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Appointment

2026- Postdoctoral Associate, Political Science Department, Northeastern University

Education

2026 Ph.D. Sociology, Johns Hopkins University
2018 M.Sc. Global China Studies, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2015 M.A. International Studies, City University of Hong Kong
2014 B.A. Japanese, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Research Interests

International and Comparative Political Economy, Geoeconomics, International Development, China, US-China Relations

Publication

Liu, Mingtang, “The Japanification of China? A Tale of Two East Asian Developmental States from the Growth Model Perspective.” *Competition & Change* (2025): 1-22.

Liu, Mingtang, “Amplified State Capitalism in China: Overproduction, Industrial Policy, and Statist Controversies.” *Development and Change* 55, no. 2 (2024): 191-218. Lead article.

- Top 10 most cited article published in 2024 in *Development and Change*.

Hung, Ho-fung, and Mingtang Liu. “The Dollar Cycle of International Development, 1973–2017.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 57, no. 1 (2022): 1-35. Lead article.

Liu, Mingtang, and Kellee S. Tsai. “Structural Power, Hegemony, and State Capitalism: Limits to China’s Global Economic Power.” *Politics & Society* 49, no. 2 (2021): 235–267.

Working Papers

Liu, Mingtang, “The US-China Geoeconomic Rivalry: The Race to Reintegrate National and Structural Power in the Age of Global Imbalances.” (R&R)

Liu, Mingtang, “Common Prosperity? The (Modest) Rise and (Quick) Tampering of China’s Redistributive Policy” (R&R)

Works in Progress

Liu, Mingtang, (with Kellee Tsai), “Which Globalization Are You Defending? The US-China Rivalry in International Economic Governance.”

Liu, Mingtang, “China’s Overcapacity Controversy: International Narratives and Chinese Experiences.”

Liu, Mingtang, “China’s ‘New Deal’ in the 1990s: The Historical Roots of China’s Emerging Macroeconomic Imbalances.”

Liu, Mingtang, “The Conditioning Role of the Central State in China’s Economic Development: Game Maker, Pace Regulator, and Boundary Setter.”

Liu, Mingtang, “From Redistribution to Recognition: China’s Dilemma between Growth and Hegemony.”

Liu, Mingtang, “Disaggregating China’s Interventionist State: A Framework of ‘Four Interventionist States’.”

Liu, Mingtang, “The Paradox of China’s Longtermism: *‘In the Long Run, we are all Dead’*.”

Book Manuscript (In Progress)

Liu, Mingtang, “The US-China Geoeconomic Rivalry in a World of Interlocking Growth Models.”

Other Publications

Liu, Mingtang, and Kellee S. Tsai. “The Limits of State Capitalism on China’s Bid for Hegemony.” *Marxist Sociology Blog*, Oct 14, 2020.

Fellowships & Awards (External)

Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation (2022)

AAS China and Inner Asia Council Small Grants, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (2021)

Fellowships & Awards (Internal)

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2024)

Peer Co-Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2024)

East Asian Studies Research Grant, Johns Hopkins University (2021-2023)

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University (2018-2024)

Dean’s Award, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2018)

Invited Talks

“China’s Development Path and the US-China Industrial Policy Race.” Department of International Development, *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*, February 7, 2025

“The (Geo)Politics of Overproduction: China’s New Economic Statism and the Sino-US Rivalry.” School of Humanities and Social Sciences, *Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)*, November 15, 2024

“China’s New Economic Statism and the US-China Rivalry.” Department of Public and International Affairs, *City University of Hong Kong*, June 19, 2024

“Three Pillars of China’s New Economic Statism: The Transitional 1990s.” Division of Social Science, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*, October 20, 2023

Conferences

“The US-China Geoeconomic Rivalry: The Race to Reintegrate National and Structural Power in the Age of Global Imbalances.” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), March 21, 2027.

“China’s ‘New Deal’ in the 1990s: The Historical Roots of China’s Emerging Macroeconomic Imbalances.” Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association (SSHA), November 20, 2026.

“The Geopolitics of Growth Models: Industrial Policy and the US-China Rivalry.” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), March 7, 2025.

“The Japanification of China? A Tale of Two East Asian Miracles.” Political Economy Symposium, Center for Economy and Society, SNF Agora Institute, *Johns Hopkins University*, April 19, 2024.

“Amplified State Capitalism: Macroeconomic Cycles of China’s Statist Advance.” Regular Session of Political Sociology, Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association (ASA), August 19, 2023.

“Pragmatic Statism: Marketization, Vulnerability, and China’s Growing Economic Statism since the Early 2000s.” Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association (ASA), August 7, 2021.

“Historical Structures, Social Forces, and the Constraints on China’s Economic Power.” International Studies Association (ISA) — International Conference, June 17, 2017.

“The Rise of China Reoriented: The Fragility of China’s Economic Power.” International Studies Association (ISA) — Asia-Pacific Conference, June 26, 2016.

Other Employment

Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins University (2025-2026)

Graduate Assistant, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (2020-2021)

Research Associate, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong (2015-2018)

Teaching Experience

Johns Hopkins University

Development in the Age of Globalization (Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistantship*Johns Hopkins University (2018-2023)*

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Research Methods (Spring 2021)

Social Theory (Fall 2020)

Issues in International Development (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

City University of Hong Kong (2015-2017)

The BRICs and an Emerging World Order (Spring 2017)

Theory in International Studies (Fall 2016)

Professional Affiliation

Association for Asian Studies

International Studies Association

Social Science History Association

Software

Python, R, Stata

Anonymous Referee

Capital and Class, Development and Change, Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Research in Globalization, The Pacific Review