

# TYLER RONGXUAN CHEN

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**EDUCATION**      **University of Michigan**      Ann Arbor, Michigan  
**Ph.D., Political Science and Scientific Computing**      2023 –

**Fellow:** Center for Emerging Democracies (CED), Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies (LR-CCS), Population Studies Center (PSC)

**Comparative Politics Prelim Committee:** Dan Slater (Chair), Allen Hicken, Mary Gallagher (Notre Dame), Pamela Brandwein

**Political Methodology Prelim Committee:** Pending

**M.A., Political Science**      2023 – 2024

**M.A., International and Regional Studies (Phi Kappa Phi)** 2021 – 2023  
Thesis Advisor: Dan Slater; Second Reader: Allen Hicken

**Beijing Foreign Studies University**      Beijing, China  
**B.A., Malay Studies, Diplomacy Studies (Highest Honors)** 2016 – 2020  
Thesis Advisor: Congcong Fu

**TRAINING**      **Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) with Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certificates**      2022, 2024

**Indiana University Summer Language Workshop**      2024

**RESEARCH ARTICLES**      “Ethnic Population Distribution and Pseudo Urban Effects: Evidence from Malaysia.”  
*Under Review, Working Paper Version Available at [SSRN](#)*

“Now the Storm Is Coming: How Nondemocratic Elites’ Varying Interpretations of Threats Influence Crisis Decisions.”  
*Working Paper*

“Impossible Coalitions: Emerging Cleavages and the Collapse of Dominant Parties in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes”  
*Manuscript in Progress*

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**      **Research Assistant, University of Michigan**  
Dan Slater      Spring/Summer 2024  
Mary Gallagher      Spring/Summer 2023  
Dan Slater and Adam Casey      Spring/Summer 2022

**Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan**  
POLSCI 327 “Election Law”, Jowei Chen      Winter 2025

	POLSCI 140 “Intro to Comparative Politics”, Pauline Jones	Fall 2024
	POLSCI 389 “Human Rights”, Ragnhild Nordås	Winter 2023
	SOC 430 “World Population Dynamics”, Barbara Anderson	Fall 2022
<b>CONFERENCES</b>	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting	2025
	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2024
	American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting	2024
	Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting	2024
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	CED Book Workshop with Joel Selway	2024
	International Institute Graduate Student Instructor Application Workshop	2024
	International Institute PhD Application Workshop	2023
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA) Consortium</b>	
	Graduate Student Council Member	2023 –
	<b>University of Michigan</b>	
	President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS)	2025 –
	Co-Organizer, China Reading Group	2023 –
	Member, Political Science Honors Thesis Committee	2025
	Mentor, The Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference	2024
	Co-Organizer, Interdisciplinary Workshop in Comparative Politics	2023 – 2024
<b>AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b>	
	Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2024
	Institute for Social Research - Rackham Summer Training Awards	2024
	Departmental Conference Travel Grant	2024
	LSA PhD Need-Based Technology Support Grant	2024
	Center for Japanese Studies Summer Language Fellowship	2024
	Departmental Research Grant	2023
	CED Fellowship	2022
	International Institute Student Fellowship	2022
	International Institute Travel Funds	2022
	Global Individual Grants	2022
	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grants	2022
	CSEAS Southeast Asian Language Scholarship	2021
	<b>Beijing Foreign Studies University</b>	
	Excellent Senior Thesis Award	2020
	University Scholarships	2017-2019
<b>INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Nielsen</b>	Beijing, China
	Business Analyst	2020-2021
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency), Malay (Advanced, ~8 years), Indonesian (Advanced, ~4 years), Japanese (Intermediate, ~2 years)	

## SKILLS

R, Python, STATA, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Package