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Education

- Ph.D. Major – Comparative Politics
Minors – International Relations, American Politics
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (Defended in April 2009)
- M.A. Major – Comparative Politics
Minor – International Relations
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (2005)
- M.A. Chinese Politics, Political Theory
Nankai University, Tianjin, China (2003)
- B.A. International Politics
Nankai University, Tianjin, China (2000)
- Non-degree ICPSR Summer Course in Quantitative Methods (2005)

Ph.D. Dissertation

Title: “The Variation in the Effect of Economic Development on Democracy – The Relevance of the State”

Abstract: Much research has been conducted on the effect of economic development on democracy. All previous quantitative studies, however, have ignored the role of the state in the economy and how the state might affect the relationship between economic development and democracy. My dissertation addresses this issue theoretically and empirically. I find that economic development does not promote democracy in countries with relatively high level of state involvement in the economy or in countries with relatively low level of state involvement.

Committee: Dwayne Woods (Chair), James McCann, William McLauchlan, Harry Targ

Research Interests

- Comparative political economy
- Democratization
- Development
- human rights
- Asian politics, Chinese politics
- African politics and economy
- Quantitative methods
- International norms

Research Skills

Quantitative methods: regressions, time series, multivariate analysis, factor analysis

Statistical software programs: STATA, SPSS, SAS, EVIEWS, RATS

Languages: English, Chinese (native)

Publications

Peer-reviewed journals:

Min Tang, "Examining the Lagged Effect of Economic Development on Political Democracy— a Panel-VAR Model," *Democratization*, 15:1 (2008), pp. 106-122.

Min Tang, "Transnational Human Rights Networks," *Political Studies Review* 7:2 (2009), pp. 229-240.

Min Tang & Dwayne Woods, "Exogenous Effect of Geography on Economic Development: the Case of Sub-Saharan Africa," *African and Asian Studies* 7:2 (2008), pp. 173-189.

Min Tang, Dwayne Woods, & Jujun Zhao, "The Attitude of Chinese Middle Class Towards Democracy," *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 14:1(2009), pp.81-95.

Others:

Min Tang, "Susan L. Shirk, China- Fragile Superpower: How China's Internal Politics Could Derail Its Peaceful Rise?" *African and Asian Studies*, 6 (2007), pp. 551-552.

Book Chapter: Min Tang, "Non-institutional Factors of Modern Government," in Guanglei Zhu (eds.), *The Theories of Modern Government*. Tianjin Press, China (2006), (in Chinese).

Min Tang, "Chinese Rural Grassroots Self-Government During the Wave of Migration Workers (Mingongchao Zhong de Nongcun Jiceng Minzhu Zizhi," *The World of Survey and Research (Diaoyan Shijie)*, 2000 (1) (in Chinese).

Conference Papers

Min Tang, "Reexamining the Effect of Economic Development on Democracy — A Panel-VAR Model," Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, Apr 20, 2006.

Min Tang & Dwayne Woods, "The Attitude of Asian Middle Class toward Democracy," Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association*, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 13, 2008

Min Tang & Dwayne Woods, "The Variation of the Effect of Economic Development on Democracy," Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 2008.

Min Tang, "Political Behavior of Chinese Middle Class," Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 2009.

Min Tang, "Media Use and Political Attitudes in China," Paper to be presented at *Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association*, Toronto, Canada, September 6, 2009.

Manuscripts under Review

Min Tang & Dwayne Woods, "The Variation of the Effect of Economic Development on Democracy," (*Political Analysis*)

Min Tang, "Political Behavior of the Chinese Middle Class," (*China Quarterly*)

Teaching Interests

- Introductory courses of comparative politics, American politics, and international relations
- Politics of developing countries (Asia, China, Africa, Latin America)
- Political development, economic development
- Research methodology of the social sciences, quantitative methods
- International relations of Asia-Pacific area
- International norms and NGOs
- International political economy

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

POL 141: Governments of the World, Summer 2009 (instructor rating: 4.6/5)
POL 300: Introduction to Research Methods of Social Sciences (Lab sessions), Fall 2006
and Spring 2007
POL 600: Political Science: Discipline and Profession (graduate course, 6 hours of
lecture on statistics), Fall 2009

Teaching Assistant (2003-2009):

POL 141: Governments of the World
POL 348: East Asian Politics
POL 101: American Government and Politics
POL 231: Introduction to U.S. Foreign Policy
POL 461: Constitutional Law

Grants

Brown-Forman Corporation Graduate School Travel Grant (Purdue University, 2009), \$1250
APSA Travel Grant (Sept, 2009), \$250

Department Service

Student Representative, Methodology Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

References

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