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## WORK

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- July 2014 – present**      **Research Fellow**  
Ministry of Culture & Knowledge Development, Dubai
- Sept 2013 – July 2014**      **Instructor**, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies,  
Zayed University, Dubai
- Feb 2012 – June 2013**      **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Humanities and Social  
Sciences, Zayed University, Dubai
- Aug 2007 – May 2010**      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science,  
University of Notre Dame, IN, U.S.A.

## EDUCATION

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- August 2014**      **Ph.D, Political Science**  
University of Notre Dame, IN, U.S.A.
- July 2009**      **Intensive Arabic Program Certificate**  
American University in Cairo, Egypt
- August 2007**      **M.A., International Studies**  
University of Wyoming, USA
- July 2006**      **Master of Law, Modern Chinese History and Politics**  
Peking University, Beijing, China
- July 2003**      **B.A., English and Comparative Literature**  
Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

Shaojin Chai et al, eds. *Zhenghe Forum: Connecting China and the Muslim World*, (University of Malaya, Institute of China Studies, 2016)

### Journal Article

“Wang Yang-ming and Chinese Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspective:

Implications for Global Governance”, in *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, (March 2011), pp.38-62

### **Book Chapters**

- “Imperial Confucian and neo-Confucian Chinese Political Philosophy” in Paige Tan eds, *Routledge Handbook of Asian Political Thought*, (New York: Routledge, 2016)
- “Wang Yang-ming and Chinese Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspective: Implications for Global Governance,” in Deng Zhenglai & Sujian Guo (eds.), *China’s Search for Good Governance* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), pp. 201-228(reprinted)
- “Evolution of the Human Condition and Realist Narrative in Han Fei and Machiavelli,” in Jon D. Carlson & Russell Fox (eds.), *The State of Nature in Comparative Political Thought: Western and Non-Western Perspectives* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2013)

### **Encyclopedia Entry**

“Xinjiang” & “China” in Gerhard Böwering ed. *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012)

### **Book Reviews**

- Zhang, Xuezhi, *Collected Essays on Learning of Heart-Mind. Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10 (3):409-413, 2011
- Liu, Xiaogan et. Al.,(eds) *Chinese Philosophy and Culture: Confucian Studies of Ming-Qing Period. Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10 (1):117-121, 2011

### **Translation**

Translation into Chinese, Guillermo O’Donnell and Philip Schmitt, *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies* (Shanghai: Sanlian Publisher, 2012)

## **CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Confucianism and Inter-Faith Dialogue” presentation at G20 Interfaith Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- “Islam-Chinese Civilizational Dialogue and Cultural Exchanges”, paper presented at First Zhenghe International Peace Conference, University of Malay, Malaysia August 12<sup>th</sup> 2015
- “The Wisdom of Royal Glory and Mirror of Prince in Chinese-Turkic Thought” paper presented International Conference “China and Islamic World: Technology and Knowledge Transfer”, Istanbul, June 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- “Oneness and Otherness in Neo-Confucian Cosmopolitanism” paper presented at “*Cosmopolitan China*” Conference, University of Manchester, UK, May 16th-19th, 2012.
- “Neo-Confucian Cosmopolitanism and Chinese Perception of World Order: Wang Yangming's Virtue Politics and Cultural Pluralism,” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association*, Seattle, WA, Sept 1--4, 2011
- “Wang Yangming and Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspectives,” Paper

presented at *Fudan-LAS Conference on Legitimacy and Governance*, Shanghai, China, July 3--4, 2010

- “State of Nature, Absolutism and Civic-Republicanism: A Comparison of Han Fei and Machiavelli” Paper presented at American Political Science Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3--6, 2009
- “Confucian Traditions and Civil Society in China”, Paper presented at Mid-west Political Science Association, 2009 Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2--4, 2009
- “The State, Social Network and Political Participation,” Paper presented at United Society of China Studies International Symposium, “China’s Rise and Its Impact on Asia: Democratization, Development and Culture,” University of Louisville, March 21--23, 2009
- “Taiwanese Nationalism in Making”, Paper presented at Global Studies Association North American Conference 2008 Annual Meeting, New York, June 6--8, 2008
- “China in the Era of US Nuclear Primacy,” Paper presented at International Studies Association 49th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 26, 2008

### **INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURING**

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- “Should Arab Turn East”, Tabah Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- “China In the Gulf: Implication of the Silk Road Strategy, ” Guangdong International Strategy Studies Institute, Guangzhou, China, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Guest Lecturer, Department of International Relations & Department of Arabic, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China, April 2014 & June 2015
- “Cultural Diplomacy and Sino-Arab Relationship”, Guangdong Foreign Studies University, Guangzhou, China, March 31, 2014
- “Between Chinese and Islamic World: Inter-Civilizational Coexistence and Prosperity”, Ningxia Social Science Academy, Yinchuan, China, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Guest Lecturer, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, September 2011
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Beijing Foreign Studies University, China, May 2010

### **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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- Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2010--2011
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Sept 2009
- Downes Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, for studying Arabic in Cairo, Egypt, July 2009
- Summer Language Grant, Center for Language and Cultural Studies, University of Notre Dame, for studying Arabic in Cairo, Egypt, July 2009
- Worldwide Transformation Project Grant, Boyuan Foundation, Hong Kong, China commissioned to write a book (in Chinese) on the transformation to modern society worldwide, 2009—2010
- Editorial Grant for Prof. Victoria Hui, *War and State –formation In Ancient China and Early Modern Europe*, Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts, University of

Notre Dame, Summer 2008

- Research grant for Prof. Lieber, “China’s Response to the US Nuclear Primacy”, summer 2007

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “Islam-Confucianism Dialogue and Artistic Understanding,”(drafting)
- “European Expansion and Transformation of Oriental Cosmopolitanisms in the 20th Century: A Comparison of Chinese and Islamic Responses to Enlightenment Universalism”. (In preparation)

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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- Reviewer & proof-reader, *With United Strength*, Emirates Strategic Studies Center, UAE, July 2015
- Leaf Editor, Chinese Political Philosophy, [www.PhilPapers.com](http://www.PhilPapers.com), Sept 2011--present
- Article Reviewer, *the Review of Politics*. South Bend, Indiana, 2010--present
- Manuscript Editor, Chinese translation of *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe* by Victoria Hui. Shanghaihai People’s Publisher, Summer 2008
- \Editor-in-chief, *Cross-Straits Youths*. Taiwan Studies Association, Peking University, China, 9/2004--12/2004

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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- vice president for research(non-residential), Zhenghe International Peace Foundation, Washington DC/Dubai, Dec 2016-to present
- Organizing Committee, “Re-Connecting Chinese and Muslim World: The First Zhenghe International Peace Conference”, University of Malay, Kuala Lumpur, August 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Convener, “Summit of Emirati-Chinese Ties in Business, Culture and Charity”, Abu Dhabi, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014
- Organizing Committee, “Islamic Economics and China”, Zayed University, May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Simultaneous interpreter of English-Chinese, numerous conferences in the UAE, 2012-2015
- Faculty Supervisor, The China Club, Zayed University, since Sept 2012 to July 2014
- Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 08/2006--05/2007
- President, Taiwan Studies Association, Peking University, Beijing, China, 2/2004--1/2005
- Director of Academic Department, Graduate Students Union of Peking University, Beijing China, 9/2003-5/04
- Teacher of Chinese and English, A’Ao Elementary School, Inner-Mongolia,

China, 9/1997--7/1999(the Excellent Teacher Award in 1998)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES**

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- Project coordinator, ZHIC Middle Level Curriculum, Zayed University & Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Dev, UAE, April 2013-July 2015
- Assistant to Director, Office of Student Affairs, Peking University, China 3/2004—9/2004

## **LANGUAGES**

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Mandarin (native), with proficiency in Classical Chinese

- English (spoken and written) near native
- German (spoken and written) intermediate
- Arabic (spoken and written) Advanced
- Mongolian (able to speak)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Chinese Political Science Association; Asian Studies Association; and Ming Society.