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Director, 2016-current,  
Brittany and Adam J. Levinson  
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### **Education**

Yale University, Political Science Department	Ph.D. 2000
Yale University, Political Science Department	M.Phil. 1994, M.A. 1993
Colby College, Government Department	B.A., magna cum laude, 1991

### **Awards, Fund Raising, and Additional Positions**

Oversaw Naming/Endowment of the Brittany and Adam J. Levinson China Asia-Pacific Studies Program, Cornell University (total gift 10 million dollars), 2019

East Asia Institute Fellow, Fall 2014, held Summer 2015

Taiwan Fellowship, Fall 2014, declined

Cornell East Asia Program, China Initiative Grant, Spring 2014

Class of 1955 Visiting Professor of International Studies, Williams College, Fall 2014

Visiting Professor, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, Summer 2013

Public Intellectual Program Participant, The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, 2005-2007

Fulbright-Hays Research Fellow, 2004-2005

Peking University, Part Time Instructor 1997-1998

China Foreign Affairs University, Instructor, 1995-1998

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-1995

**Relevant Courses Taught Between 2015 and 2021**

*(while serving as Director of CAPS*

*I have been fortunate to receive a course reduction,  
so my teaching load here is lighter than usual)*

**Government 3827: China and the World (Lecture Course)**

I have taught this course over a dozen times. It examines major developments in China's relationship with the world since the establishment of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949. It places a particular emphasis on events that have unfolded since the late 1980s (with a special focus on current trends). Since 2019, given the pressing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has also looked at how the virus is reshaping China and the rest of the international system.

**Government 3967 What is China? (Lecture Course)**

I have taught this course about five times. It examines the issue of how China has taken many different shapes and forms over time. In such a process its territory has waxed and waned, and even the understanding of who can be considered Chinese (and why) has shifted. The course then gives extensive consideration to how and why this is the case, not only historically, but also today. Within this context we concentrate on the role the state plays in shaping and defining China (but also the manner in which such a construct is contested by other forces).

**CAPS 4030 Making Sense of China (Seminar)**

I have taught this class six times. It is a seminar intended to give students an opportunity to explore issues related to Chinese politics, economics, and society that they may have touched upon in other China-focused courses at Cornell, but have not been able to examine as fully as they would like. We spend the first 2/3rds of the course covering recent influential readings on contemporary China and developing initial research projects. The last 1/3rd of the class is organized around student led presentations of research projects (accompanied by relevant academic, media, and policy readings).

**Government 4877 Asian Security (Seminar)**

I have taught this class multiple times. It is a graduate and advanced undergraduate-level seminar that focuses primarily on China's evolving role in world politics, with a particular emphasis on Asia and the Sino-US relationship.

**Books**

*Dangdai Zhongguo Zhengzhi Yanjiu* (*Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods and Field Strategies*), co-editor (with Mary Gallagher, Kenneth Lieberthal and Melanie Manion), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 2014 (translation of 2010 volume).

*New Frontiers in China's Foreign Relations*, co-editor (with Ren Xiao), Lexington Books, 2012.

*Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods and Field Strategies*, co-editor (with Mary Gallagher, Kenneth Lieberthal and Melanie Manion), 2010, Cambridge University Press.

*Unifying China, Integrating with the World: The Chinese Approach to Sovereignty During the Reform Era*, Stanford University Press, 2005.

*Rethinking Security in East Asia*, co-editor (with J.J. Suh and Peter Katzenstein), Stanford University Press, 2004.

*Beijing's Tibet Policy*, East-West Center Washington, 2004.

*Protecting Sovereignty, Accepting Intervention: The Dilemma of Chinese Foreign Relations in the 1990s*, National Committee on United States-China Relations, 2002.

### **Articles, Chapters, Editorials**

“Three Reasons China’s Increasing Assertiveness is a Threat to Asia’s Long-standing Peace and Stability,” *The South China Morning Post*, July 4, 2020.

“Expect Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to Escalate US-China Tit-for-Tat This Year, With Hong Kong Caught in the Middle,” *The South China Morning Post*, June 9.

“What’s in store for Hong Kong? Look at Tibet,” *The Washington Post*, June 2, 2020.

“Is There Something Beyond No?: China and Intervention in a New Era,” in Avery Goldstein and Jacque DeLisle, eds., *China in a Changing World*, Brookings, 2017.

“Roundtable on the Rise of Chinese Nationalism,” special issue of *Nations and Nationalism* (co-editing with Anna Costa), 2016.

“Real World Islands in a Social Media Sea,” with Chris Cairns, *The China Quarterly*,

- 2016.
- “Is the Long-Awaited U.S.-China Reset Upon Us,” *The National Interest*, November 15, 2014.
- “China’s Hong Kong Nightmare is Back,” *The National Interest*, October 10, 2014.
- “China’s Hong Kong Headache: What Will Beijing Do About the Protests?” *The National Interest*, October 3, 2014 (with William Hurst and Ian Chong).
- “China’s Xinjiang After the Bombings: Going From Bad to Worse,” *The National Interest*, May 23, 2104.
- “China’s Achilles’ Heal in the South China Sea,” *The National Interest*, May 16, 2014.”
- “On Daring and Inconsistencies: Thoughts on Shi Yinhong’s 2014 Japan Studies Article,” in *China Under Xi Jinping*, 2015.
- “Introduction to ‘Islam in China/China in Islam,’” *Cross-Currents*, September 2014 (with Matt Erie).
- Co-editor, “Islam in China/China in Islam,” *Cross-Currents*, special issue, September 2014 (with Matt Erie).
- “China Keeps the Peace at Sea,” *Foreign Affairs*, February 21, 2013.
- “It Should Not Only be About Nationalism: China’s Pluralistic National Identity and Its Implications for Chinese Foreign Relations,” *International Studies* (India), vol 48, issues 3 and 4.
- “Reimagining the Frontier” Patterns of Sinicization and the Emergence of New Thinking About China’s Territorial Periphery,” in Peter Katzenstein, *Sinicization and the Rise of China*, Routledge, 2012.
- “Looking Beyond Dragons and Pandas: On the Challenges of Teaching About Chinese Foreign Relations,” *The Journal of Chinese Political Science*, December, 2012.
- “New Chinese Discussions About Securing China’s Territorial Frontier,” *Orbis*, Summer, 2012.
- “Moving Beyond Sovereignty? A Brief Consideration of Recent Changes in China’s

- Approach to International Order and the Emergence of the *Tianxia* Concept,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, January, 2011.
- “Unconventional Sources of Chinese Insecurity: What the Emergence of NTS Concerns within Chinese Foreign Policy and National Security Circles Reveals about China’s ‘Rise’,” *New Frontiers in Chinese Foreign Relations*, Lexington Books, 2011.
- “A Time of Some Significance: The People’s Republic of China at Sixty and New Frontiers in Chinese Foreign Relations,” *New Frontiers in Chinese Foreign Relations*, Lexington Books, 2011.
- “An Unconventional Tack: Bringing the Consideration of Non-traditional Security into the Study of China’s Rise,” *Asia Policy*, Spring, 2010.
- “Internet Resources and the Study of Chinese Foreign Relations: Can Cyberspace Shed New Light on China’s Approach to the World?” with Hong Duan, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 88-107.
- “Introduction,” with Mary Gallagher and Melanie Manion, *Contemporary Chinese Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 1-15.
- “Recent Developments in China’s Stance on Sovereignty,” *Handbook of China’s Foreign Relations*, Sean Breslin, ed, Routledge, 2010, pp. 55-64.
- “Be Careful What You Wish For: Partial Liberalization (Not Democratization) and Beijing’s Approach to China’s Periphery,” *Cross-Strait at the Turning Point*, Yuan I, ed., 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Taiwan-American Conference, 2009, pp. 113-138.
- “A Flawed Perspective: The Limitations Inherent within the Study of Chinese Nationalism,” *Nations and Nationalism*, January, 2009, pp. 20-35.
- “More than Just Saying No: China’s Evolving Approach to Sovereignty and Intervention,” *New Directions in the Study of Chinese Foreign Policy*, Alistair Iain Johnston and Robert Ross, eds., Stanford University Press, 2006, pp. 217-242.
- “The Value of Re-thinking East Asian Security: Denaturalizing and Explaining Asia and the United States,” with J.J. Suh, *Rethinking Security in East Asia*, Stanford University Press, 2004, pp. 209-234.
- “Helping to Keep the Peace, Albeit Reluctantly: The Chinese Approach to Sovereignty

- and Multilateral Peacekeeping,” *Pacific Affairs*, Spring, 2004, pp. 9-27.
- “*Xin Zhuquanlun* [The New Sovereignty Debate]” (in Chinese), in *Guoji Ganyu yu Guojia Zhuquan* [International Intervention and State Sovereignty]. China Reform Forum and National Committee on United States-China Relations, June 2004.
- “Constructing the Dragon’s Scales: China’s Approach to Territorial Sovereignty and Border Relations,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, November, 2003, pp. 677-698.
- “Constructing a New Approach to the Role of Structure in International Politics,” (in Chinese). *Ouzhou* [Europe], European Studies Institute, Beijing, China, May, 2001.
- “The Prospects of Democratization in China: Results of the 1995 Beijing Area Survey,” with Daniel Dowd and Mingming Shen, *China and Democracy: Reconsidering the Prospects for a Democratic China*, Suisheng Zhao, ed., Routledge, 2000, pp. 189-207.
- “The Prospects of Democratization in China: Evidence from the 1995 Beijing Area Survey,” with Daniel Dowd and Mingming Shen, *Journal of Contemporary China*, November 1999, pp. 365-380.

### **Language Training**

Fluent in written and spoken Chinese.  
Proficient in written and spoken Tibetan.  
Limited Spoken German.