Survey research provides us with one of the most critical tools we have as social scientists to understand human behavior, public opinion and demographic information. This is doubly true in an environment like the PRC, where on-the-ground research is increasingly difficult for U.S.-based scholars. New directions in survey research in China have broken ground on studying issues both international and domestic. However, survey research is facing new challenges as well, both political and methodological. As scholars of authoritarianism and of China, how are we to confront these challenges while still producing cutting-edge research?

This conference will seek to bring together leading minds utilizing surveys in China along with younger researchers breaking new ground to help to answer these questions and present their latest findings. On July 5th and 6th, we will meet for a discussion revolving around the presentation of survey-based research by early-career scholars, creating a dialogue with more established voices around new findings in the field.

Please note: On the day of the event, attendees will need to present proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result obtained within 24 hours.

July 5th:

9:00-9:10  
INTRODUCTORY WORDS  
YUAN CHENG and RICHARD MADSEN

9:10-10:45  
SESSION 1: INVITED PANEL

Moderator:  
MARGARET ROBERTS

Panelists:  
ERIN BAGGOTT CARTER: “The “Revolution from Below”: The Voice of America and US Democracy Promotion in China”

YUE HOU: “Unexpectedly Content Minorities”

11:00-12:00  **SESSION 2: ROUNDTABLE: SURVEY RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTS**

Moderator:  
YIQING XU

Panelists:  
DIMITAR GUEORGUIEV  
XIAOJUN LI  
HANZHANG LIU  
JASON WU

12:00-1:30  **LUNCH**

1:30-3:00  **SESSION 3: TRUE PREFERENCES AND CENSORSHIP**

Moderator:  
XIAOJUN LI

JONGYOUN BAIK: “Retrieving True Preference Under Authoritarianism”

TONY ZIRUI YANG: “Demanding Censorship: How Public Participation Justifies Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes”

TONGTONG ZHANG “Oppose Autocracy Without Support for Democracy: A Study of Non-democratic Critics in China”

3:10-4:10  **SESSION 4: ROUNDTABLE: PREFERENCE FALSIFICATION**

Moderator:  
MARGARET ROBERTS

Panelists:  
ERIN CARTER  
MARY GALLAGHER  
RORY TRUEX

4:30-6:00  **SESSION 5: HYBRID PANEL FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS**

7:00  **DINNER**

Emerald Chinese Cuisine
July 6th
9:00-10:45

SESSION 6: PROPAGANDA AND ITS CONSUMERS

Moderator:
ERIN CARTER

XIAOXIAO SHEN: “The Effects of Forced Versus Selective Exposure to Propaganda in China”

HANNAH WIGHT: “Media Manipulation (In)visibility in Chinese Newspapers”


11:00-12:00

SESSION 7: ROUNDTABLE: SURVEY METHODOLOGIES AND LOGISTICS

Moderator:
YIQING XU

Panelists:
MICHAEL CERNY
YUE HOU
DANIEL MATTINGLY
XU XU

12:00-1:00

LUNCH

1:00-2:40

SESSION 8: NATIONALISM MEETS CRISIS

Moderator:
XU XU

XIN HAN: “Services in Need are Services Indeed: The Impact of COVID-19 Lockdown on Welfare Preferences”

SICHEN LI: “Public Health Nationalism?”

DONGSHU LIU: “Nationalist Propaganda and Support for War in an Authoritarian Context: Evidence from the China-Taiwan Conflict”

MINGCONG PAN: “Demystifying Nationalism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in China”
SESSION 9: PUBLIC OPINION AND FOREIGN POLICY
Moderator: DANIEL MATTINGLY


D.G. KIM: “Anti-Asian Racism and Chinese Public Support for Hawkish Foreign Policies”

YANCHUAN LIU: “Elite Cohesion and Public Opinion in A Non-Democratic Context.”

4:20-4:30

CLOSING REMARKS
MARGARET ROBERTS

5:00

DINNER
Faculty Club
PARTICIPANTS

Jongyoon Baik — PhD Candidate, University of Chicago
Erin Baggott Carter — Assistant Professor, USC
Michael Cerny — Survey Consultant, Carter Center
Mary Gallagher — Professor, University of Michigan
Dimitar Gueorguiev — Associate Professor, Syracuse University
Jungmin Han — PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburg
Xin Han — PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburg
Yue Hou — Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania
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