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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics; Collective Action; Democratization; State-society Relations; Political Economy of Institutions; Empires; Ethno-regional Autonomy; Ethnic Politics; Chinese Politics

## EDUCATION

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Political Science, (Expected: 2019)

- Subfields: Political Economy & Methodology
- *Dissertation:* “Revolution, Democratization, and the Paradox of Authoritarian Control”
- Committee: Timur Kuran (chair), Edmund Malesky (co-chair), Emerson Niou, David Siegel
- Certificate: Teaching Politics Certificate

M.A., Economics, 2015

**University of California, San Diego**, La Jolla, California

M.A., Pacific International Affairs, 2010

**Xiamen University**, Xiamen, China

B.A., English Language and Literature, 2008

- Additional coursework in Software Engineering

## WORKING PAPERS

“A Theory of Revolution and Authoritarian Control”

“Reversal of Fortune: Political Incentives and Economic Development in Inner Mongolia”

“Intra-ethnic Dynamics and the Radicalization of Ethnic Conflicts under Oppression: The Case of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang”

“In the Name of Revolution: Intra-elite Competition and Mass Mobilization in Communist China”

“Displaced Youths: Forced Migration and Regime Support in China”

“Forced Migration and Regime Support in the Soviet Union”

“Political Control, Statecraft, and the Long Shadow of Qing Empire’s Frontier Institutions”

“The Forging of Empires: Nomadic-sedentary Interactions on the Chinese Frontiers”

“Cognitive-symbolic Integration of Society: Symbols, Control, and the Evolution of Social Systems”

“Multi-level Selection and the Evolution of Human Groups”

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Instructor**

Duke University

- PS791S: Political Science M.A. Thesis Workshop (graduate level), Fall 2018, Fall 2017
- Political Science Math Camp (graduate level), Summer 2013

Humboldt University in Berlin

- Authoritarian Politics, Summer Semester 2015

**Teaching Assistant**

Duke University

- PS351/ECON306: Economic History and Modernization of the Islamic Middle East, Timur Kuran, Spring 2017
- PS224: Inequality and Politics, Pablo Beramendi, Fall 2016
- PS353: Globalization of Democracy, Karen Remmer, Spring 2016
- PS145: Introduction to Political Economy, Michael Munger, Fall 2015
- PS331: Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice, Jonathan Anomaly, Spring 2015
- PS332: Games and Politics, Emerson Niou, Fall 2014

University of California, San Diego

- Introductory Economics (graduate level), Summer 2010
- Chinese (undergraduate and graduate levels), 2008-2010

HONORS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

Adam Smith Fellowship

2018-2019, 2017-2018

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship

2017-2018

Institute for Humane Studies PhD Scholarship

2017

Duke University Summer Research Fellowship

Summer 2018, 2016, 2014

Duke Political Science Dissertation Support Award

Summer 2017

Duke University International Travel Research Fellowship

Summer 2016

Humboldt University Summer Fellowship

Summer 2015

Duke University Graduate Studies Fellowship

2012-2017

UC San Diego R.B Cleaver Scholarship

2009-2010

UC San Diego T.J White Fellowship

2008-2009

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

2018, 2017, 2016 APSA Annual Meeting (presenter)

2017 MPSA Annual Conference (presenter)

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANT

Erik Wibbels, 2018-2019: DevLab@Duke USAID RTAC Program

Michael Munger, 2015-2016

Scott de Marchi, 2014-2015

Jack Knight, 2013-2014

William Keech, 2012-2013

SKILLS

Computer Skills

Statistical Analysis:  $\mathcal{R}$ , Stata

Programming: Python, Java, C++

GIS Software: ArcGIS Pro

Scientific Computing: Matlab, Mathematica

Typesetting:  $\text{\LaTeX}$

Language Skills

Chinese: native language

English: fluent

Mongolian: basic

French: basic

ACADEMIC  
REFERENCES

**Timur Kuran** (Committee Chair)  
Professor of Economics and Political Science  
& Gorter Family Professor of Islamic Studies  
Duke University

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