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## **Education**

### **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Degree expected: Dec. 2018.

### **PEKING UNIVERSITY, CHINA**

Master of Laws, June 2004

Bachelor of Economics, July 1998

## **Fields**

Comparative Politics, Public Policy & Administration

## **Research Grants**

2012 American Political Science Association Travel Grant (awarded but not applied because of the cancellation of the meeting)

2009-10 Doctoral Fellowship of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange

2009-10 Graduate Student Public Scholarship Grant, awarded by the Graduate School of Syracuse University and The Graduate Student Organization (Only five graduate students were selected for the award in the whole university.)

2009-10 and 2008-09 the Maxwell School Roscoe-Martin Fund for Research

2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Maxwell Dean's summer research fellowships

2009 Travel Grant of the Department of Political Science at the Maxwell School

2008 Travel Grant of the Department of Political Science at the Maxwell School

2007-2008 Research Fellowship of the Institute for the Study of Judiciary, Politics, and the Media at Syracuse University

## **Publications**

Honggang Tan and Luozhong Wang. 2012. "Policy Influence of Women's Organizations in China," *Women's Policy Journal of Harvard* Vol.9 (Spring 2012): 42-55.

Honggang Tan. 2007. "Dynamics of Policy Change in China: A Case Study of the Renewable Energy Law," *Chinese Public Administration Review* (Published by the National Center for Public Productivity, Rutgers University-Campus Newark) 4 (1/2): 57-71.

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

Honggang Tan, “Dancing in Chains: Policy Influence of Social Organizations in China,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago on April 8, 2016.

Honggang Tan, “Policy Influence of Social Organizations in China: A Comparison of Women’s Organizations and Public Health Organizations,” presented at the Eighth Graduate Seminar on China organized by the Universities Service Center for China Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and CUHK-Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies, Hong Kong, Jan. 4, 2012. It was also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago on April 12, 2012. This paper was accepted by the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in New Orleans, but it was not presented because of the cancellation of the meeting.

Hongying Wang and Honggang Tan, “Watch Dog Limited: Media Oversight of Judicial Affairs in China,” presented at the 2011 New England Association for Asian Studies Conference, Wellesley College, Oct. 23, 2011.

Honggang Tan, “The State Advances as the Private Sector Retreats in the Economic Crisis: A Perspective of Interest Group Politics,” a presentation at the Economics Forum on the Prospects of China’s Macroeconomic Situations and the Capital Markets in 2010 organized by the School of Economics at Peking University, Beijing, Jan. 9, 2010.

Honggang Tan, “Policy Influence of Women’s Organizations in China,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Philadelphia on Nov. 20, 2009.

Hongying Wang and Honggang Tan, “Chinese Media and the Judicial System under Soft Authoritarianism,” presented at the Annual Conference of The Association for Asian Studies in Atlanta on April 4, 2008. It was also presented at the IJPM colloquium at Syracuse University on April 10, 2008, and at the East Asia program of Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at Syracuse University on March 20, 2008.

### **Teaching and Research Experiences**

Nov. 2008-Dec. 2008, Research Assistant of Prof. Brian Taylor, Research Topic: Russia’s State Capacity and Quality in Comparative Perspective

Jan. 2008-May 2008, Teaching Assistant, Interest Group Politics

Sep. 2007-Dec. 2007, Teaching Assistant, Comparative Government and Politics

Jan. 2007-May 2007, Teaching Assistant, Comparative Government and Politics

Sep. 2006-Dec. 2006, Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Skills in International Relations (a master-level course)

Jan. 2006-May 2006, Teaching Assistant, Inequality and American Politics

Sep. 2005-Dec. 2005, Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis (a master-level course)

Jan. 2005- May 2005, Teaching Assistant, Technology, Politics, and Environment.

Sep. 2004 – Dec. 2004, Research Assistant of Prof. Keith Bybee. Research Topics: “Transnational Citizenship;” “Homosexuality in U.S. Army”

### **Current Research Project**

“Dancing in Chains: Policy Influence of Social Organizations in China” is my dissertation project. In the research, I explore the history and status quo of policy influence of seven types/fields of social organizations—women’s organizations, health organizations, mainly HIV/AIDS organizations, organizations for migrant workers, disabled persons, seniors, minors, and environmental organizations. This empirical research involves intensive fieldwork in China and relies on data collected through interviews, surveys, and first-hand and second-hand materials. The accomplished fieldwork has included investigation of more than 300 organizations, almost 100 in-depth interviews, and surveys of more than 100 organizations. As the first systematic study on policy influence of Chinese social organizations, this dissertation establishes an inductive framework consisting of three modes of policy (non)influence in the category of top-down organizations— “active state corporatism,” “passive state corporatism,” and “symbolic state corporatism”—and three modes of policy (non)influence in the category of bottom-up organizations— “embedded pluralism,” “critical pluralism,” and “silent pluralism.” This framework is tested by substantial case studies and proved to be effective to generalize policy influence and interest representation of social organizations in China. The formation of different modes of policy influence and their distribution in each field are explained by organization-state interactions, organizational factors and field features. This research is one of the critical steps of paving the way to new understanding of China’s state-society relations, policymaking, and political participation.

### **Academic Affiliations**

Member, since 2015, HonorSociety.org

Member, since 2009, the Syracuse University Alpha Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society

Member, since 2009, the American Political Science Association

Member, since 2012, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, since 2008, the Association for Asian Studies

Research fellow, 2007-2008, the Institute for the Study of Judiciary, Politics, and the Media at Syracuse University