

Zeyu Chen

Nairobi, Kenya <https://www.linkedin.com/in/zeyu-c/>

Education

Tsinghua University <i>PhD candidate in Political Science (African Studies)</i>	Sep 2025–Present
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London <i>MSc in Development Studies, with Distinction</i>	Sep 2022–Sep 2023
Beijing Foreign Studies University <i>LLM in Diplomacy (International Economics)</i>	Sep 2021–Jun 2024
Beijing Foreign Studies University <i>BA in English (International Organizations)</i>	Sep 2018–Jun 2021

Professional Experience

Research Associate <i>Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi</i>	Nairobi, Kenya Sep 2026–Present
Portfolio Management Intern <i>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</i>	Rome, Italy Nov 2024–May 2025
Project Management Intern <i>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i>	Beijing, China Mar 2024–Jun 2024
Data Scientist Intern <i>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</i>	Paris, France Aug 2023–Feb 2024

Publications

- Chongsheng Yang, Xinghan Xiong, and **Zeyu Chen**. The Construction of Social Capital and Economic Power Among Indian Businessmen in Tanzania. *Journal of China-Africa Studies*, 6(4):42-59, 2025. (In Chinese)
- Liwen Li and **Zeyu Chen**. The Impact of the Trump Administration's Aid Cuts for Africa and the Restructuring of the African Aid System. *International Forum*, 27(6):39-60, 2025. (In Chinese)
- Hongshu Wang, Xinwei Shi, Wenwei Chen, **Zeyu Chen**, and Zhijie Wang. The Impact of Formal and Informal Institutional Distances on the Strategic Asset Seeking Motives of Chinese Multinational Enterprises: An Analysis of Patent and Trademark Acquisitions. *International Business Review*, 33(4):102297, 2024.
- Hong Cai and **Zeyu Chen**. The Trend of Cuban American's Partisanship: A Quantitative Analysis. *Area Studies and Global Development*, 6(3):92-108, 2022. (In Chinese)

Presentations

CASS Institute of World History (Oct '26), **APSA (Sep '26)**, PKU-FDU (Jun '26), THU-UIBE (Jun '26), FDU (Jun '26), THU (May '26), NJU (May '26), PKU (Apr '26), SYSU (Dec '25), **MPSA (Apr '25)**, DSA UK (Jun '24), **AOM (Aug '23)**, CSIL China (May '22)

Selected Awards

Tsinghua Second Level Scholarship; Tsinghua Area Studies Forum Outstanding Paper Award	2026
Tsinghua Developing Country Studies (DCS) Scholarship; Rongchang Scholarship	2025
Beijing Outstanding Graduate	2024
BFSU First Level Scholarship; BFSU Social Service Award	2023
National Scholarship; China Scholarship Council Master's Full Scholarship	2022

Skills

Technologies: Adobe, ArcGIS, CSS, Git, HTML, JavaScript, L^AT_EX, NVivo, Power BI, Python, Stata

Languages: Chinese (first language), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Swahili (basic)