

Curriculum Vitae — David Y. Yang

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Academic Appointments

- 2023- Harvard University
Professor, Department of 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

- 2022- *Faculty Affiliate*, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
- 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- *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

- 2023- *Associate Editor*, Journal of the European Economic Association
2021- *Associate Editor*, Economic Journal

Research

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 AI-tocracy
Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
Forthcoming, Quarterly Journal of Economics
- 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 Data-intensive Innovation and the State: Evidence from AI Firms in China
Martin Beraja, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
Forthcoming, Review of Economic Studies
- 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
Journal of Political Economy, Vol.125, No.2 (April)

WORKING PAPERS

- 2022 Policy Experimentation in China: the Political Economy of Policy Learning
Shaoda Wang, David Y. Yang
Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy

- 2022 Exporting the Surveillance State via Trade in AI
Martin Beraja, Andrew Kao, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman
- 2022 Persistence through Revolutions
Alberto Alesina, Marlon Seror, David Y. Yang, Yang You, Weihong Zeng
- 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 Salience of History and the Preference for Redistribution
Yuyu Chen, Hui Wang, David Y. Yang

POLICY ARTICLES

- 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 salience 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

- 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 • 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 • Social Psychological and Personality Science • Social Science & Medicine • World Bank Economic Review • World Bank Research Grant

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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)
- 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 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

Teaching

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