

ZOEY JIALU XU

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EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D Candidate in Political Science

Aug. 2022 - Present

New Haven, CT

Dissertation Committee:

Daniel Mattingly, Gerard Padró i Miquel, Isabela Mares, Jennifer Gandhi

Research Focus: Industrial Policy, State–business Relations

Subfields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory

University of California, San Diego

B.A. in Political Science; B.S. in Joint Math-Economics

Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2022

La Jolla, CA

- Sanford Lakoff Award for the Most Outstanding Senior Thesis, 2022 (advised by David Lake)

WORKING PAPERS

Managed Shakeout: Industrial Policy by Letting “Losers” Go (Book-style dissertation)

When Deterrence Is Not Enough: Field Investigation and Environmental Governance, with Jonathan Elkobi (Yale University).

Cultural ISI: Quantity without Quality

WORK IN PROGRESS

Tax Hero: Land-Based Industrial Policy and Firm Dynamics

RESEARCH GRANTS

APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2026 (\$10,000, maximum award; 1 of 9 awarded)

CEAS Field Research Grant 2026, 2025 (\$11,500)

Leitner International Research and Internship Fellowship 2025, 2022 (\$10,000)

TEACHING FELLOW

Yale University

- Game Theory and Political Science (Ian Turner), undergraduate Fall 2024 (4.7/5.0), Fall 2025 (4.6/5.0)
- Capitalism and Crisis (Isabela Mares), undergraduate Spring 2025 (4.5/5.0)
- *Full course evaluations and student comments available [here](#).*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Leitner Political Economy Seminar (Yale University), Student Organizer, 2026, 2025

PRESENTATION

Annual Conference on the Political Economy of Climate and Environment	Sept. 2026
<i>Paper accepted to poster presentation</i>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
The MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop	Apr. 2026
<i>Presentation</i>	<i>New Haven, CT</i>
Leitner Political Economy Seminar	Feb. 2026
<i>Presentation</i>	<i>New Haven, CT</i>
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept. 2024
<i>Paper accepted to full paper panel</i>	<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>

OTHERS

Fieldwork	China: May–Aug 2025; Dec 2025–Jan 2026; Jul–Aug 2026
Languages	Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)
Research Assistance	Margaret Roberts, UC San Diego (2019–2022); Michael Davidson, UC San Diego (2020)
Internships	Office of San Francisco City Administrator Naomi Kelly (2018); Office of Rep. Pete Aguilar, CA-31 (2017)