

GUANCHI ZHANG

VERMONT LAW AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law and Graduate School, South Royalton, VT

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2023 to Present, Law School

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D., Ph.D. equivalent), May 2023, Law School

Committee: Gerald Frug, William Alford, Elizabeth Perry

Master of Laws (LL.M.), May 2016 (requirement fulfilled, degree waived), Law School

Peking University, Beijing, China

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Constitutional and Administrative Law, July 2015, Law School

Bachelor of Economics (B.Econ.), July 2013, National School of Development

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honors, July 2013, Law School

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Urban Commons on Uncommon Ground: Experimenting Co-Governance in China's Global Cities, forthcoming in Washington University Global Studies Law Review, Volume 23, Issue 2

Rescaling the Socialist State: Territorial Politics and City-region Restructuring in Maoist China, 102 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY 102846 (2023).

The City as a Legal Concept— A Genealogy of Local Government Law Studies, 19 LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE 27 (2021) (in Chinese).

Regulating Regional Administrative Monopoly: Chinese Style, 16 PUBLIC LAW STUDY 1 (2016) (in Chinese).

Rightscaling Cities (work in progress)

Megacities and Constitutional Orders: Lessons from East Asian Megacities (work in progress, with Masahiko Kinoshita and Il-Young Jung)

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law and Graduate School

Property, Spring 2024; State and Local Government, Spring 2024; Torts, Fall 2023

Harvard Law School

Teaching Fellow, Why Law? Lessons from China (Professor William Alford), Spring 2018 and 2022

LL.M. Advisor, 2017-2018

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, Sociology 1141: Contemporary Chinese Society (Professor Ya-Wen Lei), Fall 2020

Guest Speaker

Course “Why Law? Lessons from China,” Harvard Law School, March 2022

Presented the political economy of China’s evolving property regimes in big cities.

Course “The Political Economy of China,” University of Southern California, April 2021

Presented the latest regional development strategies in China’s global city-regions.

Global Lecture Series, Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University, June 2019

Presented the origin and transformation of local government law scholarship.

Asia Fellows Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, April 2019

Presented China’s urban institutions and politics in the pre-reform era.

AWARDS & FUNDING

Outstanding Student Paper Award, China Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers, 2022

Research Grant, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2021

Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University, 2020

Bankee Kwan Fund, Harvard General Scholarship, Harvard University, 2020

Summer Research Grant, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2019

Graduate Program Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2017-2018

East Asia Legal Study Summer Research Funding, Harvard Law School, 2017

F.Y. Chang Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2016

Dean's Scholar Prize, Harvard Law School, 2016

Alumni Scholarship of 1985, Peking University, 2014

Jing Jiang Scholarship, Peking University, 2014

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“The Promises and Pitfalls of Community-Based Urban Redevelopment”

Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference, Feb. 2023; The World Congress of International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR), July 2019; Harvard-MIT Urban China Workshop, Nov. 2019

“Do We Need Megacities as a Constitutional Concept? Lessons from East Asia”

8th Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, July 2022

“The Territorial Foundation of Market Transition”

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Feb. 2022; Cambridge Chinese Politics Research Workshop, May 2021; Harvard-MIT Urban China Workshop, Nov. 2018

“(B)ordering: How China Utilizes Boundaries to Battle the Long Pandemic”

International Society of Public Law Annual Conference (ICON-S), June 2021

“State-Rescaling and Territorial Politics in Pre-Reform China”

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, April 2021; Law and Society Association Annual Conference, June 2019

“Boundaries Not Made—Territorial Competition in China’s Greater Bay Area”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference in Asia (AAS-in-Asia), Sep. 2020

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Research Assistant, Professor William Alford, 2017-18, 2022

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University

Graduate Student Associate, 2021-2023

Fairbank Center Undergraduate Grants Adjudication Committee, 2022

Urban China Seminar Series, MIT Sustainable Urbanization Lab, UBC School of Community and Regional Planning, and the Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Co-organizer, 2018 to 2023

The Export-Import Bank of China, Beijing, China

Summer Associate, Legal Affairs, 2014

CITIC Trust Co., Ltd. Beijing, China

Internship, Investment Bank Division, 2013

PROFESSTIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Bar Association, New York State (UBE exam passed 2023)

Bar Association, the People’s Republic of China (exam passed 2013)

American Association of Geographers

Association for Asian Studies

SKILLS

English (fluent); Chinese (native)

Geographic Information Systems and related software (ArcGIS, intermediate)

Statistical software (Stata, intermediate)