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ONG, Lynette Hui-Ling

An Wang Postdoctoral Fellow, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University. (2008-09).

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science & Asian Institute, the University of Toronto (July 2007 – present). *On leave in 2008-09.*

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Theoretical interests: Comparative Political Economy, Politics of Development, Politics of Finance & Public Finance, Fiscal Federalism.

Regional interests: China, East and Southeast Asia.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (Sir Roland Wilson Award for the best student of the year),

The Australian National University (2003 – July 2007).

Dissertation: The Political Economy of Credit in Local China.

Committee members: Andrew MacIntyre (chair), Jonathan Unger, Ben Kerkvliet, Ligang Song.

Masters in Development Economics (Highest Distinction), the University of Sussex, UK (1997 – 1998).

Dissertation: Changes in Wage Structure in Poland: 1994-96.

I constructed an econometric model to analyse panel data on factors influencing changes in wage structure in Poland during economic transition.

Bachelors of Commerce (First Class Honours), the University of Auckland, New Zealand (1993-96). Dissertation: Similarities and Paradoxes in the Development Strategies of Singapore and Hong Kong.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Malay, Fujianese, Fuzhou, and Cantonese.

Elementary proficiency in French.

COURSES TAUGHT

N.B. Sole instructor and developer for the course, unless indicated otherwise.

“Politics and Society in Contemporary China”, Fall Term 2007 & Spring Term 2008, the University of Toronto.

“Politics and Transformation in the Asia-Pacific”, Spring Term 2008, the University of Toronto.

“The Politics of Contemporary China”, March-June 2007, the Australian National University.

“Chinese Politics” (Co-instructor), July-December 2004, the Australian National University.

“Economics for Government” (Teaching Assistant), March-June 2007, the Australian National University.

“Political Institutions and Policy Processes” (Teaching Assistant), July-December 2006, the Australian National University.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Farmers’ Savings or Government Spending? The Political Economy of Credit in Rural China”, book manuscript to be submitted to university presses for review by February 2009.

“Between Developmental and Clientelist States: Explaining Rural Industrialization in China”, currently reviewed by *Comparative Politics*.

“Fiscal Federalism and Soft Budget Constraint: The Case of China”, currently reviewed by *World Politics*.

“Rural Development Since 1978: Agricultural Policy”, *The Encyclopaedia of Modern China*, Gale Modern China series, Cengage Learning, forthcoming.

“Communist Party and Financial Institutions: Institutional Design of Post-Reform Rural Credit Cooperatives”, *Pacific Affairs*, forthcoming. (Accepted for publication on 20 October 2008.)

“The Political Economy of Township Government Debt, Township Enterprises, and Rural Financial Institutions in China”, the *China Quarterly*, Vol. 186, June 2006.

“Multiple Principals and Collective Action: China’s Rural Credit Cooperatives and Poor Households’ Access to Credit”, the *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 6, No.2, May-August 2006.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Economic Intelligence Analyst at **Michelin** Asia-Pacific headquartered in Singapore (2001-2003). *Conducted research on tyre markets and related industries. Advised top management on business implications of research findings.*

Economist at the **Economic Development Board of Singapore** (EDB) (1999-2001). *Analyzed Singapore's competitive advantages and made policy recommendations. Contributed to the government's strategic plan to transform Singapore into a knowledge-based economy.*

Freelance Writer in Politics and Economics (ongoing since 2000). Have written for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *China Economic Quarterly*, *Asia Times Online*, among other publications.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaking Engagement: The Chinese University of Hong Kong (11/07); American University (12/07), Harvard University (01/09); Boston University.

“The Perils of Fiscal Decentralization: Local Governments and Financial Institutions in China”, paper to be presented at the *Association of Asian Studies* (AAS), Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“Between Developmental and Clientelist States: Explaining Rural Industrialization in China”, paper presented at the *Association of Asian Studies* (AAS), Atlanta, GA, April 2008.

“Fiscal Federalism and Soft Budget Constraints: The Case of China”, paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association* (MPSA), Chicago, April 2006.

“The Political Economy of the Rural Credit Cooperatives' Institutional Design”, paper presented at the *Association of Asian Studies* (AAS), San Francisco, April 2006; and the *Association of Chinese Political Science* (ACPS), Louisville, Kentucky, March 2006.

“The Nexus between Township Government Debt, Township Enterprises, and Rural Financial Institutions in China”, paper presented at the *International Conference on Asian Studies* (ICAS), Shanghai, August 2005.

“An Institutional Analysis of China's Rural Credit Cooperatives Using the Principal-Agent Framework”, paper presented at the inaugural Graduate Seminar on Chinese Studies, University Services Centre, *the Chinese University of Hong Kong*, January 2005.

“The Politics of Finance in Rural China”, paper presented at the Chinese Studies Graduate Summer School Workshop, *the Australian National University*, February 2004.

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

Survey work: single-handedly designed and conducted household credit surveys in Sichuan, Hebei, and Shandong provinces in China in 2004 and 2005. Investigated 300 households' perceptions of credit institutions' accountability and decision-making processes; and households' uses of credit.

Cross-sectional data analysis: China's credit survey data in PhD dissertation.

Case studies and in-depth interviews: conducted about 200 in-depth interviews with credit institutions and local government officials across rural China.

Panel data analysis: Polish wage data in Masters Degree dissertation.

Undertaken "Research Methods" course in PhD: research design, qualitative and quantitative data.

Undertaken "Cross-Sectional and Panel Data Analysis", "Time Series Data Analysis" and general graduate-level statistics in Masters Degree.

HONORS & AWARDS

Harvard University, An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$45,000); 2008-09.

University of Toronto, SIG Conference Funding (\$1,600); 2008.

University of Toronto, Connaught Committee Start-up Grant (\$10,000); 2007-08.

Australian National University (ANU) Ph.D. Scholarship; 2003-07.

Australian National University (ANU) Graduate School Scholarship; 2003-07.

ANU Asia-Pacific School of Economics and Government Policy & Governance Program Conference Grant; 2006.

The Sir Roland Wilson Scholarship. Awarded to the best PhD student in the Policy & Governance Program at the ANU; 2005.

ANU Asia-Pacific School of Economics and Government Director Fieldwork Travel Grant; 2005.

ANU National Institute for Social Sciences and Law Fieldwork Travel Award; 2005.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of "Rural Democracy in China: The Role of Village Elections", by Baogang He, (Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan, 2007), the *China Journal*, forthcoming.

Review of “A Chinese Economic Revolution: Rural Entrepreneurship in the Twentieth Century”, by Linda Grove, (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), the *China Journal*, Issue 60, July 2008.

Review of “Engaging the Law in China: State, Society, and Possibilities for Justice”, edited by Neil J. Diamant, Stanley B. Lubman, and Kevin J. O’Brien, (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2005), the *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Issue 8, 2008.

Review of “Financial Sector Reform in China”, edited by Yasheng Huang, Tony Saich, and Edward Steinfeld (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Asia Centre, 2005), the *China Journal*, Issue 56, July 2006.

Review of “Taxation Without Representation in Contemporary Rural China”, by Thomas P. Bernstein and Xiaobo Lü (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), the *China Journal*, Issue 51, January 2004.

Review of “The Heart of Economic Reform: China’s Banking Reform and State Enterprise Restructuring”, by Donald D. Tong, (Hampshire, UK: Ashgate, 2002), the *China Journal*, Issue 51, January 2004.

Review of “China’s Developmental Miracle: Origins, Transformations, and Challenges”, edited by Alvin So (Armonk: M.E. Sharpe, 2003), the *China Journal*, Issue 50, July 2003.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- “Is There Money in Microfinance in China?”, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, forthcoming.
- “Local Government Debt: Another Bail-Out Job”, *China Economic Quarterly*, Quarter 1, 2006.
- “China’s Village Voices Clamor for Democracy”, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Vol. 169, No.2, March 2006.
- “Why are China’s Financial and Fiscal Sector Reforms so Intertwined and Arduous?” *Asian Analysis*, May 2006.
- “[Land Reforms in China – A Monumental Task](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, December 2005.
- “[Reform of China's Largest State-Owned Bank](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, July 2005.
- “[Is China Embracing the Market in its Monetary Policy?](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, March 2005.
- “[Where has Billions of Subsidized Agricultural Household Credit Gone?](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, August 2004.
- “[Modern Mask Hides Conditions in Rural China](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 23 September 2004.
- “[China Anti-Poverty Loans Go to Favored Businesses](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 4 August 2004.
- “[How Will the Fiscal System Evolve to Appease Oppressed Peasants?](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, March 2004.
- “[Is China's Currency Peg the Culprit Behind US Economic Woes?](#)”, *Asian Analysis*, February 2004.
- “[China, India: Difference in the Details](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 5 May 2004.
- “[China’s Banking System a Ticking Time Bomb](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 13 January 2004.
- “[Flexible Rates Boost Bank Reform in China](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 8 January 2004.
- “[Corporate Malaysia: Falling from Grace](#)”, *Asia Times Online*, 21 December 2001.

- “Singapore’s Search for Creativity”, *Asia Times Online*, 15 November 2001.
- “Singapore: the Writing is on the Wall”, *Asia Times Online*, 14 November 2001.
- “Singapore Learns to Compete”, *Asia-Inc*, October 2001.
- “A Car of One’s Own”, *Asia-Inc*, August 2001.
- “Investment Singapore Style”, *Asia Times Online*, 19 July 2001.
- “Malaysia’s Quotas Proving Costly”, *Asiawise*, 1 June 2001.
- “Singapore’s GLC Debate”, *Asiawise*, 19 April 2001.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Anonymous Reviewer for the *China Journal, Modern China*.

Guest Commentator, *Dow Jones Newswire*, “Informal Credit Creates Risks For China's Economy”, by Denis McMahon, 23 July 2008.

Guest Commentator, *the Los Angeles Times*, “In China, protests flare over quake aid”, by Don Lee, 29 May 2008.

Steering Committee Member, Ph.D. Career Planning Group, ANU Career Centre; February 2006.

Treasurer, ANU China Research Association of Postgraduates; 2004.

Featured as the “Researcher of the Month”, *Asian Currents*, [Asian Studies Association of Australia’s e-bulletin](#), August 2005.

Guest Commentator, *Dow Jones Newswire*, “Local Government Debt in China”, by Owen Brown, 25 September 2004.

Guest Interview, *Lemonde.Fr*, [Le Système Bancaire Chinois est une Bombe à Retardement](#)”, 26 January 2004.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Research Scholar, *Peking University*, Beijing, ongoing since 2003.

Visiting Research Scholar, *University Services Centre, the Chinese University of Hong Kong*, December 2005; July 2008.

Visiting Research Scholar, *Shandong Academy of Social Science*, Winter 2005.

Visiting Research Scholar, *Sichuan Academy of Social Science*, Summer 2003.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Association of Chinese Political Science, U.S.

Asian Studies Association of Australia

Chinese Studies Association of Australia

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Professor Glenn Withers, ANU: Collected and analyzed Australian education data; socio-economic statistics for “The Tyranny of Distance” project; May 2006.

Dr. Anita Chan, ANU: Collected and analyzed wage arrears data in China; March 2006.

Professor Andrew MacIntyre, ANU: Synthesized and analysed critical contemporary issues in Chinese politics; December 2004.

Professor Louise Edwards, ANU: Collected, analysed and reported on data on the Asian Studies Associations worldwide as part of an Australian Research Council project; December, 2003.

Dr. Pierella Paci, City University, London: Collected and analyzed statistics on EU-15 fertility rates. Analysis published in a World Bank Report on women and fertility; July 1998.

ACADEMIC REFEREES

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