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Schwarzman Scholars Postdoctoral Fellow

Tsinghua University Schwarzman Scholars, Beijing, China

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Center for the Study of Contemporary China Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

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Education **Ph.D. in Government**

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

November 2019

BA in Sociology and Economics

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

December 2010

Teaching Democracy and Dictatorship
Politics of Contemporary China
Politics of Space and Place
Politics of Dictatorship
US-China Rivalry
Media Portrayal of Disasters

Publications

Journal Articles

Gao, Huan. 2022. "Emergency Management in Urban China: Comparing the role of community institutions in the coronavirus outbreak and in other disasters". *China Report* 58(3): 336-354.

Gao, Huan. 2020. "The Power of the Square: Public spaces and popular mobilization after the Wenchuan earthquake." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 25(1): 89-111.

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Book Chapters

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Book Reviews, Editorials, & Reports

Carothers, Christopher and Huan Gao. 2022. "Has Xi Jinping Stopped Caring About China's Economy?" *The Nationalist Interest*, August 23. <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/has-xi-jinping-stopped-caring-about-china%E2%80%99s-economy-204370>.

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Huberty, Mark, Huan Gao, Juliana Mandell, and John Zysman. 2011. "Shaping the Green Growth Economy: A Review of the Public Debate and the Prospects for Green Growth." The Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy.

Working Papers Gao, Huan and Haohan Chen. "How Do Citizens under Authoritarian Regimes Assess Performance?" *Submitted to journal.*

Gao, Huan and Qiziwei Wu. "The Dissolution of the Pandemic State: Explaining the lack of post-pandemic grassroots state building in Chinese cities." Presented at MPSA 2024 and Ostrom Workshop 2024.

Gao, Huan. "Economic Development and Censorship: How gaming development restrictions respond to economic indicators."