- April 2016 Oxford Spring School in Advanced Methods, organized by the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK
Courses completed: *Causal Inference*, *Data Visualization*, and *Process Tracing*

REVIEWS

Ecological Economics, Global Environmental Change, Review of Policy Research

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2014 – 2016 Organizer of Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Seminar, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- 2014 Student Committee of the Environmental Politics Junior Faculty Search, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

TEACHING

- Fall 2017 Guest Instructor for the graduate course "Global Environmental Governance" (Prof. Liliana Andonova). Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Fall 2016 Guest Lecturer for the graduate course "Global Partnerships" (Prof. Liliana Andonova). Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Fall 2011 Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate course "People's Republic of China's Foreign Relationship". Department of History, Nanjing University

CONSULTANCY

- 2015 - present *Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)*, Writer
International Institute for Sustainable Development, Reporting Services
Co-author of reports for multilateral environmental negotiations (e.g. Conference of Parties of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Conferences of Parties of Basel, Stockholm, and Rotterdam Conventions, International Conference on Chemicals Management, and meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee)
- 2014 - 2015 The EU Marie Curie Project "Macrohist," Research Assistant and Coordinator
- 2013 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Chemicals Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, Geneva, Switzerland

FIELDWORK

March-July 2017, China
Summer 2016, Travels to more than ten cities to conduct over 100 interviews and attend
Summer 2015 three stakeholder meetings
April & June 2016 London, Amsterdam, and Utrecht
Interviews with senior officials in the headquarters of several INGOs

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin)	Native
English	Fluent (spoken and written)
French	Fluent (spoken and written)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, R, Nvivo, LaTeX, MS Office

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Association for Asian Studies
Earth System Governance Project (Research Fellow)
European Consortium for Political Research
International Studies Association
Swiss Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
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Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University
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