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Employment

University at Albany, SUNY

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2003 - present)
- Affiliate Professor, East Asian Studies Program (2003 - present)

Education

University of Pennsylvania

- Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2003
Dissertation: *Illiberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist States*
(Supervisors: Ian S. Lustick, Avery Goldstein, and Rudra Sil)
- M.A. in Political Science, May 1999

Foreign Affairs College, China

- B.A. in English and Diplomacy, June 1996

Fields of Study

- Comparative Politics (Comparative Politics; Communist and Post-Communist Politics; Comparative Democratization; Nationalism and Nation-Building)
- Area Studies (Chinese Politics; East Asian Politics)
- International Relations (International Relations Theory; International Security)
- Methodology (Comparative Methods; Qualitative and Critical Methods)

Courses Taught

- POS 362: Nationalism and Nation-Building (Lecture/new course)
- POS 373/EAS 373: Government and Politics of the People's Republic of China (Lecture)
- POS 452Z: Communist and Post-Communist Politics (Writing-Intensive Lecture)
- POS 550: Comparative Political Analysis (Graduate Field Seminar)
- POS 552: Communist and Post-Communist Politics (Graduate Seminar)
- POS 561: Nationalism and Nation-Building (Graduate Seminar/new course)

Publications

Book

- Cheng Chen, *The Prospects for Liberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist States* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2007).

Refereed Journal Articles

- Cheng Chen and Rudra Sil, "Stretching Postcommunism: Diversity, Context and Comparison in Contemporary Postcommunist Studies," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 24:1 (January-March 2008), forthcoming. (Lead Article)
- Cheng Chen and Ji-Yong Lee, "Making Sense of North Korea: 'National Stalinism' in Comparative-Historical Perspective," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 40:4 (December 2007): 459-475.
- Cheng Chen, "Institutional Legitimacy of an Authoritarian State: China in the Mirror of Eastern Europe," *Problems of Post-Communism* 52:4 (July/August 2005): 3-13. (Lead article)
- Rudra Sil and Cheng Chen, "State Legitimacy and the (In)significance of Democracy in Post-Communist Russia," *Europe-Asia Studies* 56:3 (2004): 347-368. (Lead article)
- Cheng Chen, "The Roots of Illiberal Nationalism in Romania: A Historical Institutional Analysis of the Leninist Legacy," *East European Politics and Societies* 17:2 (Spring 2003): 166-201.

Refereed Book Chapter

- Cheng Chen, "Pathways of Institutional Diffusion under Leninism: A Historical Comparison of Romania and Hungary," in Dennis Galvan and Rudra Sil, eds., *Reconfiguring Institutions Across Time and Space: Syncretic Responses to Challenges of Political and Economic Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 205-224.

Book Reviews and Other Publications

- Cheng Chen, "Review of Yang Zhong and Shiping Hua, eds., *Political Civilization and Modernization in China* (New Jersey: World Scientific Publishing Co., 2006)," *Pacific Affairs* 80:1 (June 2007): 93-94.
- Cheng Chen, "Review of Merle Goldman, *From Comrade to Citizen: The Struggle for Political Rights in China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005)," *Journal of Asian Studies* 65:4 (2006): 802-803.

- Cheng Chen, “Nationalist Movements,” *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens’ Rights and Responsibilities* (Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference, 2005), 166-170.
- Cheng Chen, “China (PRC),” *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens’ Rights and Responsibilities* (Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference, 2005), 183-188.

Working Papers

- Cheng Chen and Rudra Sil, “Postcommunist Studies, Area Studies and the Promise of Cross-Regional Contextualized Comparison in Comparative Politics.”
- Cheng Chen, Kyungmin Ko and Ji-Yong Lee, “North Korea’s Internet Strategy and Its Political Implications.”

Conferences, Workshops & Invited Talks

- “The Divergent Fates of ‘National Stalinism’ in North Korea and Romania,” with Ji-Yong Lee, to be presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Spring 2008.
- “The Perils of ‘National Stalinism:’ Regime Affinity between the DPRK and Ceausescu’s Romania,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Fall 2006.
- “Will China Democratize?” invited talk (with live Webcast) at World Policy Institute, The New School, Spring 2006.
- “Expanding the Post-communist Universe without Conceptual Stretching,” with Rudra Sil, presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Spring 2006.
- “The Promise of Cross-Regional Contextualized Comparison,” with Rudra Sil, presented at Symposium on Postcommunist State and Society: Transnational and National Politics, Syracuse University, Fall 2005.
- “Illiberal Nationalism in Post-Communist Russia, With Comparisons to China,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Spring 2005
- “Institutional Legitimacy of an Authoritarian State: China in the Mirror of Eastern Europe,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies 56th Annual Meeting, Spring 2004
- “State Legitimacy and the (In)significance of Democracy in Post-Communist Russia,” with Rudra Sil, presented at the American Political Science Association 99th Annual Meeting, Fall 2003.
- “Liberalism, Leninism, and the National Question,” presented at the 8th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Spring 2003.
- “Illiberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist States,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Spring 2003.

- Chair and Discussant for panel on *Challenges to Democracy in Former Soviet States*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Spring 2003.
- “Nationalism after Leninism: Russia, China, Romania, and Hungary in Comparative-Historical Perspective,” presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 34th National Convention, Fall 2002.
- Discussant for “Exit, Voice, and Family Policy: Explaining Japan’s Uneven Pace of Reform,” by Leonard Schoppa, University of Pennsylvania Workshop in Comparative Politics, Fall 2002.
- “Bringing Legitimacy Back In: The State of the State in ‘Democratic’ Russia and ‘Authoritarian’ China,” with Rudra Sil, presented at the American Political Science Association 98th Annual Meeting, Fall 2002.
- “Illiberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist Romania,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association 33rd Annual Meeting, Fall 2001.
- Discussant for “Citizenship Claims and Ethnic Movements: Contentious Politics in an Age of Globalization?” by Deborah J. Yashar, University of Pennsylvania Workshop in Comparative Politics, Fall 1999.
- Discussant for “State Repression and Student Protest in Contemporary China” by Teresa Wright, University of Pennsylvania Christopher H. Brown Center for International Politics Speaker Series, Fall 1998.

Professional and Departmental Service

- Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics* (twice); *Problems of Post-Communism*
- Book Manuscript and Proposal Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan; Polity Press
- Member, Steering Committee of Urban China Research Network (UCRN), University at Albany, State University of New York, 2005-present
- Member, China Semester Committee, University at Albany, State University of New York, 2007
- Field Chair of Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008
- Member, Political Science Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2007
- Member, Political Science Reappointment Committee, 2007
- Member, Political Science Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2006
- Member, Political Science Reappointment Committee, 2006
- Co-organizer, Political Science Departmental Colloquium Series, 2004-2005
- Member, Political Science International Relations Search Committee, 2004
- Member of Dissertation Committees (2 completed, 3 in progress)
- Theses Advisor: Master’s (3); Undergraduate (4)

Fellowships and Awards

- University at Albany, State University of New York, Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Award, Spring 2006

- University of Pennsylvania, Margaret E. Galey Award in International Affairs, Summer 2002
- University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, Academic Year 2001-2002
- The Ford Foundation/University of Pennsylvania Project on the Problematics of States and Identities Dissertation Development Grant, Summer 1999
- University of Pennsylvania, University Fellowship, Academic Year 1996-1997

Other Professional Experiences

- Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania: Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant (1997-2003)
- Office of International Programs, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania: Program Coordinator, Translator and Interpreter (Summers, 1997, 1998, 2000)

Languages

- Chinese (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- French (Reading Comprehension)

References

Available upon request