

Curriculum Vitae — David Y. Yang

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Academic Appointments

- 2023- Harvard University
Professor, Department of Economics
Director, Center for History and Economics
- 2022-2022 Harvard University
Associate Professor, Department of Economics
- 2020-2022 Harvard University
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
- 2018-2020 Harvard University & Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Prize Fellow in Economics, History, and Politics, Joint Center for History and Economics (Harvard)
Postdoctoral Fellow, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (MIT)

Education

- 2018 *Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University*
- 2014 *M.A. in Economics, Stanford University*
- 2012 *B.A. (with highest honor) in Statistics, College of Letters and Sciences*
B.S. (with highest honor) in Business Administration, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

Affiliations

- 2024- *Steering Committee Member, National Bureau of Economic Research, Political Economy Program*
- 2023- *Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (Political Economy; Development)*
- 2023- *Steering Committee Member, Harvard China Fund*
- 2023- *Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)*
- 2022- *Faculty Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)*
- 2022- *Faculty Affiliate, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University*
- 2021- *Azrieli Global Scholars, Canadian Institute For Advanced Research*
- 2021- *Faculty Affiliate, Center for African Studies, Harvard University*
- 2020- *Faculty Associate, Harvard Data Science Initiative, Harvard University*
- 2020- *Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University*
- 2020- *Member, Asia Center Council, Harvard University*
- 2020- *Faculty Affiliate, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University*
- 2020-2023 *Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (Political Economy; Development)*
- 2019- *Faculty Affiliate, Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard University*
- 2019- *Faculty Affiliate, Center for International Development, Harvard University*
- 2019- *Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University*

2019- *Faculty Affiliate*, Behavioral Insights Group, Harvard University

Editorial Appointments

- 2024- *Board of Editors*, American Economic Review: Insights
- 2023- *Foreign Editor*, Review of Economic Studies
- 2023- *Associate Editor*, Journal of the European Economic Association
- 2021- *Associate Editor*, Economic Journal

Research

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Protests**
Davide Cantoni, Andrew Kao, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
Forthcoming, Annual Review of Economics
- 2023 **AI-tocracy**
Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol.138, No.3 (August)
- 2023 **Data-intensive Innovation and the State: Evidence from AI Firms in China**
Martin Beraja, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
Review of Economic Studies, Vol.90, No.4 (July)
- 2022 **Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis**
Marcella Alsan, Luca Braghieri, Sarah Eichmeyer, Minjeong Joyce Kim, Stefanie Stantcheva, David Y. Yang
Forthcoming, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
- 2022 **Misperceptions about Others**
Leonardo Bursztyn, David Y. Yang
Annual Review of Economics, Vol.14 (August)
- 2022 **The Fundamental Determinants of Protest Participation: Evidence from Hong Kong's Antiauthoritarian Movement**
Davide Cantoni, Louis-Jonas Heizlsperger, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
Journal of Public Economics, Vol.211 (July)
- 2021 **Persistent Political Engagement: Social Interactions and the Dynamics of Protest Movements**
Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
American Economic Review: Insights, Vol.3, No.2 (June)
- 2020 **Polarization and Public Health: Partisan Differences in Social Distancing during Coronavirus Pandemic**
Hunt Allcott, Levi Boxell, Jacob Conway, Matthew Gentzkow, Michael Thaler, David Y. Yang
Journal of Public Economics, Vol.191 (November)
- 2020 **Disparities in Coronavirus 2019 Reported Incidence, Knowledge, and Behavior Among US Adults**
Marcella Alsan, Stefanie Stantcheva, David Y. Yang, David Cutler
The Journal of the American Medical Association (Network Open), 3(6):e2012403
- 2019 **The Impact of Media Censorship: 1984 or Brave New World?**
Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang
American Economic Review, Vol.109, No.6 (June)
- 2019 **Protests as Strategic Games: Experimental Evidence from Hong Kong's Anti-Authoritarian Movement**
Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol.134, No.2 (May)
- 2017 **Curriculum and Ideology**
Davide Cantoni, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang

WORKING PAPERS

- 2023 Exporting the Surveillance State via Trade in AI
Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
- 2022 Policy Experimentation in China: the Political Economy of Policy Learning
Shaoda Wang, David Y. Yang
Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy
- 2022 Persistence through Revolutions
Alberto Alesina, Marlon Seror, David Y. Yang, Yang You, Weihong Zeng
Revision requested, Review of Economic Studies
- 2020 Stereotypes and Politics
Pedro Bordalo, Marco Tabellini, David Y. Yang
- 2019 Historical Traumas and the Roots of Political Distrust: Political Inference from the Great Chinese Famine
Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang
- 2017 China's Lost Generation: Changes in Beliefs and their Intergenerational Transmission
Gerard Roland, David Y. Yang
- 2017 Saliency of History and the Preference for Redistribution
Yuyu Chen, Hui Wang, David Y. Yang

POLICY ARTICLES

- 2023 "Autocratic AI dystopias: From science fiction to social science fact" (joint with Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, Noam Yuchtman), on *voxDev.org*
- 2023 "Curriculum and ideology: Evidence from China" (joint with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman), in *CEPR Book Series: Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures*
- 2022 "The political economy of policy learning: Evidence from China" (joint with Shaoda Wang), on *voxdev.org*
- 2021 "Autocratic AI dystopias: From science fiction to social science fact" (joint with Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, Noam Yuchtman), on *voxeu.org*
- 2021 "Issue saliency and political stereotypes" (joint with Pedro Bordalo, Marco Tabellini), on *voxeu.org*
- 2020 "Civil liberties during the COVID-19 pandemic", on *voxeu.org*
- 2020 "Civil liberties in times of crisis", on *Pandemic Times*
- 2020 "Data-Intensive Innovation and the State: Understanding China's AI Leadership", on *voxchina.org*
- 2018 "The impact of media censorship in China: 1984 or Brave New World?", on *voxdev.org*
- 2017 "Power to the people? China's policy trilemma in Hong Kong" (joint with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman), on *London School of Economics Management Blog*
- 2017 "Cultural change and intergenerational transmission: Some lessons from China's Cultural Revolution" (joint with Gerard Roland), on *voxeu.org*
- 2014 "Curriculum and Ideology" (joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang), on *voxeu.org*

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

- 2023 Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs, *Kiel Institute*
- 2023 Astor Visiting Lectureship, *University of Oxford*
- 2023 Kenneth C. Griffin Economics Research Funds, *Harvard University*
- 2023 Digital Credit Observatory Research Grant, *CEGA*
- 2023 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Review of Economic Studies*
- 2023 Energy Policy Institute Research Grant, *University of Chicago*
- 2022 Excellence in Refereeing Awards, *Journal of European Economic Association*
- 2022 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship

- 2022 National Science Foundation CAREER Grant
- 2022 Excellence in Reviewing Award, *American Economic Review: Insights*
- 2021 The Gender and Economic Agency Initiative Research Grant, J-PAL
- 2021 Excellence in Reviewing Award, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
- 2021 Motsepe Presidential Research Accelerator Fund for Africa, *Harvard University*
- 2021 Global Scholars Research Fund, *CIFAR*
- 2021 Harvard China Fund Faculty Grant, *Harvard University*
- 2021 The Eric M. Mindich Research Fund for the Foundations of Human Behavior, *Harvard University*
- 2021 Weatherhead Center Medium Research Grant, *Harvard University*
- 2020 FAS Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Hayek Fund for Scholars, *The Institute of Humane Studies*
- 2020 FAS Faculty Publication Fund, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Faculty Grant, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Rapid-Response Grants on Covid-19 and the Social Sciences, *Social Science Research Council*
- 2020 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Review of Economic Studies*
- 2020 State Effectiveness Research Grant, *The International Growth Centre*
- 2020 Warburg Fund, *Harvard University*
- 2019 The Government Initiative Research Grant, J-PAL
- 2019 PEDL Exploratory Research Grant, *CEPR and DFID*
- 2019 Tolerance and Free Speech Research Grant, *Charles Koch Foundation*
- 2019 Data Science Initiative Faculty Special Projects Fund, *Harvard University*
- 2019 Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Scholar Award, *Harvard University*
- 2019 William F. Milton Fund, *Harvard University*
- 2019 Small Projects Facility Research Grant, *The International Growth Centre*
- 2019 Grant for Free Speech and Open Inquiry, *The Institute of Humane Studies*
- 2019 The Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) Research Grant, *Harvard University*
- 2019 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2018 Review of Economic Studies Tour
- 2017 Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2017 Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Fellowship (*declined*), *Stanford University*
- 2017 Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2016 National Natural Science Foundation of China Research Grant (co-PI)
- 2016 Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Global Policy Fellows Small Research Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2016 Graduate Research Opportunity Award, *Stanford University*
- 2016 International Doctoral Student Visitor Fellowship, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*
- 2015 Stanford Center at Peking University Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2015 The Europe Center Graduate Student Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, *Stanford University*
- 2014 Graduate Student Fellowship, *Stanford Center for International Development*
- 2012-2014 Economics Department Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2011 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *University of California, Berkeley*

Professional Activities

REFEREE

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics • American Economic Journal: Economic Policy • American Economic Review • American Economic Review: Insight • American Journal of Political Science • Annals of Operations Research • Asian Journal of Comparative Politics • British Journal of Political Science • China Economic Review • Comparative Political Studies • Economic Letters • The Economic Journal • Econometrica • Economica • European Economic Review • European Journal of Political Economy • Explorations in Economic History • Games and Economic Behavior • Japanese Journal of Political Science • Journal of Asian Public Policy • Journal of Comparative Economics •

Journal of Conflict Resolution • Journal of Development Economics • Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization • Journal of Economic History • Journal of the European Economic Association • Journal of Finance • Journal of Health Economics • Journal of Human Resources • Journal of Law, Economics and Organization • Journal of Political Economy • Journal of Political Economy: Micro • Journal of Politics • Journal of Public Economics • Journal of Urban Economics • Journalism • Journalism and Media • J-PAL Grant • MIT Press • MIT/CRE Teaching Case Series • National Science Foundation • Party Politics • PLOS ONE • Policy & Internet • Political Behavior • Political Science Quarterly • Princeton University Press • Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences • Public Opinion Quarterly • Quarterly Journal of Economics • Nature Human Behaviour • Research Grants Council of Hong Kong • Review of Economics and Statistics • Review of Economic Studies • SAGE Open • Science • Singapore Economic Review • Social Psychological and Personality Science • Social Science & Medicine • World Bank Economic Review • World Bank Research Grant

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 STEG Program at CEPR (Political Economy theme); National University of Singapore; University of Maryland; University of Milan; Bocconi University; UIUC Resek Conference; NBER Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policy and the Economy Meeting; Harvard (Economic History seminar); UC Berkeley (Development seminar)
- 2023 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (New Orleans); Toulouse Digital Economics Conference (keynote); Paris School of Economics; Aix-Marseille School of Economics; Bordeaux School of Economics; Brown (Department of Economics); Columbia University (Development seminar); Brookings CRM Artificial Intelligence conference [*discussant*]; NBER Summer Institute (Digital Economics and Artificial Intelligence); New York University (Economic History seminar), LIEP (Harvard), New Thinking in Industrial, Innovation Technology Policy Conference (Columbia); NBER Development Program Meeting; RIDGE Forum (Towards Sustainable Growth)
- 2022 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (Boston); Harvard (Labor and Public Finance seminar); University of Groningen; University of Michigan (Social, Behavioral and Experimental Economics seminar); Purdue University (Department of Economics); Yale Kutznets Conference; University of Chicago (Development seminar); University of Chicago (Becker Applied seminar); NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Meeting [*discussant*]; Stanford (Behavioral and Experimental seminar); Bocconi Conference in Memory of Alberto Alesina; NBER Summer Institute (Economic Fluctuations and Growth); China Business Research Network (CBRN); CIFAR Boundaries, Membership and Belonging Program Meeting; NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; Worcester Polytechnic Institute (East Asia Hub); Harvard (China Economy seminar)
- 2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (online); Harvard Fairbank Center Director’s seminar; University of Chicago (Booth School of Business); London School of Economics (Department of Economics); Bank of Finland (Institute for Emerging Economies); University of California at Santa Cruz (Department of Economics); BREAD Conference on Development Economics; Stanford (Center on China’s Economy and Institutions); NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy) [*discussant*]; NBER Summer Institute (Science of Science Funding); Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference; ETH Online Seminar in Economics + Data Science; Washington-PECO conference; China Economics Summer Institute; 6th Bank of Canada-Tsinghua PBCSF-University of Toronto Conference on the Chinese Economy; Princeton University (Center on Contemporary China); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; NBER Political Economy Meeting; NBER Organizational Economics Meeting; NBER/BREAD Development Meeting; Hoover Institution (seminar on Using Text as Data in Policy Analysis); ABFER e-seminar series; University of Bristol (School of Economics)
- 2020 UCSD (21st Century China Center); Harvard Center for Mathematical Sciences and Applications Colloquium; Harvard Science-based Business Initiative seminar; Stanford (Department of Economics); University of Houston (Department of Economics and Hobby School of Public Affairs); Stanford China Program seminar; Central European University (Department of Economics and Business); “Innovative Use of Data and Method in the Study of China” Workshop (UCSD and Georgetown University); CEPR Research and Policy Network on Populism Annual Meeting (Stockholm); International Economic Association World Congress (Bali); NBER Summer Institute (Development); Fudan University (Digital Economy and Social Sciences Lab); Joint East Asia Political Economy Seminar (Hong Kong Baptist

- University, National Taiwan University, National University of Singapore, and CEIBS Shanghai); China Economics Summer Institute; The 8th AIEA-NBER Conference; University of Pittsburgh (Department of Economics); NBER Economics of AI conference; Peking University (Guanghua School of Management); University of Maryland, College Park (Department of Economics); Cornell University (Department of Economics); Georgetown University (Development webinar); University of Goettingen (GlaD seminar); University of Michigan (Department of Economics); CESifo Area Conference on Behavioral Economics; University of Edinburgh (School of Economics); New York University (Department of Political Science); Berlin Behavioral Economics seminar; University of Zurich (Experimental and Behavioral Economics seminar); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting [*discussant*]
- 2019 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (Atlanta); UCLA Anderson (Behavioral Decision Making colloquium); New York University Shanghai; UC Berkeley (Political Economy seminar); Brown (joint Macro and Applied Micro seminar); New York City media seminar; Northeastern University (Economics Department seminar); Yale (Leitner Political Economy seminar); Harvard (Behavioral Economics seminar); Weatherhead Center Conference on “Navigating a Populist World: Responses to the Global Rise of Populism” [*discussant*]; NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Meeting [*discussant*]; IMF workshop on “Populism and its Economic Consequences”; Northwestern GRPL China-Lab Workshop; University of Southern California China Research Group conference; NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy); NBER Summer Institute (Urban Economics) [*discussant*]; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); Big Data Conference (Center of Mathematical Sciences and Applications at Harvard); China Europe International Business School; Harvard-MIT-BU Chinese Politics Workshop; Harvard Business School (Field Experiments seminar); MIT (Department of Urban Studies and Planning & the Center for Real Estate); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting [*discussant*]; Opportunity Insights lunch (Harvard); Harvard (Economic History seminar); George Washington University’s 12th China Conference; Tilburg University (Department of Economics); University of Amsterdam (Department of Economics); Erasmus University Rotterdam (Department of Economics); Pompeu Fabra University (Department of Economics); Bocconi University (Department of Economics); Columbia University Political Economy Conference
- 2018 Stanford GSB (Political Economy); Princeton (Department of Economics); Harvard (Department of Economics); Harvard Business School (Negotiation, Organizations & Markets unit); MIT (Department of Economics); Harvard Business School (Business, Government and the International Economy unit); Chicago Booth (Microeconomics unit); University of Chicago (Department of Economics); Northwestern (Department of Economics); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Department of Economics); The University of Hong Kong (Faculty of Business and Economics); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences; Stanford Cyber Initiative seminar (Department of Computer Science); ReStud Tour (Queen Mary University of London; CERGE-EI, Prague; University of Copenhagen); ReStud Tour Reunion Conference (University of Copenhagen); V Calvo-Armengol International Prize Workshop: Persistence and Transformation in Economic Development (Barcelona GSE); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Norwegian School of Economics); China Economics Summer Institute (CUHK); Inaugural Emerging Scholars Conference (University of Wisconsin, Madison); 3rd IMF-Atlanta Fed Research Workshop on China’s Economy [*discussant*]; Harvard (Political Economy seminar); MIT (Development seminar); New York University (Development seminar); Microsoft Research New England; Harvard (Economic History seminar); The Pennsylvania State University (Trade/Development seminar); University of British Columbia (Allard Centre for Asian Legal Studies); NBER Political Economy Meeting; Warwick (Department of Economics); London School of Economics (Department of Economics); Paris School of Economics and Sciences Po (joint Political Economy seminar); Stockholm School of Economics; Stockholm University (Department of Economics)
- 2017 Stanford CDDRL research seminar; University of Toronto (Department of Economics); UC Berkeley (Haas School of Business); Foreign Correspondents’ Club of China speaker series (Beijing); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Yale Whitebox Advisors Graduate Student Conference; Development and Political Economics PhD Student Conference (Stanford); London School of Economics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Political Institutions); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Carnegie Mellon University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); University of San Francisco (Economics Department); Stanford

- Economic History Seminar; Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar; Stanford Workshop on Empirical Research in American Politics (WEAP); University of Michigan (Department of Economics)
- 2016 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); ASERC 15th Annual Conference (Chapman University); Fudan University (School of Economics); Berkeley-Stanford Annual China Social Science Conference; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (Berkeley); University of Bonn (Graduate School of Economics); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Bonn); China Economics Summer Institute (HKUST); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); UC San Diego (Rady School of Management & School of Global Policy and Strategy); Peking University (Guanghua School of Management); Harvard (Department of Economics)
- 2015 Warwick Economics PhD Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UCSD); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (UCSC); “Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change” Conference (Heidelberg University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal); China Economics Summer Institute (Peking University); “Frontiers in Chinese Economic History” conference (Berkeley); Peking University (School of Economics)
- 2013 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Social Science Division)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATIONS

- 2023 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium, *Program Committee*
- 2023 International Institute for Public Finance Annual Congress, *Scientific Committee*
- 2023 CESifo Venice Summer Institute, *Program Committee*
- 2023 International Economic Association World Congress, *Program Committee*
- 2022 “Economic History in Real Time” Conference (*with Davide Cantoni, Michael Callen and Noam Yuchtman*)
- 2020- Alberto Alesina Seminar on Political Economy
- 2021 Behavioral Political Economy Workshop (*with Benjamin Enke*)
- 2020 National Association for Business Economics Tech Economics Conference, *Planning committee*
- 2020, 2021 Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Conference, *Program committee*
- 2018 “Understanding the Demand for Democracy” Conference (*with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman*)
- 2017 Berkeley-Stanford Joint Behavioral and Experimental Mini-Conference (*with Muriel Niederle and Ulrike Malmendier*)
- 2015–2018 Stanford Behavioral & Experimental Seminar
- 2015 1st Annual Bay Area Economic History Graduate Student Conference

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023 Co-chair of junior hiring committee, *Department of Economics*
- 2023 Visiting scholar selection committee, *Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies*
- 2022 An-Wang fellowship selection committee, *Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies*
- 2022 Postdoctoral fellow review committee, *HDSI*
- 2021-2023 Yenching visiting scholar selection committee, *Harvard-Yenching Institute*

Teaching

- 2020, 2023 Political Economy of Non-Democracies (Econ 2418), *Harvard University*
- 2022 F Topics in Political Economy (Econ 2329) *Harvard University*
- 2022 S,F Authoritarian Superpower: Political Economy of Modern China (Econ 1133), *Harvard University*
- 2019 S Advanced Topics in Organizational Economics II (14.284), with Daron Acemoglu, Robert Gibbons, Benjamin Olken, and Alex Wolitzky, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*