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I. Basic Information

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Academic Appointment

2026-present	Professor, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFU) Director, Institute of Political Science, 2017-Present Special-term Researcher, SUFE, 2016-present
2015-2026	Associate Professor (with tenure), SUFE
2013-2015	Associate Professor, SUFE
2010-2013	Assistant Professor, SUFE

Education

2005-2010	Purdue University (USA), PhD, Political Science
2003-2005	Purdue University (USA), M.A. Political Science
2000-2003	Nankai University (China), M.A. Political Science
1996-2000	Nankai University (China), B.A. Political Science

II. Research

Overview

As a general political scientist, I study the interplay of politics, economy, and policy with a thematic focus on the democratic and authoritarian trends of political institutions. I have been working on topics such as democratization, populism, centralization/decentralization, and the political effects of new media. Geographically, my research covers Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe.

Research Interests

Comparative politics: democratization, (de)centralization, political support, populism
Chinese Politics: the new media, political trust, government-business relations

Research Grants (as PI)

1. National Natural Science Foundation of China (2017-2022)
"Research on the Political Influence of Nationalism in the Area of New Media."

- CNY 480,000, completed
2. Young Scholar Innovation Team of SUFE (2013-2017)
"Research on Public Governance of New Media."
CNY 720,000, completed
 3. Ministry of Education, Research Start-up Fund for Returned Overseas Students (2013-2015)
"An Experimental Study on the Causal Mechanism of Online Media"
CNY 20,000, completed
 4. National Natural Science Foundation of China Youth Project (2012-2015)
"Experimental Study on the Causal Mechanism of the Effect of Online Media on Political Attitudes."
CNY180,000, completed
 5. Shanghai Pujiang Talent Program (2012)
"Research on the Mechanism of the Role of the Internet in Influencing Citizens' Attitudes."
CNY 100,000, completed
 6. SUFE Undergraduate Teaching Reform Project (2010)
"Research on Cultivating New Talents in Public Administration. "
CNY 30,000, completed

Publications:

Peer-Reviewed Article Journals (English)

Authors listed by contribution unless noted; * indicates corresponding author

1. Jia Chen, **Min Tang**, and Jinhai Yu*. 2025. "The Effect of Legislative Incumbency on Policy Innovativeness of U.S. States." *Policy Studies Journal*. 54(1), e70072
2. Sunmin Han*, **Min Tang***, and Jinhai Yu*. 2025. "Nature Made the State: Exploring the Effect of Disasters on Centralization." *Comparative Political Studies*. 59(8), 1642-1677.
3. Sungmin Han and **Min Tang***. 2025. "Globalization, Ideological Incongruence, and Support for Right Populist Parties." *Political Research Quarterly*. 78(3), 1074-1089.
4. **Min Tang**, Sungmin Han*, and Narisong Huhe. 2025. "Paradox of Choice in Political Marketplace: How Does Inclusiveness of Mainstream Party Systems Moderate the Effect of Individual Grievances on Populist Support?" *Contemporary Politics*. 31(5), 758–784.
5. Wu, Kaiya., Shiping Tang*, and **Min Tang***. 2024 Interpretative Structural Modeling to Social Sciences: Designing Better Datasets for Mixed Method Research. *Quality & Quantity*. 58, 4073–4092.
6. **Min Tang**, Yin Wang*, and Yuan Yang. 2023. "Political Influences of Stakeholders on Early Termination of Public-Private Partnerships: A Study on China's Toll Road Projects." *Public Performance and Management Review*. 46(6), 1354–1381.

7. **Min Tang** and Jia Chen*. 2021. "Global Sources of Credibility: Production Integration, International Institutions, and Private Property Rights in Authoritarian Regimes." *Japanese Journal of Political Science*. 22(4), 333-354.
8. Narisong Huhe and **Min Tang***. 2021. "Business is Business: How Does Trade Relationship Fail to Boost Image of China?" *Journal of Contemporary China*. 30 (129): 417-433.
9. **Min Tang** and Narisong Huhe*. 2020. "Contextualizing the Economic Basis of Political Support: Government Economic Engagement, Economic Perceptions, and Democratic Satisfaction." *Political Research Quarterly*. 73(2): 425-438.
10. Yuan Yang and **Min Tang***. 2020. "Finding the Ethics of 'Red Capitalists': Political Connection and Philanthropy of Chinese Private Entrepreneurs." *Journal of Business Ethics*. 161: 133-147.
11. **Min Tang** and Narisong Huhe*. 2020. "Parsing the Effect of the Internet on Regime Support in China." *Government and Opposition*. 55: 130-146.
12. Narisong Huhe, **Min Tang***, and Jie Chen. 2018. "Creating Democratic Citizens: Political Effect of the Internet in China. " *Political Research Quarterly*. 71(4): 757-771.
13. Narisong Huhe and **Min Tang***. 2017. "Institutionalizing from the Middle: The Impacts of Provincial Legislation on Rural Grassroots Democracy." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 52(3): 372-393.
14. Narisong Huhe and **Min Tang**, 2017. "Contingent Instrumental and Intrinsic Support: Exploring Regime Support in Asia." *Political Studies*. 65(1): 161-178.
15. **Min Tang**, Narisong Huhe, and Qiang Zhou. 2017. "Contingent Democratization: When Do Economic Crises Matter?" *British Journal of Political Science*. 47(1): 71-90.
16. Hui Li, **Min Tang***, and Narisong Huhe. 2016. "How Does Democracy Influence Citizens' Perceptions of Government Corruption? A Cross-National Study." *Democratization*. 23(5): 892-918.
17. **Min Tang*** and Narisong Huhe. 2016. "The Variant Effect of Decentralization on Trust in National and Local Governments." *Political Studies*, 64(1): 216-234.
18. **Min Tang*** and Narisong Huhe. 2016. "Does Decentralization Bring the People Back to the Government? An Empirical Analysis of the Effect of Decentralization on Political Trust." *Policy & Politics*. 44(3): 403-426.
19. Narisong Huhe, Jie Chen, and **Min Tang**. 2015. "Social Trust and Grassroots Governance in Rural China." *Social Science Research*. 53: 351-363.
20. Yuan Yang and **Min Tang***. 2014. "Do Political Tensions Take a Toll? The Effect of Sino-Japanese Relationship on the Sales of Japanese-Brand Cars in China. " *Asian Business & Management*. 13(5): 359-378.

21. Yuan Yang, **Min Tang***, Wang Zhou, and Narisong Huhe. 2014. "The Effect of Media Use on Institutional Trust in China." *Problems of Post-Communism*. 61(3): 45-59.
22. **Min Tang** and Dwayne Woods. 2014. "Conditional Effect of Economic Development on Democracy - The Relevance of the State. " *Democratization*. 21(3): 411-433.
23. **Min Tang** and Narisong Huhe. 2013. "Alternative Framing: The Effect of the Internet on Political Support in Authoritarian China. " *International Political Science Review*. 35(5): 559-576.
24. **Min Tang**. 2011. "Political Behavior of the Chinese Middle Class." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*. 16(4): 373-387.
25. **Min Tang**, Dwayne Woods, and Jujun Zhao. 2009. "The Attitude of Chinese Middle Class Towards Democracy." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*. 14(1): 81-95.
26. **Min Tang**. 2009. "Transnational Human Rights Networks." *Political Studies Review*. 7(2): 229-240.
27. **Min Tang**. 2008. "Examining the Lagged Effect of Economic Development on Political Democracy- a Panel-VAR Model. " *Democratization*. 15(1): 106-122.
28. **Min Tang** and Dwayne Woods. 2008. "Exogenous Effect of Geography on Economic Development: the Case of Sub-Saharan Africa." *African and Asian Studies*. 7(2): 173-189.

Other Publications

1. Hui Li, Narisong Huhe, and **Min Tang**. 2015. "Democracy, Subjective Economic Evaluation, and Corruption Perception—A Multilevel Analysis Based on Merged Data from Public Opinion Surveys in Asia, Africa, and Latin America." *Comparative Economic & Social Systems*, (3):162-174. (Chinese)
2. Hui Li, **Min Tang**, and Narisong Huhe, and 2014. "Democracy's Impact on Corruption Perception is Dual-Faceted: Data Analysis Based on Asia, Africa and Latin America." *Social Sciences Weekly* (March 2014). (Chinese)
3. **Min Tang**. 2011. "Establishing a Public Administration Curriculum System Aimed at Cultivating International, Innovative, and Application-Oriented Talents. " *Public Governance Review* 1: 148-153. (Chinese)
4. Book chapter: **Min Tang**, Laia Jorba, and Michael J. Jensen. 2011. "Digital Media and Political Attitudes in China," in Eva Anduiza, Michael Jensen, and Laia Jorba, eds. *Comparing Digital Politics: Digital Media and Political Engagement around the World*. Cambridge University Press. 240-253.
5. Book review: **Min Tang**. 2007. "Susan L. Shirk, China- Fragile Superpower: How China's Internal Politics Could Derail Its Peaceful Rise? " *African and Asian Studies*. 6.

6. Book chapter: **Min Tang**. 2006. "Non-Essential Elements of Government Agencies. " In *Modern Government Theory*, edited by Zhu Guanglei, 177-202. Tianjin: Tianjin People's Press. (Chinese)

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks (selected)

2025: Peking University; Nanjing University
2024: Zhejiang University; Shanghai Jiaotong University; Nanjing University
2023: Tsinghua University; Yunnan University
2021: Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, USA
2018: 22nd Annual Meeting of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), UK
2018: Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, USA
2017: Annual Meeting American Political Science Association, USA
2016: Annual Meeting American Political Science Association, USA
2012: Annual Meeting American Political Science Association, USA
2011: Annual Meeting Southwestern Political Science Association, USA
2009: Annual Meeting American Political Science Association, USA

III. Teaching

Courses Taught

1. In Chinese:

Undergraduate: Introduction to Political Science, English Essay Writing, Asian Political Economy, Chinese Politics and Government

Graduate: Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Economy, Political Science Seminar, International Relations, Studies of Chinese Political and Administrative Systems, Economic Modeling Theory and Methods, Public Policy Analysis, International Political Economy, Political Science Theory, Comparative Studies of Political Theory and Systems, Frontiers of Political Science, New Media and Political Theory, Essay Writing and Academic Integrity

2. In English:

Undergraduate: Sino-US Relations, Contemporary Chinese Politics

Graduate: Sino-US Relations Research, Essay Writing and Academic Integrity

Teaching Awards

1. 2022, Second Prize, Shanghai Higher-Education Excellent Teaching Achievement
2. 2016, Second Prize, SUFE Teaching Achievement Award
3. 2014, SUFE nominations for "My Favorite Teacher" and "Teaching and Education

Champion"

4. 2013, Third Prize of SUFE Teaching Award

IV. Service

Institutional Service (SUFE)

1. Director, Institute of Political Science, SUFE (2017-present)
Lead faculty recruitment, mentorship, and academic planning. Organize research seminars and international collaborations through the Center for Comparative Politics and Policy.
2. Core Faculty Member, Public Administration Program (2016-2025)
Contribute to curriculum development, doctoral training, and international accreditation efforts.
3. Managerial/committee roles
 - (1) Member, Professor Committee, School of Public Economics and Administration, SUFE (2016-2023, two terms)
 - (2) Member, SUFE Faculty Committee, SUFE (2019-present, two terms)
 - (3) Member, SUFE Work Union Committee, SUFE (2019-present, two terms)
 - (4) Regular member of school recruitment committees

Professional Service

1. External Reviewer for journals (selected)

American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Governance, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Democratization, International Political Science Review, The China Journal, The China Quarterly, Journal of Contemporary China

2. Policy paper

Ge Xin, Min Tang, and Fangjin Ye. 2025. A Study on the Development of Rare Earth Financial Derivatives Overseas: Implications for China and Policy Recommendations, Published in the *Decision-Making Advisory Bulletin and Information Reporting* of the Ministry of Education, PRC.

Awards and Honors (selected)

1. SUFE "Model Worker," 2019
2. SUFE "Excellent Member of Labor Union," 2019

3. Outstanding Achievement Award for Philosophy and Social Sciences (14th), Shanghai Municipality, 2018
4. SUFE "Excellent Member of Labor Union," 2018
5. "Dean's Award", School of Public Economics and Administration (SPEA), SUFE, 2017
6. SUFE "Excellent Member of Labor Union," 2015
7. "Dean's Award", SPEA, SUFE, 2014

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