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ACADEMIC POSITION

Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2009-2010

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2009

M.A. in Political Science, May 2004

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Asian Studies

Seoul National University, South Korea

M.A. in Political Science, Major Field in Chinese Area Studies, 2002

B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature, Minor in International Relations, *summa cum laude*, 1999

Kyoto University, Japan

International Education Program in Japanese Area Studies, 1997–98

Peking University, China

Intensive Program in Chinese Language, Summer 1995

DISSERTATION

Property-Owning Socialism in a New State–Society Relationship: Housing Reform in Urban China
Committee: Melanie Manion (chair), Edward Friedman, Aili Tripp, Aseema Sinha, Yongming Zhou

Commodification of housing, the most contentious issue area in urban China, signifies two pivotal transitions: the dismantling of a state-sponsored welfare state and the creation of property rights in a socialist country. With decentralization, housing commodification also tests the capacity of the local state, as business entrepreneur and as social engineer. In addition to attempting to maximize local revenue from the thriving housing market, the local state must penetrate grassroots society to control the local population. Using evidence from an original representative telephone survey and in-depth qualitative interviews conducted during a year of fieldwork, my dissertation investigates institutional sources of variation in homeowner activism in two Chinese megacities: Beijing and Shanghai. I find that Shanghai has been more successful in refurbishing and establishing grassroots governance institutions to penetrate a marketized local society. Shanghai's stronger administrative capacity to co-opt emerging homeowner organizations accounts for the less vibrant homeowner activism in the city. In contrast, Beijing faces dual pressures in establishing a property rights regime—from ordinary citizens below and the central government above. Because of its status as the political capital, the city is trapped in its efforts to redirect existing institutional arrangements to serve a marketized society. Paradoxically, constraints on the Beijing city government offer greater political space for citizen interest articulation. Property rights in urban China are verified in the process of competition and contention among new stakeholders: middle-class homeowners, the local state, and housing entrepreneurs.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Explaining Institutional Conversion: Local Governance Institutions and Housing Reform in Urban China.” Working Paper.

“Contending Property Rights: Engaging Homeowners as New Stakeholders in Urban China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 2009.

“Institutional Arrangements for Local Governance in Property-Owning Socialism: Comparison of Beijing and Shanghai.” Presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2008.

“Commodification of Welfare in Shanghai.” Presented at the Third Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, January 2007.

“Commodification of Welfare in Shanghai and Hong Kong.” Presented at the Postgraduate Research Summer School in Chinese Studies, Nanjing University, China, July 2006.

“Anatomy of the Decisionmaking Process in China: The Case of the Internet Industry.” Presented at the Conference on China and the Internet: Technology, Economy, Society in Transition, University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication, May 2003.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Academia Sinica, Taiwan, Postdoctoral fellowship, September 2009
- University of Wisconsin–Madison, Graduate School Council, Vilas Travel Grant, January 2009
- University of Wisconsin–Madison, Center for Global Studies, Scott Kloeck Jenson Travel Grant, May 2007
- University of Wisconsin–Madison, Graduate School Council, Vilas Travel Grant, January 2007
- Chinese University of Hong Kong, Asia-Pacific Center for Chinese Studies, Travel and Research Award, January 2007
- Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, January 2007
- National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan, Contemporary China Fellowship (declined), July 2006
- University of Leeds, U.K., Department of East Asian Studies, Travel Grant for Postgraduate Research Summer School, July 2006
- University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, Chinese Language and Culture Symposium Speech Contest, First Place, April 2005
- Seoul National University, School of International and Area Studies, Merit Scholarships, 1999–2002
- Association of International Education, Japan, Scholarship, 1997–98
- Seoul National University, Merit Scholarships, 1994–99

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Chinese politics, East Asian politics, local governance, state–society relations, social policy, transitional political economy

International Relations: East Asian politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science, Spring 2009, Spring 2008

Assisted Professor Melanie Manion in research on Chinese local congresses.

Research Scholar, East China Normal University, Modern Urban Society Research Center, Spring 2007

Graduate Research Fellow, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty, Fall 2006

Research Intern, Korean Institute for International Economic Policy, South Korea, Summer 2006

Monitored contents of China Specialist Forum website.

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science, Spring 2003

Assisted Professors Aseema Sinha in research on Indian political economy and Leigh Payne in research on Latin American social movements.

Research Assistant, Sejong Institute, South Korea, Summer 2000

Collected and analyzed research materials on role of civil society in development of Korean democracy.

Organized Democracy Forum 2000 co-hosted by Sejong Institute and National Endowment for Democracy.

Research Assistant, Seoul National University, School of International and Area Studies, Spring 2000

Analyzed cultural basis of negotiating patterns of various countries in research for case studies in trade negotiations.

Assistant Editor, Seoul National University, School of International and Area Studies, Spring 1999

Edited scholarly articles for *International and Area Studies* journal.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Chinese Politics, Political Economy of Post-Mao Reform, Politics of East Asia, Political Economy of East Asia, Democratization in East Asia, Comparative Social Welfare Reform, Comparative Politics

International Relations: Chinese Foreign Policy, International Relations of East Asia, Introduction to International Relations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2008, Fall 2006

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2006, Spring 2004, Fall 2003, Fall 2002

Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Fall 2004

LANGUAGE FLUENCY

Korean	Native
English	Fluent
Chinese	Fluent
Japanese	Fluent

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Asian Studies

REFERENCES

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