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Education

- 2012–Present *Ph.D.* in Economics, Stanford University
(*Expected graduation: 2018*)
- 2014 *M.A.* in Economics, Stanford University
- 2008–2012 *B.A. (with highest honor)* in Statistics, College of Letters and Sciences
B.S. (with highest honor) in Business Administration, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

Research

JOB MARKET PAPER

- 2018 The Impact of Media Censorship: Evidence from a Field Experiment in China (*with Yuyu Chen*)

Abstract: Media censorship is a hallmark of authoritarian regimes. We conduct a field experiment in China to measure the effects of providing citizens with access to an uncensored Internet. We track subjects' media consumption, beliefs regarding the media, economic beliefs, political attitudes, and behaviors over 18 months. We find 4 main results: (i) free access alone does not induce subjects to acquire politically sensitive information; (ii) temporary encouragement leads to a persistent increase in acquisition, indicating that demand is not permanently low; (iii) acquisition brings broad, substantial, and persistent changes to knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and intended behaviors; and (iv) social transmission of information is statistically significant but small in magnitude. We calibrate a simple model to show that the combination of low demand for uncensored information and the moderate social transmission means China's censorship apparatus may remain robust to a large number of citizens receiving access to an uncensored Internet.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 *Curriculum and Ideology*
Davide Cantoni, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
Journal of Political Economy, Vol.125, No.2 (April)

WORKING PAPERS

- 2017 *Protests as Strategic Games: Experimental Evidence from Hong Kong's Democracy Movement*
Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
- 2016 *Historical Traumas and the Roots of Political Distrust: Political Inference from the Great Chinese Famine*
Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang
- 2016 *The Fundamental Determinants of Anti-Authoritarianism*
Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
- 2016 *China's Lost Generation: Changes in Beliefs and their Intergenerational Transmission*
Gerard Roland, David Y. Yang
- 2016 *Saliency of History and the Preference for Redistribution*
Yuyu Chen, Hui Wang, David Y. Yang

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *The Coordination Consequences of Media Censorship: Experimental Evidence from China (joint with Yuyu Chen)*
- *Procrastination and Optimal Censorship Strategy: Experimental Evidence from China*
- *Migration and the Evolution of the Preferences for Redistribution (joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang)*
- *Immersion Therapy? The Impact of Media and Social Networks on Chinese College Students in the US (joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman)*
- *Habit Formation in Protest Participation (joint with Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang)*
- *Trust, Pursuit of Truth, and the Selective Exposure of Partisan News (joint with Hunt Allcott, Matthew Gentzkow)*

POLICY ARTICLES

- 2017 *"Power to the people? China's policy trilemma in Hong Kong" (joint with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman), on London School of Economics Management Blog*
- 2017 *"Cultural change and intergenerational transmission: Some lessons from China's Cultural Revolution" (joint with Gerard Roland), on voxeu.com*
- 2014 *"Curriculum and Ideology" (joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang), on voxeu.com*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- 2015–2016 *Professor Muriel Niederle, Stanford University*
- 2013–2014 *Professor Ran Abramitzky, Stanford University*
- 2010–2012 *Professor Stefano DellaVigna, University of California, Berkeley*
- 2010–2011 *Professor Barry Eichengreen, University of California, Berkeley*

Awards and Fellowships

- 2017 Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2017 Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Fellowship (*declined*), *Stanford University*
- 2017 Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2016 National Natural Science Foundation of China Research Grant (co-PI)
- 2016 Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Global Policy Fellows Small Research Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2016 Graduate Research Opportunity Award, *Stanford University*
- 2016 International Doctoral Student Visitor Fellowship, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*
- 2015 Stanford Center at Peking University Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2015 The Europe Center Graduate Student Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, *Stanford University*
- 2014 Graduate Student Fellowship, *Stanford Center for International Development*
- 2012-2014 Economics Department Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2011 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *University of California, Berkeley*

Professional Activities

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Stanford GSB (Political Economy); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences; Stanford Cyber Initiative seminar (Department of Computer Science)
- 2017 Stanford CDDRL research seminar; University of Toronto (Department of Economics); UC Berkeley (Haas School of Business); Foreign Correspondents' Club of China speaker series (Beijing); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Yale Whitebox Advisors Graduate Student Conference; Development and Political Economics PhD Student Conference (Stanford); London School of Economics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Political Institutions); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Carnegie Mellon University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); University of San Francisco (Economics Department); Stanford Economic History Seminar; Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar; Stanford Workshop on Empirical Research in American Politics (WEAP); Berkeley-Stanford Joint Behavioral and Experimental Mini-Conference; University of Michigan (Department of Economics)
- 2016 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); ASERC 15th Annual Conference (Chapman University); Fudan University (School of Economics); Berkeley-Stanford Annual China Social Science Conference; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (Berkeley); University of Bonn (Graduate School of Economics); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Bonn); China Economics Summer Institute (HKUST); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); UC San Diego (Rady School of Management & School of Global Policy and Strategy); Peking University (Guanghua School of Management); Harvard (Department of Economics)
- 2015 Warwick Economics PhD Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UCSD); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (UCSC); "Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change" Conference (Heidelberg University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal); China Economics Summer Institute (Peking University); "Frontiers in Chinese Economic History" conference (Berkeley); Peking University (School of Economics)
- 2013 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

REFEREE

American Economic Review, The Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATIONS

- 2018 “Demand for Democracy” Conference (*with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman*)
- 2017 Berkeley-Stanford Joint Behavioral and Experimental Mini-Conference (*with Muriel Niederle and Ulrike Malmendier*)
- 2015–Present Stanford Behavioral & Experimental Seminar
- 2015 1st Annual Bay Area Economic History Graduate Student Conference

LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

- 2015–2016 Stanford Economics Research Laboratory

SUMMER SCHOOL

- 2016 Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics
- 2016 University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2015 Econ 118 (Development Economics), Professor Pascaline Dupas, *Stanford University*

GUEST LECTURER

Economics of Communication (PhD, Stanford); European Economic History (PhD, Stanford); Global Organization: the Matrix of Change (Undergraduate and Master, Stanford); Political Development Economy (PhD, Stanford); China Scholars Program (Stanford); Behavioral and Experimental Economics (PhD, Stanford)