

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh PhD Candidate, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs	Pittsburgh, PA Aug.2017–Current
– Graduate Certificate: Center for Russian & East European Studies / Asian Studies Center	
– Fields: International Political Economy / Development	
University of Wisconsin-Madison Master of Science, Economics	Madison, WI Aug.2014–Dec.2016
Sichuan University Bachelor of Economics, Finance	Chengdu, China Sep.2009 –Jun.2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, Development Economics, Environment and Conflict, Foreign Investment and Labor, Islam in Post-communism, China in Central and South Asia.

WORKING PAPERS

- Foreign Mining Investment, Labor Market, and Local Trust: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan Gold Mine**
Abstract: There has been controversy over the impact of foreign investment on workers' welfare and host country politics. This paper explores this question by analyzing Kyrgyzstan's dominant foreign invested gold mine, which accounted for 12.5% of Kyrgyzstan's GDP in 2020. A key finding is that the economic growth from foreign-invested mine undermines the trust of the beneficiary mining industry in local communities. Using geolocated data from household panel surveys in Kyrgyzstan from 2010 to 2016, the study shows Kumtor, this largest foreign mine, offers only mining-related workers better social benefits. Mining industry wealth is associated to economic grievances of the non-mining sector and social division. Higher corporate earnings of Kumtor causes inequality and lower trust in local leaders from mining workers.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Climate, Opium and Insurgency: Evidence from Afghanistan**, with Liyang Zhou and Ahmad Shah Mobariz
- Foreign Seeds Adoption in Pakistan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan**

EXPERIENCE

OSCE Academy Research Fellow	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan March.2022-Current
Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development Visiting Fellow	Eberswalde, Germany Summer 2022
China-Russia Eurasian Studies Center Economic Research Mentoring Program	Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan Spring 2022

University of Chicago/HKUST Virtual Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality	Chicago, IL/HongKong Summer 2021
University of Michigan ICPSR Summer Institute, EITM Certificate	Ann Arbor, MI Summer 2018
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs Research Assistant	Pittsburgh, PA Sep.2017 –Current
La Follette School of Public Affairs Research Assistant	Madison, WI Sep.2016 –Apr.2017

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Wisconsin–Madison Wisconsin Russia Project Workshop	Madison, WI Summer 2022
University of Toronto Conceptualizing the BRI and its Effects Workshop	Toronto, Canada Summer 2021
American Economic Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA	Spring 2023
Southern Economic Association Annual Conference Fort Lauderdale, FL	Fall 2022
American Political Science Association Conference Montreal, Canada Seattle, WA, Virtual	Fall 2022 Fall 2021
Midwest Political Science Association Conference Chicago, IL	Spring 2022
Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference Tashkent, Uzbekistan Columbus, OH, Virtual Bloomington, IN	Summer 2022 Fall 2021 Fall 2022
Graduate Students in International Political Economy GSIPE Virtual	Spring 2022
Tsinghua University Political Science and International Relations Academic Community Conference	Beijing, China Summer 2021

TEACHING

- **Teaching Assistant** at University of Pittsburgh
Quantitative Methods - Master of Public Policy
Microeconomics - Master of Public Policy Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020

SKILLS AND LANGUAGE

- Stata, R, Python, Latex, QGIS
- **Chinese:** Native/ **Persian (Farsi):** One year/ **Russian:** Two years