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Bio

BIO

Simon Sihang Luo is a political theorist whose work focuses on comparative political theory, contemporary political theory, and radicalism. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Simon's current book project investigates the multiple uses of the memories of the Cultural Revolution in theoretical debates in the contemporary Chinese intellectual sphere. By tracing the genealogy of Cultural Revolution memories in post-Mao China, the book project demonstrates how political actors holding different ideological positions make the Cultural Revolution a usable past as they articulate different visions of China's political future. By so doing, the book project analyzes how the past is useful for democratic and antidemocratic politics in a rapidly changing society, and how narratives of a revolutionary historical event constitute a repertoire of political knowledge for the public sphere.

Simon has published scholarly articles about democratic theory and global encounters of ideas. In public writings in both English and Chinese, Simon has written about the history of political thought, political emotions, historical interpretations, labor politics, and the transnational dissemination of political knowledge.

Simon has taught multiple courses, in various roles, in political theory, Chinese politics, American politics, and ethics. At Stanford, Simon will continue to bring his research interests to the pressing issues in domestic and global politics of our age in his classroom, and offer courses related to political memories, citizenship, radical political theory, and the rise of China.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington , Political Science (2022)
- M.A., New York University , Politics (2015)
- B.A., Tsinghua University , Philosophy (2013)

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LINKS

- Personal Website: https://www.simonsihangluo.com

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- From Cold War to New Cold War: Politics and Political Theory in Contemporary China: POLISCI 235A, POLISCI 335A (Aut)

- Political Memory and Democratic Citizenship: POLISCI 235B (Spr)

2022-23

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- Political Memory and Democratic Citizenship: POLISCI 235B (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Reawakening a Revolutionary Party: The Ancient and Modern Princes in Wang Hui's Political Theory** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Luo, S.
  2024

- **The Liberalism of Fear in China: Hu Ping and the Uses of Fear and Memory in Contemporary Chinese Liberalism** *GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL HISTORY*
  Luo, S.
  2023; 8 (3): 335-353

- **Teaching political theory: A pluralistic approach (Book Review)** *CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY*
  Book Review Authored by: Luo, S.
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- **Historical memory, democratic citizenship, and political theory: Reconstructing a historical method in Judith Shklar's writings** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL THEORY*
  Luo, S.
  2023; 22 (2): 324-345

- **The China model: political meritocracy and the limits of democracy (Book Review)** *ASIAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Book Review Authored by: Luo, S.
  2017; 25 (1): 151-154