



Programs

AI in Political Science: Past, Present and Future

Fudan University, Shanghai

June 7-8, 2025

Organizers:

Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences

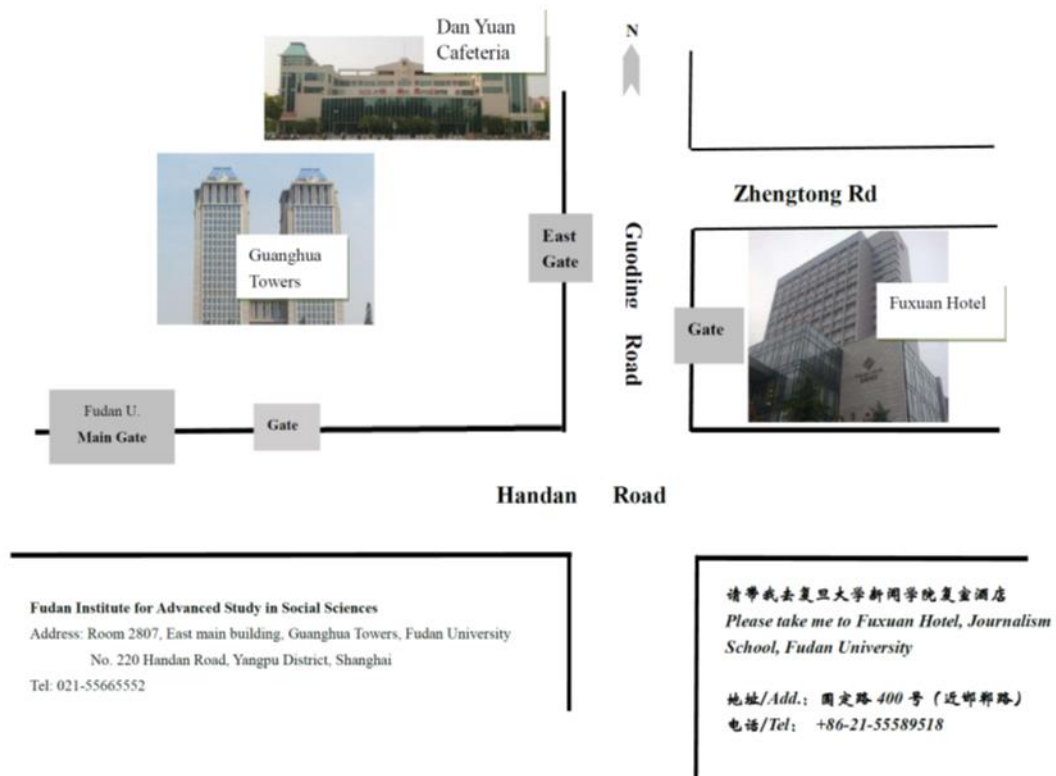
Fudan School of International Relations and Public Affairs

Chinese Political Science Review

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Conference Guidelines

1. Conference Venue: Rm 2801, East Guanghua Tower, Fudan University
Dining Venue: 3F Danyuan Restaurant, Fudan University
Hotel Venue: Hotel Venue: Fuxuan Hotel, No. 400, Guoding Rd, Yangpu District, Shanghai, Tel: 021-55589518;
Transportation:
33km to Shanghai Hongqiao Airport/Railway Station
44km to Shanghai Pudong Airport



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Conference Program

June 7, Saturday, Morning Sessions

Venue	Room 2801, East Guanghua Tower, Fudan University
09.00-09.10	Opening Remarks (10 mins) Sujian Guo (Dean of Fudan-IAS) Changhe Su (Dean of Fudan School of International Relations and Public Affairs)
	Session 1 Reimagining Social/Political Science Research in the Age of AI Chair: Randall W. Stone (University of Rochester, US) 1. AI, Machine Learning, and the Impact on Social Science Research Jefferson Gill (American University, US) 09.10-10.40 20 mins each2. The AI Revolution in Political Science: Transforming Research, Theory, and Practice Dwayne Woods (Purdue University, US) 3. Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Role of AI in Shaping Global Research Performance Jue Wang (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) Panel Discussion (30 mins): 10.10-10.40
10.40-11.00	Coffee Break (20 mins)
	Session 2 AI-Powered Language Tools for Social Research Chair: Jefferson Gill (American University, US) 11.00-12.10 20 mins each1. Generative AI For Bayesian Process Tracing Simone Paci (Stanford University, US) 2. The Coexistence and Dual Alignment of Humans and Large Models: A Future Generative Approach Qiqi Gao (Fudan University, China) Panel Discussion (30 mins): 11.40-12.10

12.10-13.30	Lunch Venue: 3F Danyuan Restaurant, Fudan University
June 7, Saturday, Afternoon Sessions	
	Session 3 Generative AI in Political Messaging and Influence Chair: Dwayne Woods (Purdue University, US) 1. Looking under the hood: How LLMs attempt political persuasion and microtargeting Ethan C. Busby (Brigham Young University, US) 14.00-15.40 20 mins each 2. Analyzing Political Content Representation in Large Language Models: A Methodological Framework Gaël Le Mens (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain) 3. SocioVerse: A World Model for Social Simulation Powered by LLM Agents and A Pool of 10 Million Real-World Users Zhongyu Wei (Fudan University, China) Panel Discussion (40 mins): 15.00-15.40
15.40-16.10	Coffee Break (30 mins)
	Session 4 AI for Policy Analysis Chair: Jieli Li (Ohio University, US) 1. Machine Learning and US Trade Policy Randall W. Stone (University of Rochester, US) 16.10-17.30 20 mins each 2. Exploring Large Language Model for Textual Measurement: The Case of Climate Policy Scope and Stringency Le Bao (City University of Hong Kong, China) Panel Discussion (40 mins): 16.50-17.30
18.00-19.30	Dinner Venue: 3F Danyuan Restaurant, Fudan University
19.30-21.00	Night sightseeing

June 8, Sunday, Morning Sessions

09.00-10.40 20 mins each	Session 5 Algorithmic Authority: AI’s Role in Digital Governance
	Chair: Ethan C. Busby (Brigham Young University, US)
	1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Politics of Disinformation: Challenges for Digital Governance and Implications for Political Behavior Research Jieli Li (Ohio University, US)
	2. Innovation and Diffusion: Assessing the Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Knowledge Dynamics in Public Administration Li Tang (Fudan University, China)
	3. Digital Legitimation and Compensation: The Source of Legitimacy for AI-assisted Decision-making in China Tianguang Meng (Tsinghua University, China)
	Panel Discussion (40 mins): 10.00-10.40
10.40-11.00	Coffee Break (20 mins)
11.00-12.10 20 mins each	Session 6 Machine Media: AI, Algorithms, and the Future of News and Public Discourse
	Chair: Zachary C. Steinert-Threlkeld (University of California, Los Angeles, US)
	1. Evaluating Emerging Machine Learning Applications for News Media Analysis Maneesh Arora (Wellesley College, US)
	2. Playground for LLM-Based Recommender Systems: Investigating Polarization and User Engagement in Simulated Social Media Ljubisa Bojic (University of Belgrade, Serbia)
	Panel Discussion (30 mins): 11.40-12.10
12.10-13.30	Lunch Venue: 3F Danyuan Restaurant, Fudan University

June 8, Sunday, Afternoon Sessions

	<p>Session 7 Generative Governance: AI's Role in Military, Political Communication, and Civic Data</p> <p>Chair: Maneesh Arora (Wellesley College, US)</p> <p>1. Warring States or Peace with AI? Mapping the Intellectual Structure of Military AI Yanto Chandra (City University of Hong Kong, China)</p> <p>14.00-15.40 20 mins each</p> <p>2. Measuring What's Missing: Technological Barriers to Automated Content Moderation Blake Miller (London School of Economics, UK)</p> <p>3. Pulse of People: Comparing Megacity Hotline Data in Shanghai and New York using LLMs Zhongyuan Wang & Wen Qu (Fudan University, China)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (40 mins): 15.00-15.40</p>
15.40-16.10	Coffee Break (30 mins)
	<p>Session 8 AI-Powered Political Science Research</p> <p>Chair: Tianguang Meng (Tsinghua University, China)</p> <p>1. Generating Social Conflict Event Data from Secondary Material Zachary C. Steinert-Threlkeld (University of California, Los Angeles, US)</p> <p>16.10-17.50 20 mins each</p> <p>2. Selecting Between BERT and GPT for Text Classification in Political Science Research Yu Wang (Fudan University, China)</p> <p>3. Memory Is All You Need: How Memory Approaches Outperform Few-Shot Classification in Supervised Classification Tasks Joan Timoneda (Purdue University, US)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (40 mins): 17.10-17.50</p>
18.00-19.30	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Venue: 3F Danyuan Restaurant, Fudan University</p>