

Lü, Pin

Curriculum Vitae

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Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, USA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Authoritarianism; Gender and Politics; Social Movements; Chinese Politics

EDUCATION

2020–present **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Rutgers University**

Major: Women and Politics; Minor: Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Resistant Resilience in the Age of Escalating Repression: Understanding the Dynamics of China's Feminist Movement in 2013–2023*

Committee: Mona Lena Krook (co-chair), Xian Huang (co-chair), Summer Lindsey, Andrew Nathan (Columbia University)

2018 **M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University at Albany, SUNY**

1994 **M.A. in Chinese Literature and Language, Shandong University, China**

1991 **B.A. in Chinese Literature and Language, Shandong University, China**

Additional Methods Training

2026 Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER), American Political Science Association, UCLA

2024 Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University

2023 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

2022 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Rutgers University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles Under Review

Lü, Pin. Forthcoming "The Repression Matrix: Non-Spectacular Coercion and Feminist Demobilization in China." *China Perspectives*.

Lü, Pin. "Weaponizing Intimacy: Emotional Proxy Repression and the Suppression of Feminist Activism in China." *Women's Studies International Forum*. Revise and resubmit (second round).

Lü, Pin. "Reconfigured Contention: Politicization, Popularization, and China's #MeToo Movement in 2018–2020." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*. Under review.

Lü, Pin. Forthcoming. "VAWIP in a State-Monopolized Political Field: The Case of Chinese Feminist Activism." *Politics & Gender*, Critical Perspectives symposium.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Lü, Pin. "Labeling the Internal Foreign Enemy: Conceptualizing an Escalating Authoritarian Strategy of Repression." Manuscript available.

Lü, Pin, Xian Huang, and Jan Kubik. "Examining Individual Compliance and Perceptions of Credible Commitment in Authoritarian Contexts."

Book Chapters

Lü, Pin. 2025. "Adaptation and Resistance: The Phased Evolution of the Feminist Movement, 1995–2024." In *Challenges for Chinese Women in the Early Twenty-First Century*, ed. Gordana Malešević, 219–236. Singapore: World Scientific.

Lü, Pin. Under contract. "Two Media Strategies: Independent and Mainstream Media for China's Feminist Movement, 2012–2015." In *Women's Activism in the Global South: Mediatization, Mobilisation, and Social Change*, eds. Shaminder Takhar and Donatella London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications

Lü, Pin. 2024. "The Escalation of Repression of Chinese Feminists." In "Defending the Defenders: Women's Rights and Gender Persecution at Home and Abroad," *Proceedings of the ASIL Annual Meeting* 118: 287–290. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Lü, Pin, ed. 2011. Report on Anti-Domestic Violence Action in China. Beijing: China Social Sciences Press. (In Chinese)

GRANTS & FUNDING

Fellowships

2026–2027 University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

2025–2026 Fellow, "Feminism, Academic Freedom, and Democracy" Seminar, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University

2024–2025 Excellence Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (also 2020–2022)

Research Grants

2026 Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section of American Political Science Association (\$1,000).

2025 Clyde Mitchell Award, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – \$8,000 (with Xian Huang and Jan Kubik)

2025 Porte Fund Travel Award, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – \$1,000 (Field Research)

2024 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University – \$2,000

2024 Porte Fund Travel Award, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – \$1,650 (Field Research)

2022–2023 Co-PI, *Gender, Power, and Online Sexual Harassment: A Comparative Study of Four East Asian Cities*, Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong – HK\$1,245,049

2021–2022 Co-PI, *Cyber Dating Abuse Among Young Adults in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Taipei: A Techno-feminist Analysis*, Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong – HK\$1,153,182

Conference Grants

2026 Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Rutgers University – \$1000 (Mobilization Conference)

2026 Gender and Sexuality Section Graduate Student Travel Grant, Midwest Political Science Association – \$500

2026 School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Rutgers University – \$1,000

2024 School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Rutgers University – \$800 (MPSA Conference)

2023 Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Rutgers University – \$500 (AAS Conference)

2019 National Women’s Studies Association Travel Grant – \$500

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 “Reconfigured Contention: Politicization, Popularization, and China’s #MeToo Movement in 2018–2020”. Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Toronto (scheduled).

2026 “The Cost of Survival: Depoliticization and Popularization in China’s #MeToo Movement.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta (scheduled).

2026 “Labeling Internal Foreign Enemies: Escalating Authoritarian Repression and China’s Feminist Movement”. The Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Providence (scheduled).

- 2026 “Pragmatic Compliance: How Citizens Cooperate with State Demands in Contemporary China” (with Xian Huang). The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) Conference, San Diego (scheduled).
- 2026 “The Cost of Survival: Depoliticization and Popularization in China’s #MeToo Movement.” Authoritarian Political Systems Group (APSG), Online (scheduled).
- 2026 “Weaponizing Intimacy: Emotional Proxy Repression against Feminist Activists in China.” European Conference on Politics and Gender, Newcastle University.
- 2026 “Adaptive Resistance: China’s Feminist Movement Under Escalating Authoritarianism (2013–2023).” European Conference on Politics and Gender, Newcastle University.
- 2026 “Measuring Strategic Adaptation: A Dual-Dimension Framework for China’s Feminist Movement under Authoritarian Repression.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.
- 2025 “Resistant Resilience in the Age of Escalating Repression: Understanding the Dynamics of China’s Feminist Movement in the Xi Era.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online.
- 2025 “Repressing Feminism, Reproducing Authoritarian Order: A Violence Matrix Framework from China’s Political Landscape.” Politics & Gender Conference, New Brunswick.
- 2024 “Online Repression Outsourcing: Anti-Feminism on China’s Internet.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2024 “Unraveling Violence Against Women in Politics in Authoritarian Settings: A Typology Based on Chinese Feminist Encounters.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.
- 2023 “How a Strong Authoritarian State Undermines and Absorbs Social Unrest: Feminist Resistance in China.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Boston.
- 2020 “Proud, Radical, and ‘Cool’: The Form and Function of Collective Identity in China’s Young Feminist Movement Since 2012.” Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Online.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Manuscript Reviewer: *Politics & Gender*; *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; *Feminist Media Studies*; *Journal of Women’s and Gender Studies* (Taiwan)
- 2024 Panel Co-Chair, National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of Record, Rutgers University** (syllabi available)
- Authoritarian Politics (Summer 2026)
- Activism in the Digital Age (Spring 2026)
- State and Social Movements (Fall 2025)

Gender and Politics in Global Perspective (Summer 2025)

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University

Law and Politics (Fall 2023; Spring 2024)

Introduction to Politics (Fall 2022; Spring 2023)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009–2018 Founding Chief Editor, *Feminist Voices*

2003–2004 Deputy Mayor of Zhangxian County, Gansu Province, China

1994–2004 Editor / Director, *China Women's News*

PUBLIC IMPACT

Honors & Awards

2024 Member, 100 Women Leaders Network, UN Women

2022 Marianne Initiative for Human Rights Defenders, awarded by the President of France

2021 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy, Apolitical

2019 100 Top China-focused Accounts on Twitter, The China Project

2016 Chinese Public Award, Deutsche Welle Bobs New Media Contest

2013 Women's Media Award, UN Women China Office

Public Lectures

Delivered lectures at institutions including University College London (2026), Yale Law School, Harvard University, Columbia University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Indiana University, University of Kentucky, Vassar College, Boston College, University of Hong Kong, National Taiwan University, China Institute, Council on Foreign Relations, the Open Society Foundations, and the Robert Bosch Foundation.

Media Coverage

Interviewed and/or cited by major global outlets including *The New York Times*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Reuters*, *AP*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *The New Yorker*, *The Economist*, *The Independent*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *CBC Canada*, *the Time Magazine*, and *South China Morning Post*, as well as media in Portuguese, Japanese, Swedish, Danish, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Greek, and Chinese.

Featured in Media

Featured by *Initium Media*, *New York Times*, *Whynot (Radio Free Asia)*, *China book Review* (forthcoming), *China Change*.

Featured in Books

2026 Liu, Yi-Ling. *The Wall Dancers: Searching for Freedom and Connection on the Chinese Internet*. Knopf. [Profiled as one of five central figures of the book.]

- Named a New Yorker Best Book of 2026, Foreign Policy Most Anticipated Book of 2026, and Publishers Weekly Starred Review.]
- 2021 Vogelstein, Rachel B., and Meighan Stone. *Awakening: #MeToo and the Global Fight for Women's Rights*. PublicAffairs. [Featured in the chapter on China's #MeToo movement. Foreword by Tarana Burke; blurbed by Malala Yousafzai.]
- 2018 Hong Fincher, Leta. *Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China*. Verso. [Featured as a key figure of China's feminist movement; named a Best Book of 2018 by Vanity Fair, Newsweek, Foreign Policy Interrupted, and Bitch Media.]

Public Scholarship

Commentary published in *The Washington Post*, *Made in China Journal*, *TRT World*, *The Diplomat*, *Dissent*, *Times Higher Education*, *China File*, *Disruptive Asia*, and other platforms.

Exhibition Curation

Above Ground: China's Young Feminist Activists and Forty Moments of Transformation. Traveling exhibition, 2015–2018. Exhibited at the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Indiana University, University of Kentucky, National Taiwan University, University of Victoria (Canada), The New School, and the University of North Carolina, among other venues.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Technical Skills

Statistical Analysis (R, SPSS)

Languages

Chinese — Native

English — Fluent

Authorized to work in the U.S.; no employer sponsorship needed.