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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Hochschule für Politik (Bavarian School of Public Policy) at the Technical University of Munich (TUM), Munich, Germany
Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer
09/2016 – present

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC
PhD, Political Science, 2017
Fields: Political Economy, Political Methodology

Dissertation: *The Politics of Food Safety: Detection and Perceptions of Food Safety Problems in China*
Committee: Tim Büthe (chair), Timur Kuran, Edmund Malesky, Melanie Manion, Erika Weinthal

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
B.A. in Economics, 2009
B.A. in Political Economy, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Barceló, Joan, Robert Kubinec, Cindy Cheng, Tiril Rahm and Luca Messerschmidt. “Windows of Repression: Using COVID-19 Policies against Political Dissidents?” *Journal of Peace Research*. Forthcoming.

Albrecht, Clara, Cindy Cheng, Christa Hainz, Luca Messerschmidt, and Tanja Stitteneder. "CoronaNet meets DICE: Sammlung, Systematisierung und Visualisierung von Daten zu staatlichen Maßnahmen gegen die Covid-19-Pandemie." *ifo Schnelldienst* 74, no. 9 (2021): 56-59.

Cheng, Cindy, Luca Messerschmidt, Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir, Clara Albrecht, Christa Hainz, Tanja Stitteneder, Joan Barceló, Vanja Grujic, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Robert Kubinec, Timothy Model and Caress Schenk. “Tracking Government Responses to Covid-19: The CoronaNet Research Project”. *CESifo Forum* 3/2021, vol 21.

Cheng, Cindy and Shahryar Minhas. “Keeping Friends Close, But Enemies Closer: Foreign Aid Responses to Natural Disasters” *British Journal of Political Science*, 2021, 51(3), 940:962.

Cheng, Cindy, Joan Barceló, Allison Hartnett, Robert Kubinec, and Luca Messerschmidt. “COVID-19 Government Response Event Dataset (CoronaNet v1.0).” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2020, 4(7), 756-768.

Büthe Tim, Luca Messerschmidt and Cindy Cheng. “Policy Responses to the Coronavirus in Germany”. *In The World Before and After COVID-19: Intellectual Reflections on Politics, Diplomacy and International Relations*, edited by Gian Luca Gardini. Stockholm – Salamanca: European Institute of International Relations, Forthcoming. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3614794>

Cheng, Cindy with Anh Do. “Getting a Seat at the International Health Table: A Case Study Comparison of China and Vietnam.” In *Rethinking Stakeholder Participation in Global Governance*, edited by Joost Pauwelyn, Tim Büthe, Martino Maggetti, and Ayelet Berman. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming.

Büthe, Tim and Cindy Cheng. “Matching Country Pairs: Using Coarsened Exact Matching for Case Study Selection.” In *Rethinking Stakeholder Participation in Global Governance*, edited by Joost Pauwelyn, Tim Büthe, Martino Maggetti, and Ayelet Berman. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming.

Cheng, Cindy. “Codex Alimentarius Commission.” In *Encyclopedia of Food Security and Sustainability*, edited by Ferranti, Pasquale, Berry, Elliot, Anderson, Jock. Elsevier, 2019: 50–55.

Büthe, Tim and Cindy Cheng. “The Effect of Competition Law on Innovation: A Cross-National Statistical Analysis.” In *A Step Ahead: Competition Policy for Shared Prosperity and Inclusive Growth*. Papers/Proceedings from the Inaugural Meeting of the World Bank-OECD Global Network of Experts on Competition and Shared Prosperity. Washington DC: World Bank, 2017: 187-224.

Büthe, Tim and Cindy Cheng. “Private Transnational Governance of Economic Development: International Development Aid.” In *Handbook of Global Economic Governance*, edited by Manuela Moschella and Catherine Weaver. London: Routledge, 2013. 322-341.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Controlling Institutions International Organizations and the Global Economy* by Randall Stone, *Political Science Quarterly* 127(3): 486:488.

Blog Posts:

Cheng, Cindy, Luca Messerschmidt, Joan Barceló, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Vanja Grujic, Robert Kubinec, Timothy Model and Caress Schenk. 2020. “Behind CoronaNet: How We Built our Dataset.” Behavioural and Social Sciences at Nature Research.

Siewert, Markus B., Stefan Wurster, Luca Messerschmidt, Cindy Cheng & Tim Büthe. 2020. “A German Miracle? Crisis Management During The COVID-19 Pandemic in A Multi-Level System.” *PEX Special Report: Coronavirus Outbreak, Presidents’ Responses, and Institutional Consequences*, 25 June 2020

MANUSCRIPTS

“Patterns of Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Federal vs. Unitary European Democracies” With Tim Büthe, Joan Barceló, Paula Ganga, Allison Hartnett, Robert Kubinec, and Luca Messerschmidt.

“Statistically Validated Indices for COVID-19 Public Health Policies.” With Robert Kubinec, Joan Barceló, Rafael Goldszmidt, Vanja Grujic, Timothy Model, Caress Schenk, Thomas Hale, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Luca Messerschmidt, Anna Petherick and Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir.

“What Can Multilinear Tensors tell us about Multilateral Trade, Conflict and Cooperation?” With Shahryar Minhas.

“Do Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth? The Effect of Increasing Participation on the Codex Alimentarius Commission.” With Sebastian Klotz.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Acting on Faith: How Regulatory Trust Affects Demand for Food Safety Attributes in China.”
- “Bust, Trickle or Scare? How Enforcing Competition Policy Affects Competition.” With Tim Büthe.
- “Authoritarian Governance: The Case of Food Safety in China.”
- “International Conflict and National Technological Innovation.” With Joseph Grieco and Ana Guzman.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

- “Parsing Codependence in Trade and Conflict”. American Political Science Association, 2020.
- “Do Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth? The Effect of Increasing Participation on the Codex Alimentarius Commission Standard-Making Process.” International Political Economy Society Conference, 2019.
- “What Can Multilinear Tensors tell us about Multilateral Trade, Conflict and Cooperation?” American Political Science Association, 2019.
- “Turning on EHRs in Germany: Why do Patients and Citizens Tune in or Drop out?” Conference of the Research Section “Comparative Politics” of the German Political Science Association, 2019.
- “Law, Economics, Politics: U.S. Antitrust Enforcement and Economic Globalization, 1960-2010.” International Political Economy Society Conference, 2018.
- “Bust, Trickle or Scare? How Enforcing Competition Policy Affects Competition.” American Political Science Association, 2018 and European Consortium for Political Research, 2018.
- “Keeping Friends Close, But Enemies Closer: Foreign Aid Responses to Natural Disasters.” Midwest Political Science Association, 2018; International Political Economy Society Conference, 2018; International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2015.

INVITED TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

- ‘Behind the Scenes of Tracking Government Responses with the CoronaNet Research Project.’ Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker Analysis Seminar, September 2021.
- “How Many Lawyers Does It Take To Turn On A Light Bulb? Competition Law, Innovation and State Capacity.” With Tim Büthe. US Federal Trade Commission, August 2019; Max Planck Institute for Competition and Innovation, May 2019; Behavioral and Empirical Work in Progress Seminar (BEWIP) at the TUM School of Management, December 2016.
- “The Effect of Competition Law on Innovation: A Cross-National Statistical Analysis” With Tim Büthe. Duke Strategy Seminary at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, March 2016.

SELETED GRANTS AND HONORS

- Deutsche Wissenschaft Stifterverband Open Data Impact Award* (First Place: €15,000 for the CoronaNet Research Project), 2021.

#Data4COVID19 Africa Challenge, Agence Française de Développement (Total Award: €90,000; €5,500 to the CoronaNet Research Project), 2021.

OpenCOVID19 Microgrant Round 5 (€1,800 to the CoronaNet Research Project), 2021.

Behavioural, Social and Economic Impacts of the Outbreak of Responses SC1-PHE- CORONAVIRUS-2020-2 Award, European Union Horizon 2020, (Total award: €10 million to PERISCOPE Research Consortium; €659,000 to the CoronaNet Research Project), 2020-2023.

Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK), (€15,000 to the CoronaNet Reserach Project), 2020.

Rethinking Regulation Graduate Research Award, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, (\$1000), 2015.

Fulbright Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Award Research Abroad Fellowship, United States Department of Education, 6 months full project allowance and living/travel stipend supporting dissertation fieldwork in China, 2014.

Dissertation Support Award, Duke Department of Political Science (\$5000), 2014.

Dissertation Travel Research Award – International, Duke Graduate School (\$3000), 2014.

Summer Research Fellowship, Asian Pacific Studies Institute (\$3000), 2014.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships Program, Honorable Mention, 2012.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, US Department of Education (\$7500), 2012.

Graduate Research Grant, Democracy, Institutions and Political Economy (DIPE) (with Ana Guzman, \$5000), 2011.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator for the CoronaNet Research Project (<https://www.coronanet-project.org>), Munich, Germany, March 2020 – present.

Senior Research Associate for *Swiss Network for International Studies Research Grant, "Rethinking Stakeholder Participation in International Governance" for 2015 and 2016*. Principal Investigators: Joost Pauwelyn, Tim Büthe and Martino Magetti (\$310,000 award).

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Analyzing the Coronavirus Pandemic in Real Time (An Introduction to Evidenced-Based Global Public Policy), Masters Level Course, Hochschule für Politik, with Luca Messerschmidt and Tim Büthe (Summer 2020)

Political Economy of Development, Masters Level Course, Hochschule für Politik (Summer 2020)

Inquiries in Global Governance: The Quantitative Methods Behind the Madness, Masters Level Course, Hochschule für Politik (Winter 2019)

Innovation and Governance: The Political Origins of Technological Transformation, Masters Level Course, Hochschule für Politik (Summer 2019).

Political Economy of Development, Bachelors Level Course, Hochschule für Politik (Summer 2018, 2019).

International Relations and Authoritarian Politics in East Asia, Bachelors Level Course, Hochschule für Politik (Winter 2017, 2018, 2019).

Politics for Rocket Scientists. Hochschule für Politik (Summer 2017, 2018; Winter 2018 Prof Tim Bütke)

Empirical Methods for Social Science, Hochschule für Politik (Winter 2016, Profs. Tim Bütke and Jürgen Pfeffer.)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Nature Human Behaviour*, *International Organization*, *Regulation and Governance*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Patterns*.

Conference Host and Coordinator, COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Measures (PHSMs) Research Outcomes Conference, October 5-6, 2021. <https://www.airmeet.com/e/c05fdfc0-fdc7-11eb-8f8a-b95b3fe3b623>

Conference Host and Coordinator, COVID-19 Public Health and Social Measures (PHSMs) Data Coverage Conference, February 10 -11, 2021 and March 3, 2021. <https://covid19-conference.org/workshops/>

Chair, The Selection Committee for the Society of Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) Mentor Award presented by the International Studies Association (ISA), (2019-2021)

Masters of Science in Politics and Technology Admissions Committee, Hochschule für Politik, Technical University of Munich (August 2017, August 2018)

FIELD WORK

Yunnan, China and Beijing, China: July and August 2014, January to July 2015 (Funded by Fulbright Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award and Asian Pacific Studies Institute)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

Summer Intensive 8-Week Session in Mandarin Chinese, (Middlebury College, 2012)

Software: R, STATA, JAGS, BUGS, Python, SQL, Octave, LaTeX

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced), French (Intermediate), German (Beginner)