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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey	<i>Ph.D. in Global Affairs (expected), 2025</i>
Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey	<i>MS. in Global Affairs, 2022</i>
Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts	<i>MS. in International Relations, 2019</i>
Centre College, Danville, Kentucky	<i>B.A. in International Studies, 2017</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Yuan, S.* (2024). From Play to Power: China's Video Games as Instruments of Soft Power (forthcoming), *The Pacific Review*, Online First. [Impact Factor: 2.3]

Yuan, S.* (2024). Goodbye Wolf Warrior: Charting China's Transition to more Accommodating Diplomacy. *International Affairs*, 100 (5): 2217–2232. [Impact Factor: 3.9] [Editor's Choice]

Assamah, D. & **Yuan, S.*** (2024). Greenfield Investment and Job Creation in Ghana: A Sectorial Analysis and Geopolitical Implications of Chinese Investments. *Humanities and Social Science Communications*. 11, 487. [Impact Factor: 3.7]

Yuan, S.* (2023). Unmasking the Wolf Warrior: Tracing China's Diplomatic Transition to the Wolf Warrior Diplomacy and its Implications. *Humanities and Social Science Communications*. 10, 837. [Impact Factor: 3.7]

Yuan, S.* (2023). Government Legitimacy and International Image: Why Variations Occurred in China's Responses to Covid-19. *Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia*, 22(2): 18-38. [Cite Score: 1.6]

Yuan, S.* (2023). The Health Silk Road: A Double-Edged Sword? Assessing the Implications of China's Health Diplomacy. *World*, 4(2), 333-346. [Impact Factor: 2.0]

Assamah, D. & **Yuan, S.*** (2022). Can Smaller Powers Have Grand Strategies? The Case of Rwanda. *Insight on Africa*, 15(1), 108–127. [Impact Factor: 0.8]

Yuan, S.* (2017). An Analysis of Korean Wave (Hallyu)'s Influence in China [in Chinese]. *Chi zhi*, 01(2), 63-65.

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Books

Yuan, S. (2019). Panda or Dragon: Is the Rise of China a Threat?. *Glasstree Academic Publishing*, Raleigh, N.C.

Media Publications

Yuan, S & Xiang, J. (2024, October 26). Black Myth: Wukong – how China's gaming revolution is fueling its tech power. *The Conversation.com*. <https://theconversation.com/black-myth-wukong-how-chinas-gaming-revolution-is-fueling-its-tech-power-239998>

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Yuan, S (2024, August 12). Gold Medal Rivalry: For China and the US, the Olympics Are More Than Just Sport. *The Diplomat.com*. <https://thediplomat.com/2024/08/gold-medal-rivalry-for-china-and-the-us-the-olympics-are-more-than-just-sport/>

Yuan, S (2024, July 26). Vance's dangerous China rhetoric won't solve America's problems. *The Hill*. <https://thehill.com/opinion/international/4790600-jdvance-china-populist-rhetoric/>

Yuan, S (2024, July 10). Tropical Tug-of-War: China and the West's Influence Battle in the Pacific. *The Diplomat.com*. <https://thediplomat.com/2024/07/tropical-tug-of-war-china-and-the-wests-influence-battle-in-the-pacific/>

Yuan, S (2024, June 10). China's AI Gambit: Old Tricks for a New Game. *The Diplomat.com*. <https://thediplomat.com/2024/06/chinas-ai-gambit-old-tricks-for-a-new-game/>

Yuan, S & Xiang, J. (2023, Dec 2). Beyond the Battlefield: China's Quiet Bid to Sway Taiwan's 2024 Election (and Future). *The Diplomat.com*. <https://thediplomat.com/2023/12/beyond-the-battlefield-chinas-quiet-bid-to-sway-taiwans-2024-election-and-future>

Yuan, S (2023, Sept 13). De-dollarization Dreams: Why the US Dollar Won't Bow Out. *The Diplomat.com*. <https://thediplomat.com/2023/09/de-dollarization-dreams-why-the-us-dollar-wont-bow-out/>

Yuan, S. (2022, Feb 11). What can we do to help Asian Americans? *USA Today*. *Print*. Pg. 7A.

Assamah, D. & **Yuan, S.** (2020, May 5). Elections in Africa: The Youth Vote and Implications for 2020. *Columbia Journal of International Affairs*. <https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu/news/elections-africa-youth-vote-and-implications-2020>

Yuan, S. (2020, Feb 20). South China Sea Threat Assessment: Is China really a threat or a paper tiger in the region?, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. <https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2020/02/20/south-china-sea-threat-assessment/>

Yuan, S. (2020, Feb 2). Rethinking Cambodia: A New Strategic Interest. *The Global Affairs Review*. https://wp.nyu.edu/schoolofprofessionalstudies-ga_review/rethinking-cambodia-a-new-strategic-interest/

Research in Progress

Book Project

- China's Soft Power Play in 21st Century

Peer-reviewed articles

- Authoritarian Solidarity Pacts: The Rise of Autocratic Networks in Global Politics. (under review)
- eSports: China's Quest for Global Soft Power, with Xiang, J. (under review)
- Threading Influence: China's Fashion as Soft Power (under review)
- Power transition: A Comparative Analysis of AI Narratives, with Xiang, J. (under review)

- Investing in the Future: Chinese Scholarship and Recruitment of International Students. with Xiang, J., Lee, Y., Han, S. (in preparation)

INTERVIEWS & COMMENTERIES

2024 June. Xi eyes military supremacy as he reorganises China's armed forces. *Al Jazeera*.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/6/24/xi-eyes-military-supremacy-as-he-reorganises-chinas-armed-forces>

2024 April. Media feel pressure to tell 'positive' China story as party tightens grip. *Al Jazeera*.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/4/4/media-feel-pressure-to-tell-positive-story-as-china-tightens-grip>

2024 January. Money, power and the peril of courting Chinese nationalism. *Al Jazeera*.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2024/3/2/money-power-and-the-peril-of-courting-chinese-nationalism>

2023 December. China looks for the diplomatic 'sweet spot' between panda and wolf. *Al Jazeera*.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/12/26/china-looks-for-the-diplomatic-sweet-spot-between-panda-and-wolf>

2020 April. Den Enes Nederlag, Den Andens Fiasco (The Defeat of the One, The Fiasco of the Other), *Weekendavisen*.

2019 December. China Trade War: An Expert Weighs in on the Complex Issue, *Tropicalthunder*.

<https://www.tropicalthunder.com/news/2019/12/03/china-trade-war-expert-weighs-in-on-the-complex-issue>

2019 December. NATO Formally Adds a Rising China to its Focus for the First Time, *CNSnews.com*.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/article/international/james-carstensen/nato-formally-adds-rising-china-its-focus-first-time>

TEACHING & ADVISING

Teaching Assistant at Rutgers University Newark, New Jersey 2020–2024

Supervisor: Dr. Jun Xiang, Department of Economics, Division of Global Affairs.

Courses taught: ECON203: Statistics (2021-2024), DGA506: Quantitative Research Method (2021-2022).

Research fellow at Rutgers University Newark, New Jersey 2020–2024

Supervisor: Dr. Jun Xiang, Department of Economics, Division of Global Affairs.

Adjunct Professor, SUNY Westchester Community College 2021-2022

Course taught: Japanese 110 (Partially)

Japanese Teaching Assistant at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky 2015–2016

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Dixon. Courses taught: Japanese 110, Japanese 210, Japanese 220.

Chinese Teaching Assistant at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky 2014–2015

Supervisor: Dr. Kyle Anderson. Produced course materials for students of Chinese language courses and tutored students.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Yuan, S. (April 2021). Terrorism in Xinjiang & The Chinese Government's Countermeasures. New York State Political Science Association 75th Annual Conference, Virtual Conference.

Yuan, S. (November 2020). The Belt and Road Initiative: Assessing China's Soft Power Diplomacy in Developing Countries. A session in the "Colloquium Speaker Series" graduate course at Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers University–Newark.

Yuan, S., Vogel, E. & Beshimov, B. (October 2019). How can the United States adapt to a rising China? Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, & College of Professional Studies, Northeastern University.

Yuan, S. (April 2019) Behind the Conflict of Senkaku Islands, the Pursuit of Asia Hegemony. *New York State Political Science Association 72nd Annual Conference*, Wagner College.

Yuan, S. (March 2017). Analysis of Korean Popular Culture's Influence on China. *Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Centre College.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Oct 2024 Columbia University (Chinese 'Colonialism,' Capital Accumulation, and the Belt and Road Initiative)
- Sep 2024 Columbia University (Book Talk: Upstart: How China Became a Great Power)
- Sep 2024 China Institute (China Institute in America and Chinese Cultural Diplomacy)
- Sep 2024 Columbia University (The EU-US Perception of the Rise of China and Taiwan's Resilience)
- Apr 2024 Rutgers University (Global Democratic Decay and the Rule of Law)
- Mar 2024 Harriman Institute (Weak Strongman: The Limits of Power in Putin's Russia)
- Nov 2023 China Institute (The Future Direction of China's Economy)
- Nov 2023 Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers Annual Conference (2nd International Conference)
- Nov 2022 Rutgers University (10th Annual Gershowitz Conference on Media & Democratic Governance)
- Apr 2020 Rutgers University (Global Politics in the Era of Climate Change)
- Apr 2019 Rutgers University (Security in International Studies: Current Considerations, New Directions)
- Oct 2018 Northeastern University (Democracy and Digital Technology)
- Sep 2017 Harvard University (Artificial Intelligence and The Future of Public Policy)

HONORS & AWARDS

Fellowships

- 2024-2025 *Dean's Dissertation Fellowship*, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2023-2024 *Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship*, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2020-2023 *Teaching Assistantship*, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2019-2020 *Research Fellowship*, Rutgers Graduate School

Awards

- 2024 *Division of Global Affairs Summer Research Grant*, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2021 *University Merit Graduate Scholars Award*, Rutgers University School of Arts and Science
- 2019-2020 *University Merit Graduate Scholars Award*, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2019-2020 *Newark Graduate School Dean's Award*, Rutgers University
- 2018-2019 *Academic Excellence Award*, Northeastern University

Scholarships

- 2020-2021 *Newark Graduate School Student Scholarship*, Rutgers University
- 2019-2020 *Newark Graduate School Scholarship*, Rutgers University
- 2017-2018 *Academic Achievement Scholarship*, Northeastern University
- 2013-2017 *The Founder's Scholarship*, Centre College

Grants

2020 *Travel Awards for Conference Presentations*, Rutgers Graduate School

2018 *Field Research Grant*, Northeastern University

2016 *Field Research Grant*, Centre College

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA)
- The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- New York State Political Science Association (NYPSA)
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Council on Foreign Relations: Young Professional Briefing Series
- Political Studies Association (PSA)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Invited Manuscript Reviews

Research in Comparative and International Education

China: An International Journal

Journal of Public Law and Diplomacy

Humanities and Social Science Communications

International Affairs

Chinese Public Administration Review

Global Security: Health, Science & Policy

Leadership

2020-2024 *Secretary*, Division of Global Affairs Student Association, Rutgers University–Newark

2021- *Firefighter* at Cliffside Park Fire Department, Cliffside Park, New Jersey

2019-2020 *Graduate Student Representative*, Rutgers University–Newark

2017-2018 *Team leader* at American Red Cross Boston Food Pantry, Boston, Massachusetts

2016-2017 *Student Group Leader* at Kentucky Refugee Ministry, Louisville, Kentucky

CERTIFICATES

2022 A Certificate in Hazardous Materials Operations and Awareness, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

2022 A Certificate in Operations and Mission-Specific PPE and Product Control, National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications, International Association of Fire Fighters.

2022 A Certificate in IMS-1-100, County of Bergen, Department of Public Safety, Bergen County Police and Fire Academy, New Jersey

2022 A Certificate in Fire Fighter One, County of Bergen, Department of Public Safety, Bergen County Police and Fire Academy, New Jersey

2017 A Certificate in Japanese-Language Proficiency N2, Japan Educational Exchanges and Services

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Deputy Editor-in-Chief at The Global Affairs Magazine, Boston, Massachusetts** 2018–2019
Managed and supervised the content produced for publication. Reviewed all content before publication, including articles and photographs, developed strategies and style guidelines.
- Government Relations Fellow (Internship) at The Borgen Project, New York**
2018-2019
- CEO & Founder at GiftSense INC, Greater Boston Area, Massachusetts** 2017–2018
- Research Associate at SK Innovation, Seoul, South Korea** 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Quantitative Analysis

Python, R

Qualitative Analysis

NVivo, Dedoose

Languages

Chinese Mandarin (*native*), English (*native*), Japanese (*proficient*), Korean (*intermediate*)

Software

Adobe Premier, Adobe Photoshop, Stata, Adobe Lightroom

REFERENCES

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