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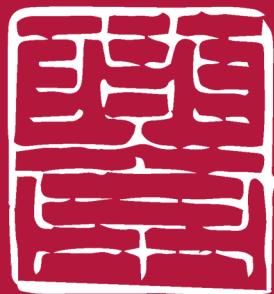
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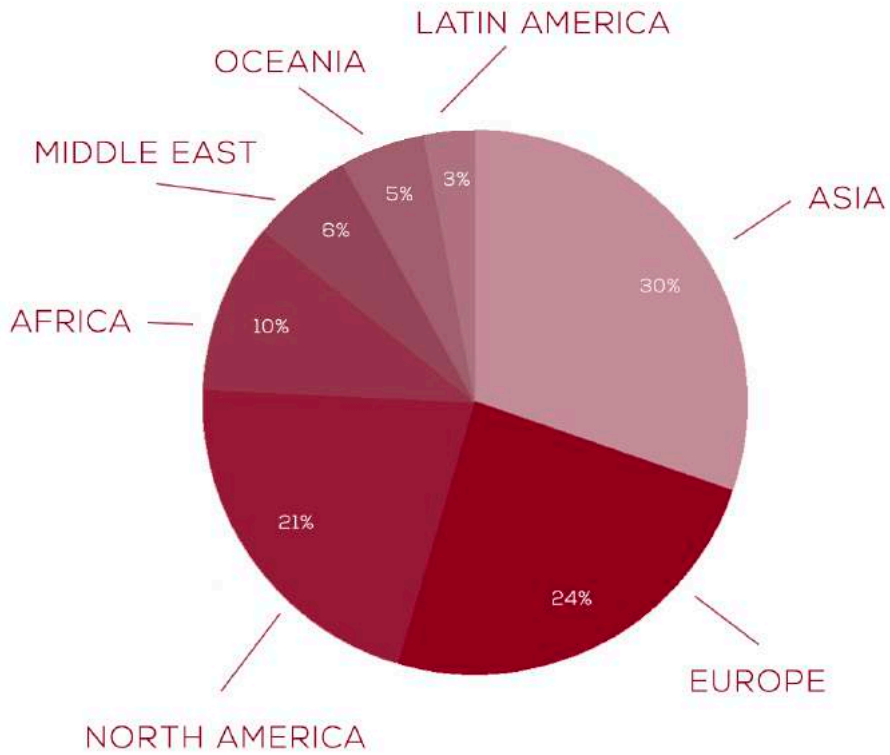
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全球青年中国论坛

# DELEGATE PROFILES



## DELEGATE STATISTICS





### Erling Torvid Hagen Agoey

*Norway. Ph.D. candidate, University of Oslo.*

Erling Hagen Agoey is an aspiring China scholar researching historical climate change. He is a PhD Candidate at the Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS) of the University of Oslo with a Master's degree in East Asian Culture and History from the same university. His PhD dissertation is a part of the research project Airborne: Pollution, Climate Change, and Visions of Sustainability in China, which examines air pollution and climate change in China.

### Chibuzor Azubuike

*Nigeria. Director, Haske Water Aid and Empowerment Foundation.*

Chibuzor Mirian Azubuike is a graduate of Philosophy and currently doing her masters in Diaspora and Transnational Studies at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She is the author of *The Girl Who Found Water* and founder of Haske Water Aid and Empowerment Foundation. She is an associate fellow of Royal Commonwealth Society 2017, Young African Scholar Award of Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation for 2017 and Mandela Washington Fellow 2017.





### **Thymen Jelle Ballering**

*Netherlands. Graduate Student MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy (University of Oxford).*

Thymen Ballering is a graduate student from the Netherlands. He holds a BA degree in International Studies specialised in East Asia from Leiden University. Currently he pursues a MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy from the University of Oxford. Recently he was a trainee at the Netherlands Consulate-General in Shanghai where he published a handbook on Cross-Border ECommerce in China. He is looking for opportunities in the field of EU-China diplomatic relations.

### **Iris Martine Blom**

*Netherlands. Schwartzman Scholar, Tsinghua University.*

Iris Blom graduated in July 2017 from The University of Amsterdam with a Bachelor's of Science in Medicine. After organizing international exchanges for two years locally, Iris was elected to become a national exchange coordinator last year. Within this function she cooperated with 122 countries to exchange students, with the ultimate goal of improving global health. Right now, she coordinates these exchanges on a global level. Iris plans to take on a role in the global governing of healthcare in the future, connecting China's fast developments with the rest of the world. Iris is 22 years old and from the Netherlands.





### Molly Bodurtha

*USA. Program Assistant, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.*

Molly Bodurtha is a program assistant at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, where she facilitates and designs programs that engage congressional representatives, their senior staff, diplomats, economists, business leaders, and legal scholars from both countries. She earned a B.A. in Asian Studies and Philosophy from Williams College in 2017. She has extensive experience studying, living, and volunteering in China.



### Amanda Bogan

*USA. Master's Candidate at John's Hopkins..*

Amanda Bogan is a Master's candidate at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center, concentrating in International Politics. Her thesis research centers on China's economic development and geopolitical influence throughout South East Asia. Amanda first came to China in 2013 to work as a teacher in rural Shanxi province, going on to study Chinese at the International Chinese Language Program in Taipei. This past summer, she served as a research intern with the Congressional Executive Commission on China.







### Evelyn Changala

*Zambia. Operations Control Officer - Ecobank Zambia Limited.*



Evelyn is an exceptionally motivated young lady with a Degree in Economics. She is currently working for Ecobank, where she works closely with the head of the department unit to ensure all bank transactions in the department are performed and reconciled accurately and on time. Her work experience allows her to pursue both professional and humanitarian goals in developing her country. She is also involved in projects that support and empower young women and girls.

### Cathy Chen

*Netherlands. MA Candidate, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs.*

Cathy Chen is a Global Affairs Master's Candidate at Yale University. Previously, Cathy organized the state visit of the Dutch King to China and the largest Dutch trade mission. She then joined the European Parliament in Brussels, where she organized the European Youth Event, bringing together 7,000 participants to discuss contemporary issues with policymakers. Cathy has also focused on public-private partnerships in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations in New York.





### **Yangyang Chen**

*China. Communications Manager at GJ ART.*

With her study and living experience in China and abroad, Yangyang has great faith in dialogues amongst various social groups, especially those between different cultures. As Communications Manager, she is responsible for communication with artists and other partners. She enjoys helping individuals find ways to express themselves and inviting audiences to discover diverse ways of living. She received a Master's in Social Policy from LSE and a Bachelor's in Diplomacy from Beijing Foreign Studies University.

### **Yi Jeng Cheong**

*Malaysia. Medical doctor.*

Oscar Cheong Yih Jeng is a medical doctor from Malaysia. He was awarded the Malaysia Public Service Department scholarship in 2011 to pursue his medical degree. He was the vice president for International Medical University Surgical Society (IMUSS), Malaysia (2015-2016). He was also the organizing committee for the National Medical Student Surgical Programme in conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Malaysia 2016. He is currently a clinical researcher in Malaysia.



### **Aidana Childebayeba**

*Kazakhstan. Student, Central European University.*



Aidana is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Central European University in Environmental Sciences and Policy. Her research areas include management of protected areas, with a focus on the Amur tiger in China, and the application of geospatial technologies in tiger conservation efforts. Apart from her studies, Aidana is doing her internship in the UN FAO's Forestry Department and contributes to the research on human-wildlife conflicts. She is delighted to meet all fellow participants.

### **Jordan Coates**

*United Kingdom. British Council Scholar, Hubei University.*

Jordan Coates graduated from the University of Exeter with a BA degree in German, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. After working in Germany and Spain across the education and translation sectors, he relocated to China last year. He has since worked for a travel and lifestyle magazine in Qingdao and a Beijing-based education consultancy. Currently he is undertaking an intensive Mandarin course in Wuhan under the British Council's Generation UK scholarship programme.





### **Lucas Croé**

*Germany. Economic Analyst, German Chamber of Commerce in China.*

Lucas Croé, originally from Germany, studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University for his undergraduate degree. After choosing Economics as his field of specialisation, he continued his education with a Master's degree in Economics at Germany's University of Bonn, where he specialised in Behavioural Microeconomics and Microeconometrics. He spent an exchange semester at Tongji University, Shanghai, and is currently interning as an Economic Analyst at the German Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

### **Guillermo Díaz Cornejo**

*Argentina. Adviser at the Argentine National Congress.*

Guillermo is an Argentine lawyer, specializing in the energy field, and a graduate from the University of Cordoba. Passionate about politics, he chairs an NGO devoted to creating public policy focused on economic growth and environmental care. He was Director of the Audit Court of the State of Cordoba, and now works as an adviser in the Argentine Congress. He is a debater and a tireless traveler, and soon to be a Master's student studying Energy at the University of Buenos Aires.





### Ivaylo Radoslavov Dimitrov

*Bulgaria, Netherlands. Recent graduate, Sciences Po Paris.*

Ivo Walinga is a graduate student specializing in energy, sustainability, and foreign policy. Ivo recently completed the Master's in International Energy at Sciences Po Paris and MGIMO in Moscow, which allowed him to explore natural resource politics in the Eurasian context (China, Europe, Russia). Previously, he reported for the Dutch Financial Times from Taipei and Shanghai, worked for Norwegian energy company Statkraft, and interned at the EU Delegation in Russia.

### Petros Djakouris

*Cyprus. International Marketing, C-Clouds AI.*

Petros is a Cypriot University of Nottingham Economics graduate. After successfully completing an intensive Chinese course in Beijing, he now focuses on developing the International Marketing Strategy of a Tech Startup. Currently spearheading a career development initiative to empower students with interpersonal skills, Petros is an avid reader, Special Forces veteran, and Taekwondo black belt, who aspires to combine education, media, and technology, to improve social mobility and create a more inclusive and prosperous society.





### **Nazih El-Khatib**

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Naz is jointly pursuing his J.D. at Stanford Law School and his Master's in International Relations at the University of Cambridge. Naz previously worked at McKinsey & Co., where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Managing Partner. He has additional private and non-profit sector experience and served as a policy fellow to a U.S. Mayor. Naz earned his Bachelor's in Political Science summa cum laude at Yale and considers Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania home.

### **Sorrell Hannah Evans**

*United Kingdom. Scholar, Generation UK-China Scholarship Programme.*

Sorrell is a recent Oxford University graduate who received an Exhibition award in Modern History. Her work on Ming and Qing dynasty trade and culture has led her to China. She is currently studying Mandarin on a scholarship from the British Council. Her intellectual interests cover trade, art, international relations and their corresponding policy; both past and present.



### **Patrick William Farrell**

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Pat Farrell is an analyst with the Southeast Asia-focused consultancy Vriens & Partners based in Yangon, Myanmar. He previously worked in economic research at New York University, where he studied finance and social networks, and at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he focused on policy issues in China and Southeast Asia. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and holds a certificate in business from Fudan University.



### **Hang Fu**

*China. Capstone Consultant of Google..*

Hang Fu is currently the capstone consultant for Google APAC office while studying for her Master's degree at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in National University of Singapore as a scholar. She had experience in both public and private sectors in startup consulting, venture capital, and public policy in multiple countries. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, learning foreign languages and culture, reading, running and hiking.







### **William James Nathaniel Gardner**

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Jardine Matheson & Co.*



Will Gardner is a second year executive trainee with Jardine Matheson, currently seconded to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group for the pre-opening of the Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing. His first placement was with the Dairy Farm Group corporate finance team. Will read Economics and Chinese at the University of Edinburgh and studied abroad at Peking University, living with a local family. Born in Bermuda, Will is an avid sailor, rock climber and SCUBA diver.

### **Jordan Gifford-Moore**

*Australia. Graduate Student, Oxford Law School.*

Jordan is studying graduate law at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He previously worked at King and Wood as a lawyer in the Sydney infrastructure finance team. Prior to working as a lawyer he interned at Peking University's Australian Studies Centre, and in the US House of Representatives. He is currently a cofounder at an international technology consulting startup and is interested in the relationship between technology, infrastructure, economic development, and politics.



### **Ahtziri Alejandra González García**

*Mexico. Independent Consultant.*

Ahtziri is a global communications and advocacy consultant, and an openly declared sinophile. Native from Mexico, she currently lives in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Her professional experience spans across four continents, where she has worked in the fields of foreign policy, international development, and public health. She holds an Master's in Social Policy and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



### **Pamir Hassas**

*Afghanistan. Youth Activist and Parliament Employee.*

Pamir Hassas is from Afghanistan born in April 1989, holding a Master's degree in English Literature. He currently works as General Manager in the Parliament of Afghanistan. Mr. Hassas is a young leader, youth activist, MUNer, member of youth government and global volunteer. Mr. Hassas has attended over 50 national and international conferences and has raised the muted voice of Afghan youth in more than ten countries. He has also received many youth awards.





## Syed Faiz Jaffar

*Canada. Student at Renmin University of China.*



Born in Pakistan, Faiz Jaffar moved to Vancouver (Canada) in 2002. While in high school he self taught himself Chinese Mandarin. After enrolling in UBC, he double majored in International Relations and Asian Studies. Since then he has twice been invited by the Ministry of Education to participate in the World Chinese Bridge Speech Contest. After graduating, Faiz received a full scholarship from the Ministry of Education to study law at RUC.

## Alex Jiya

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Alex Nester Jiya is a Malawian currently studying for a PhD in Governance and Regional Integration at the Pan African University Institute of Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences in Cameroon. He holds a Master's Degree in Governance and Regional Integration obtained from the same institute and a Bachelor's of Social Science Degree (Economics) from the University of Malawi. His research interests include Economic Governance, Trade and Regional Integration, the China- Africa Cooperation and Sustainable Development.



## Justin Joseph

*India. Visiting Scholar at Shanghai University.*

Justin Joseph is a PhD Scholar at the Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, (IIT Madras) India. He is currently on his PhD fieldwork on Environmental Governance Mechanism in China. His research areas include Green Theory in International Relations, Political Ecology and State-society relations in China and India, Environment and Climate Change, Nonstate actors and Environmental Governance.



## Md Nuruzzaman Khan

*Bangladesh. Filmmaker, Rosa Production Slovenia.*

Nuruzzaman Khan is a documentary filmmaker. Khan has a Bachelor's degree in Media Studies and a Master's degree in Documentary Film Directing from the joint Master's program DocNomads which takes place between three countries: Portugal, Hungary, and Belgium. His films were selected in various festivals around the world such as Doclisboa, Ekadeshma, Fidé Brazil. Currently, he is working on a documentary about the Rohingya refugee crisis and employed as a filmmaker at Rosa Production in Slovenia.







### **Marzena Korzec**

*Poland. Student of Chinese Studies, Jagiellonian University.*

Marzena Korzec holds a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies from Jagiellonian University (Poland). Her research examined Chinese economic reform and Confucianism, and how the two factors shape modern Chinese society. After graduating in 2016, she went to Tongji University in Shanghai to accomplish a one-year-Chinese-language scholarship awarded by the Confucius Institute. At present, she is a student of Chinese Studies at Jagiellonian University. Her current interests involve China-Poland Relations under the Belt and Road Initiative.

### **Kees Krul**

*Netherlands. Researcher, MSc.*

Kees Krul has a background in Human Geography from the University of Amsterdam and obtained his Master's degree in Asian Studies at Lund University. After a year studying Mandarin in Beijing, Kees is currently working as a researcher at Delft University of Technology. He looks at land and institutions of forest tenure in rural China.





**Volha Kryvets**

*Belarus. PhD student, Fudan University.*

Volha Kryvets is from Belarus, a graduate of both Belarus State University, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in China Studies and International Relations, and Tsinghua University where she received a Master's of Public Administration (MPA). Volha used to work for the Government of the Republic of Belarus and also as a Deputy Director at Republican Confucius Institute of Sinology BSU. Currently, Volha is a Confucius China Studies Program Fellow, pursuing a PhD in Diplomacy at Fudan University.

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Daniel is a Management Consultant/Analyst working on transaction advisory services in the Sustainable Energy sector (SDG7). Currently, he is providing advisory services in Rwanda on scaling off energy access through the use of mini-grids and financial modelling expertise in East Africa on SME programs. He has also worked on transaction advisory, management consultancy, research and capital raising across SubSaharan Africa in the financial and development sectors. Daniel is an SDG Global Talent at UNLEASH Innovation Lab.





### **Paul Lam**

*China. Young Professional, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.*



Paul is an impact investor, entrepreneur and public speaker. Paul currently works at AIIB in the inaugural cohort of young professional program, focusing on investment operations, strategy and policy. Graduated from Cambridge, Paul had worked in UBS, World Bank and a UK-Government Fund. Paul is also a serial entrepreneur passionate about technology. Paul was selected as a Global Young Changer in G20 Germany in 2017. After work, Paul loves rowing, calligraphy and single-malt whiskey.

### **Brian Sanghee Lee**

*USA. Whittle School & Studios.*

Brian Sanghee Lee is working to launch Whittle School & Studios, the first truly global network of modern schools. During 4 years in China, he worked as a tech marketer, a local food tour guide, and an experiential learning educator. He holds a BA from Swarthmore College, MA from Zhejiang University, and studied Mandarin with Fulbright/ACC, ICLP, and Middlebury College. Brian has lived in 8 countries and speaks English, Korean, Mandarin, and Japanese.





### Joyce Gar-Yun Lee

*Canada. Senior Consultant, Global Risk and Investigations Practice, FTI Consulting.*



Joyce Lee is a Senior Consultant at the Global Risk and Investigations Practice of FTI Consulting. Based in London, she conducts fraud, asset-tracing, and due diligence investigations across Europe and Asia. Joyce is also the Head Editor of Young China Watchers, a global association of China-focused young professionals. She holds a joint Master's from the London School of Economics and Peking University, and previously worked at Aegis Advisory and the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy.

### Michael Jun-Hyuk Lee

*South Korea. Writer, Los Angeles Times.*

Michael is a freelance writer in Seoul currently working for the Los Angeles Times. Before moving back to Korea, Michael studied in the United Kingdom. He recently completed his national service requirement at the Gangnam District Office, and works to raise youth awareness of social justice and other political issues in South Korea.





### Linda Lew

*New Zealand. Master's student at Tsinghua University.*



Linda Lew is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Global Business Journalism at Tsinghua University on a New Zealand Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia. Born in China and raised in New Zealand, she is fluent in Chinese and English. Linda is also working as a reporter for TechNode, the leading bilingual online media covering technology in China.

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Nina is a driven, curious and compassionate leader interested in how we can use effective policy and partnerships to achieve sustainable development and social inclusion. She is passionate about China and has been recognised as an Australia-China Emerging Leader and a Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Asian Exchange Scholar. Nina is currently a management consultant at Nous Group and a World Economic Forum Global Shaper. She has previously worked in financial inclusion and impact investing.





### **Li Lin**

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Li LIN is a PhD Candidate at the Department of War Studies, King's College London. Lin's research interests cover Strategic Studies of China, Culture and Identity in International Relations, and Women in War and International Relations. Lin is also an artist taking part in war-related music projects as a Chinese Zheng Performer and theatre arts as a drama actress.

### **Li Lou**

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Li Lou has served as an assistant with the Supreme People's Court of PRC. As a graduate of Cornell Law School and doctoral candidate of Sun Yat-sen University, she conducts comparative research as a teaching assistant and brings a wealth of corporate practice experience to her teaching. Ms. Lou began her in-house counsel career in international trade law and commercial transactions. She then worked as a lawyer who focused primarily on complex commercial litigation.





### **Ayoola Makinde**

*Nigeria. Graduate Student, University of Jinan.*



Makinde Ayoola is the founder of Flamesets Global Concept, a startup firm in Nigeria, which is his country of origin. He has held several leadership positions and won several awards during his undergraduate studies and beyond, including an Award of Excellence in Academics in his department. He is currently pursuing his Master's at the University of Jinan, where he is researching privacy preserving machine learning techniques on genomic data.

### **Carmina Aguilar Mancenon**

*Philippines. Yale MBA/MA International Relations Candidate.*

Carmina Mancenon is a Filipino raised in Tokyo, Japan. At Yale, she is pursuing a joint degree with the School of Management (MBA) and the Jackson Institute (MA in International Relations). She's spent her summers working at a hedge fund (Bridgewater), a private equity firm (KKR), and in the financial stability unit of Mexico's Central Bank. Prior to attending Yale, she worked at BlackRock in New York City and studied Engineering at Princeton University.







### **Thato Mathule**

*Lesotho. Product and Pricing Manager, First National Bank Lesotho.*

Thato Mathule is born, raised and currently residing in Maseru, Lesotho. In 2016, Thato completed her honours degree in Operations Research from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa with a focus on applied statistics and optimisation. Since graduating, Thato began work as a graduate trainee at First National Bank (FNB) South Africa and is now currently working at FNB Lesotho as Product and Pricing Manager focussing on Business Development, Business Operations and Product Strategy.

### **Cassidy Suzanne McDonald**

*USA. 2017-2018 Luce Scholar; Tencent News visiting reporter and Nanjing University visiting scholar.*

Cassidy McDonald is a visiting scholar at Nanjing University and a journalist at Tencent's international news division. She is a 2017-2018 Luce Scholar. She has written for the New York Times and Wisconsin State Journal and has interned at 60 Minutes, CBS News' Digital Journalism Unit and the Madison Police Department. She graduated in 2017 from the University of Notre Dame, where she studied marketing and journalism and was editor-in-chief of the student newsmagazine, Scholastic.





### Vineet Mittal

*India. Master's Candidate, London School of Economics and Political Science.*

Vineet Mittal is pursuing a double degree at the London School of Economics as a student of the Global Master's in Management and CEMS Master's in International Management programs. He has a Bachelor's degree in Technology in Computer Science and Engineering with a minor in Industrial Engineering from VIT University, Vellore. He has worked briefly as a financial analyst and as a research associate. He speaks English and Hindi fluently. His long-term goal is to work to run his own international business venture.

### Kazuki Miyazaki

*Japan. PR Intern, United Nations Development Programme.*

Kazuki Miyazaki graduated from Waseda University, Japan with a Bachelor's in Social Sciences and a minor in Peace Studies. He aims to pursue a career in diplomacy and is passionate about working on global affairs especially in regards to China. During his time at university, Kazuki studied abroad in the US and China, interned at an NGO and the UN, and visited dozens of countries through self-funding. Kazuki hopes to deepen his understanding of China through the Symposium.





### Saul Moross

*South Africa. Master's Candidate at Peking University.*

Saul is currently a Master's Degree student at Peking University, specializing in International Relations. He was born and raised in South Africa, where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Politics and Economics at the University of Cape Town. He is interested in the relationship between China and Africa, focusing on Chinese strategic investment in Africa and China's soft power in the region.



### Wilford Mwanza

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Wilford is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper from Zimbabwe. He is an Electrical Engineer by profession and actively involved in developing the energy sector in Africa through shaping energy policy. Among other recognitions, he is a Mandela Washington Fellow in President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative, a pioneer Talent in the Unleash Innovation Lab for the Sustainable Development Goals and the current Enactus Global Alumni of the Year under 30.







### Catherine Park

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Catherine is a scholar invested in global education. She focuses on: global schools and global citizenship education, China's role in shaping international education reform, and applications of design thinking, ethnographic research, and civic technology in education. Although she grew up in Seoul, she spent her formative years at Swarthmore, NYC, Hangzhou, Shanghai, and Taipei. Catherine received her BA in English Literature, MA in Education and China Studies, and will pursue her PhD in Education.

### Ruijie Peng

*China. University of Texas at Austin.*

Ruijie Peng is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Texas in Austin. Her areas of research include labor, migration, gender, race and ethnicity, and qualitative methods. Ruijie's ongoing dissertation research focuses on the intersection between women's reproductive labor and socio-economic development in rural China. Before starting her doctoral studies in Austin, Ruijie graduated from Tsinghua University with a BA in English Language and Literature.





**Amy Perkis**

*United Kingdom. Enabler, Eureka! The National Children's Museum.*

Amy studied history at Oxford University. Equally fascinated by medieval history and modern international relations, she especially enjoyed looking at the role of China in the 20th century world. Some of her other highlights over the last few years have been filmmaking for Auchindrain Museum and co-writing a new adaptation of Mikhail Bulgakov's play *The White Guard*. Amy is a beginner Mandarin learner and currently works for Eureka, the National Children's Museum of the UK.

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Matthew is an Australian lawyer currently studying a Master's in Social Science of the Internet at the University of Oxford. Having last year completed a Master's of Public Policy, also at the University of Oxford, Matthew hopes to combine his interests in public policy and internet and technology by working in the digital governance and ethics space. Complementing these studies, Matthew has a strong interest in Chinese communications policy and culture.





### Marie Therese Octavia Png

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Marie-Therese is a Research Associate at the Harvard AI Initiative, focusing on the impacts of emerging technology on marginalised populations. Her research background is in biotech and gene therapy, and she is a board member at Common Purpose, a cultural intelligence leadership organization. As a Caribbean-Chinese individual in science and technology, she founded Implikit.org at the MIT Media Lab, addressing implicit racial bias using virtual reality and neuroimaging. She completed her Master's in Cognition at Harvard, and Bachelor's in Human Sciences at Oxford.

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Anuvinda is an M.Phil./ PhD. Research Scholar in Economics at Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She is also a campaigner of transgender rights in India, having spent an eventful year as the legislative assistant to Tiruchi Siva, Member of Parliament, during which time she drafted and campaigned for passage of the historic 'Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014'.





### **Sithara Rasheed**

*India. Technical Analyst, U.S. Green Building Council.*

Sithara Rasheed is an urban development professional who works on helping cities and communities leverage planning tools and performance data to become more healthy, sustainable and resilient. Her work and research focuses on sustainable urbanization, real estate economics, and environmental policy, especially in the context of developing economies. Sithara graduated from Yale University with a degree in International and Development Economics in 2016. She is currently based in Washington, D.C.

### **Jianyin Roachell**

*USA. Co-founder & CEO of Ajax Intelligence.*

Jian Roachell is Master's Candidate at the University of Wuerzburg, studying Sinology & Economics with a focus in Computer Science. His interest lies the middle of social sciences, AI, and entrepreneurship. He is the Co-founder, CEO of Ajax Intelligence, focusing on enhancing emotional intelligence with AI. Jian's goal is to build a world-leading social innovation technology incubator, focusing on using big-data and AI to solve world's biggest challenges: climate change, social justice, poverty, and education.







**Viola Rothschild**

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Viola Rothschild is a China studies research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. She is a former Fulbright scholar (China), and holds a BA in Asian Studies and Political Science from Bowdoin College, and a MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies from the University of Oxford. Viola's writing on China has been published in outlets such as Foreign Policy, China Economic Review, and Newsweek, among others.

**Kathia Salazar**

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Kathia holds a Graduate Certificate on Management and Leadership and a Bachelor's degree on Financial Economics and International Business from Keiser University. She is a Corporate Credit Risk Analyst at BAC Credomatic and was selected by the Organization of American States and FCD from Spain to represent Nicaragua as a Women Leaders of America member. Kathia is a volunteer Entity Control Board Manager at AIESEC, a youth-led organization, and wishes to focus her research interests on Development Management.



### **Eva Dorothea Seiwert**



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Eva Seiwert is a PhD Candidate at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS) of the Free University Berlin. She received her Master's in East Asian Relations from the University of Edinburgh. Previously, Eva interned at the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), where her research focused on Asian regionalism. Her academic interests include China's regional policy, with a focus on China's security cooperation with Russia and Central Asia.

### **Naghmeh Sheikh Hassani**

*Iran. PhD candidate at Akdeniz University, Lecturer at Antalya Academy of Tourism..*

Naghmeh is a lecturer in the Academy of Tourism in Antalya, Turkey. After earning her Master's from the University of Tehran, she decided to move out of her country to pursue her PhD in social media and marketing within the tourism industry. This milestone allowed her to immerse in a truly international environment and further her strong interest in intercultural studies. Naghmeh decided to document her life-changing experience and to share it on social media to provide guidance to Iranian youth.





### Liah Shonhe

*Botswana. Unemployed graduate.*

Liah holds a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Management Studies and a Master's degree in Archives and Records Management. She is a young girls advocate whose goal is to ensure that young girls in the Shona tribe are liberated from childhood marriage and are given the chance to attain formal education. She aspires to become a professional lecturer and instil information literacy skills in all communities regardless of their religious beliefs.

### Prateek Sibal

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Prateek Sibal is a graduate student in economics and public policy at Sciences Po, Paris. He has studied the political economy of China and its implications for the implementation of the anti-monopoly law and urban reforms in China. At present, he is working on the political economy of media in India and analysing references to India in Chinese media discourse.





### Stephanie Siow

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Stephanie is a foreign workforce policy officer at Singapore's Manpower Ministry. Having recently graduated from Yale, she co-founded the Southeast Asian Movement (SEAM), which engages youths on Southeast Asian socio-political issues. A basketball player and world traveler, she has researched global health in various countries, launched anti-human trafficking campaigns at a non-profit in NYC, and represented Singapore at the Youth20 Summit ahead of the G20 Summit in 2017. She is also a 2013 President's Scholar.



### Bhargav Sriganesh

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Bhargav Sriganesh is a postgraduate student reading Political Science and Political Economy at the LSE. He completed his undergraduate degree in International Politics at King's College, London. Bhargav has interned at the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). As an Associate Features editor at E-International Relations, an online magazine, Bhargav commissions reviews of books and conducts interviews with influential foreign policy practitioners.





### James Tunningley



*United Kingdom. Private Secretary to Permanent Secretary, Department for International Trade, Her Majesty's Government.*

James Tunningley is the Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary at the UK's Department for International Trade, where he was formerly a Trade Policy Adviser on Asia. He is also the Head of the Young China Watchers in London, an Associate Analyst at Global Risk Insights and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. He previously worked at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and China-Britain Business Council. He is a graduate of Oxford University.

### Taylor Ulmer

*USA. Manager of External Affairs, More Than Me.*

Taylor is a Chicago native that graduated from Spelman College and the School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). As an anthropologist, she is a creator, facilitator, listener, observer, interpreter and cultural broker. Presently, she is the Manager of External Affairs for More Than Me, a Liberian based school network, which is a part of the Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL) program. Taylor is the recipient of the prestigious Marshall and Truman Scholarships.



### **Pannavat Veeraburion**

*Thailand. Founder & Director of Hypper.*



Pannavat Veeraburion was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) when he was 8 years old. However, believing that ADHD does not have to be a problem, he started “Hypper”. Hypper empowers children and teenagers with ADHD or those with hyperactivity, and connects educational institutions, families, and society, to create friendly environments for those effected. He has experience working and volunteering with UNV, World Merit, Telenor, Education for Development Foundation, and Deputy Army Attache’ at Royal Thai Embassy.

### **Valentina Vengust**

*Slovenia. Student, University of International Business and Economics.*

Valentina Vengust first studied Sinology at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Her passion for languages and thirst for knowledge prompted her to move to China in 2013. Since then, she has been studying her second Bachelor’s degree in Beijing. She has also gained a deeper understanding of Chinese culture and has made it her life’s mission to promote cross-cultural communication between different nations. In her free time, Valentina loves travelling.





### Jeannette Isabelle Viens

*USA. Director of Public Relations, Grassroot Diplomat.*



Jeannette Viens is the Director of Public Relations for Grassroot Diplomat, the first non-profit diplomatic consultancy that ensures the practice of diplomacy and international relations is inclusive and constructive at a grassroots level. A former AmeriCorps VISTA, she has worked closely with refugee communities on resettlement issues. An alumna of the University of St Andrews, she has a Master of Arts in International Relations. Jeannette is also an avid traveler and writer.

### Radtasiri (Bes) Wachirapunyanont

*Thailand. Master in Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (NUS).*

Radtasiri (Bes) had been working in Asia on various development projects from climate change to inequality. He worked with USAID Low Emissions Asian Development program on climate change prior to pursuing his Master's Degree at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. He had just finished his internship with Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila where he developed Inclusive Green Growth Index measuring all perspectives of growth from economic to environmental and social well-being.





### **Dylan Welch**

*USA. Fellow, Princeton in Asia.*



Dylan Welch is a determined policy wonk with a passionate interest in US-China relations. After graduating from New York University magna cum laude, he attended prestigious US State Department and Princeton University scholarship programs in China. His adventures delving into policymaking, whether at the Roosevelt Institute or at the United Nations, have given him a unique global perspective on America's place in the world.

### **Sadiki Wiltshire**

*USA. Founder | CEO Silicon Valley Global Village.*

Sadiki Wiltshire is a 2017 graduate of Princeton where he studied China Studies and Physics. While at Princeton, Sadiki founded the Princeton U.S.-China Coalition, Princeton's first and premier undergraduate U.S. China policy-focused organization. Sadiki serves as an Editor of the Stanford Law China Guiding Cases Project. Sadiki also serves as the Founder and CEO of SVGV - an online platform created to aid Chinese tech firms globalize by recruiting overseas-trained hires.







### Haoyin Wu

*China. Student at IHEID.*

Born in Guangzhou, studied in Beijing and lived in Singapore, Haoyin is now working as a full-time intern at UNAIDS, Geneva. She graduated from the School of International Studies, Peking University and dedicates her spare time to Common Future, a Chinese initiative for refugee children.

### Alexander Yang

*Canada. MD Candidate, Harvard Medical School.*

Alex Yang has been in love with tinkering and building from the day he got his first Lego set. Since then, his work, which has taken him from the rice fields of Cambodia to the forests of Siberia, has ranged from designing surgical tools to inventing affordable prosthetics. As an engineer, physician-in-training, and aspiring entrepreneur, Alex plans to continue devising new medical technologies, particularly for those who face the greatest challenges accessing care.





**Yujia Yin**

*China*

**Reylon Yount**

*USA. Master's Student at SOAS, University of London.*

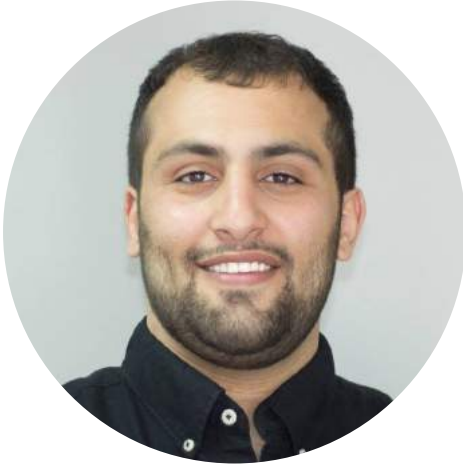
Reylon Yount is a yangqin player from San Francisco. Through music, he aims to add nuance to ongoing cultural exchanges between Chinese and American publics and inspire new modes of interaction. He has performed with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble and was featured on their 2017 GRAMMY award-winning album, "Sing Me Home". Currently, Reylon is pursuing a Master's degree in Music in Development at SOAS, University of London, as a Marshall Scholar.





### **Dawoud Zahran**

*Palestine. Master of Public Policy Candidate at the University of Oxford.*



Dawoud is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Oxford. Previously, he focused on developing his skills across the for-profit, not-for-profit, and academic sectors. He worked with NGOs on various deliverables, started socially oriented businesses, and developed his analytical skills through fellowships in the U.K and the U.S. Dawoud seeks to bring his cross-sector experience onto a broader, social impact oriented, platform within the NGO sector in Palestine.

### **Mehreen Syed**

*Pakistan. Program Lead at Pakistan-China Institute (PCI).*

Mehreen Syed is an Economic Development Policy graduate of Columbia University currently working as a Program Lead of "Building Equitable Future Together" with Pakistan-China Institute (PCI). Over the past three years, she has worked with the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank and the World Economic Forum focusing on China's economic and social development. Recently, Syed has conducted research on "Socioeconomic Conditions of Chinese Migrants in Southeast Africa." She enjoys travelling and blogging.



### Martin Zech

*France. Senior Consultant, FTI Consulting.*

Martin Zech is a Senior Consultant at FTI Consulting in Brussels. He holds Master's degrees in European affairs from Sciences Po Paris and in Chinese studies from Fudan University. Martin, who is French, previously worked in public affairs in Beijing, as well as in risk consulting and market research in Shanghai. He has also lived in Hong Kong and Taipei, and has work experience in multiple countries in sub-Saharan Africa.



### Luka Yue Zhang

*China. Postgraduate of Shandong University.*

Yue is currently a postgraduate major in International Politics in Shandong University. She has a strong interest and more than 5 years of study in topics related to YGS 2018. Yue is determined to utilise her knowledge in this field and get more insights from this symposium. Specifically, she would like to join the discussion which focus on the "Ren" from the perspective of China's future role or responsibility in a global future.





## Luoyi Zhou

*China. Barcelona Institute of International Studies.*



Luoyi (Natalia) is currently pursuing her Master's degree in International Relations. Having previously studied in China, Spain, Norway and Canada, she is passionate about international affairs and in particular, the impact of China's development on the current world order. She aspires to contribute to promote mutual understanding between China and rest of the world. Her professional experience includes working at the Embassy of Spain to China and the United Nations University.





# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



### **Aliza Warwick**

*USA. YGS Chairwoman.*

Aliza Warwick received her Bachelor's degree in International Studies from the University of Chicago, focusing her undergraduate thesis on social power in China and shengnv, or "leftover women." After college, she worked for several years at a nonprofit consulting firm, where she collaborated closely with Chicago's government to improve policies related to education and criminal justice. Aliza has long been drawn to China and is particularly interested in issues concerning gender and public policy. She continues to pursue these interests at the Yenching Academy, where she concentrates in politics and international relations.

### **Jennifer Wells-Qu**

*USA. YGS Director of Speakers.*

Jennifer Wells-Qu graduated in 2014 from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Gender & Sexuality Studies and East Asian Studies. She has conducted research for a reproductive mental health clinic, wrote an HPV policy recommendation for the NYC Health Department, and coordinated an international summit in D.C. to end female genital mutilation worldwide. Before coming to Yenching Academy, Jen worked at several tech startups in New York City before landing at Equality Now, where she advocated for the rights of women and girls around the world. At Yenching Academy, she looks forward to the Law and Society concentration as an avenue to explore the use of law as a foundation for social change.



**Teresa Romero Sánchez-Herrero**

*Spain. YGS Director of Communications.*



Teresa is a Fine Arts graduate from the University Complutense of Madrid. After her graduation she worked for over two years at Veremonte, an investment company based in London whose aim is to create and promote sustainability projects around the globe. During this time she also pursued higher studies in Professional Photography and in Business Management. At the Yenching Academy she is exploring the economic, social and artistic aspects of the Chinese culture while pursuing Economics and Management as her research area.

**Jennifer Liu**

*USA. YGS Director of Communications.*

Jen graduated with a degree in Biology and a minor in Global Health and Health Policy from Harvard University. During her time in college, she interned at Johnson and Johnson's biomedical devices headquarters in Shanghai and at IDEO in Boston. She also studied abroad in India, South Africa, and Brazil, where she conducted ethnographic research to examine and compare public healthcare systems. Since graduating, she has worked at ICHOM, a healthcare non-profit aimed at developing value-based healthcare globally. Although she considers Boston home, she spent her former childhood years growing up in Hong Kong.



### **Madeleine May Clingan**

*United Kingdom. YGS Director of Delegates.*



Madeleine, a UK national with both Trinidadian and British heritage, graduated from the University of York where she studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics. During her time as an undergraduate, she founded York Anti-Trafficking Student Group (YATS) with a group of peers, won five consecutive international and national Model United Nations 'Best Delegate' Awards for her debating and negotiation skills, and worked as a Policy Advisor in the UK Civil Service. Her interest in China spans back over five years, starting when she first conducted research into modern China's economic and social reforms. In previous trips to the country, she lived in a small town in Zhejiang Province and attended Zhejiang University as a Study China Scholar.

### **Daniel Huang**

*USA. YGS Director of Delegates.*

Daniel Huang grew up in Athens, Ohio, and graduated from New York University, where he studied economics and journalism. After college he worked as a staff reporter with The Wall Street Journal, where he covered finance and technology, and wrote about issues facing U.S. veterans. Daniel's extended family lives in China, and he has enjoyed spending more time with them in recent years. Daniel is interested in economic development, global affairs, and creative writing.



### **Li Mengran**

*China. YGS Director of Programming.*



Born and raised in a small town of Inner Mongolia, Li Mengran studied Biomedical English in Peking University Health Science Center, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree of science and a minor of French. Leo has focused his studies at university on medical humanities and health policies, and is keen on cross-cultural communication. In addition to academic work, he also showed great interest in international relations, working in Peking University's Asian International Model United Nations (AIMUN) for four consecutive years. Apart from his MUN career, Leo also actively contributed to a number of school and social activities, including serving as the president of PKU's medical translation association, and voluntarily teaching for half a month in a remote Yunnan village.

### **Ellan Alethia Lincoln-Hyde**

*Australia. YGS Director of Programming.*

Ellan obtained her Honours Degree in Music (Bassoon) and Diploma of Modern Languages (Chinese) in 2016, and a Masters of Musicology (for which she spent time as a research student at The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) in 2018 from The University of Melbourne. A multi-disciplined artist, Ellan is also an experienced arts administrator having worked for Opera Australia, the Australian Ballet and the Australian Federal Ministry for the Arts. In 2012 Ellan founded a charity concert series raising funds for the Afghan Youth Orchestra. Through her work, Ellan aims to promote the arts as a key form of intercultural diplomacy.





### Jin Huyi

*China. YGS Director of Logistics.*



Jin Huyi, from China, graduated from the school of Economics in Shandong University, majoring in Economics and Finance. During his undergraduate career, he was in an international academic environment where the courses were all taught by foreign faculty in English. In his senior year, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania, where he had the chance to learn leading knowledge about finance and communicate with world-class experts at the Wharton School. He is passionate about research, and has joined two NSFC projects to research the informal finance and economic growth of China.

### Theresa Stubhan

*Germany. YGS Director of Logistics.*

Theresa Stubhan is a German national who is currently studying for a BA in Chinese Studies and BSc in International Business Administration at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen in Germany. Her interest in China originates in childhood. She grew up between Germany and China which has led her to feel at home in both cultures. In the course of her undergraduate studies, she also spent one year in Beijing studying Chinese language at Peking University and interning for the Austrian Embassy where she assisted with the preparation and coordination of the visit of the Austrian Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister. Theresa has been working as a research assistant at the China Centre Tübingen (CCT) since its opening in April 2016.



### **Padmapriya Govindarajan**

*India. YGS Stage Manager.*



Padmapriya obtained her Integrated Master's in Development Studies from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. She is deeply interested in Chinese politics, particularly domestic, stemming from her coursework, a summer research internship in Taiwan in 2016, and her Master's Thesis on understanding Citizenship as articulated by Social Movements within China and Hong Kong. She has written expansively about Indian politics as a correspondent for *The Diplomat*, publishing over 50 articles in the magazine. Marrying this with her love for foreign policy, she will focus on International Relations and Politics as part of her China Studies program at Yenching.

### **Anthony Marchese**

*Canada. YGS Volunteer Coordinator.*

Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Anthony Marchese completed his undergraduate degree in international relations at Trinity College in the University of Toronto, where he served as Head of College. As a Research Assistant for the Reach Project, a joint initiative of the Munk School of Global Affairs and the MasterCard Centre for Inclusive Growth, he analyzed the success of birth registration policies in post-Apartheid South Africa. He also interned at Procter & Gamble Canada. Inspired by China's growing importance in the international system, Anthony will be focusing on politics and international relations at the Yenching Academy.





**YCA SCHOLARS**





## **Nazerke Aibar**

*Kazakhstan*

Nazerke Aibar is from Almaty, Kazakhstan. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Finance from KIMEP University, where she studied with the support of U.S.-CAEF Scholarship from American Councils for International Education. During her studies she had the opportunity to explore 3 continents by studying in Asia, Europe and America. Nazerke learnt Corporate Finance at the University of Zagreb through the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. Afterwards, she had the fortune to work as a venture capital analyst in Washington D.C. through the American Council's Capstone Internship Program. Her interest in China began when she started learning Chinese, and was nurtured by attending summer school in Xinjiang University and having academic mobility at Hong Kong Baptist University. Currently she is working at PwC in the Advisory Department, with primary responsibilities of conducting Due Diligence and Strategy Consulting. At Yenching Academy Nazerke intends to focus in Economics and Management with further plans to apply the knowledge she has gained to benefit bilateral Sino-Kazakh relations. Her research topic is on the One Belt One Road initiative, its influence and implications on Kazakhstan and rest of the world. Nazerke's ultimate goal is to make a positive impact on the development of economy of her motherland - Kazakhstan.





## Miryam Amsili

*Colombia*

Miryam Amsili is originally from Bogota, Colombia and grew up in Miami speaking Spanish, English, Hebrew, and French. She graduated from Princeton University in 2014 with a degree in History focusing on Latin America. While at Princeton, Miryam spent a summer teaching English in Jishou, China, where she developed a deep interest in the region. Since graduation, Miryam has worked at a software company in New York City in various roles including Business Development, Business Operations, and Product Strategy. At Yenching Academy, she looks forward to concentrating on Politics and International Relations while exploring the growing tech scene and its relationship with the Chinese government and non-profits.





## **Asma Bachikh**

*Morocco*

Asma Bachikh, originally from Morocco, holds a Master's degree in International Commerce and is an alumna of the Global Business Institute at Indiana University. Asma's passion for entrepreneurship and the environment inspired her to drive many projects and initiatives in France, Malaysia and Morocco, for which she has received recognition. In April 2015 Asma was elected as President of the World Youth Parliament, which advocates for youth participation in decision making in the water sector. Asma has worked in international organisations across a variety of sectors, from developing quality education in Sub-Saharan Africa to freedom of speech and media in the MENA region. However, Asma found her true passion in the water sector, and is currently a consultant for leading water institutions, focusing on developing their civic engagement, with a special focus on youth strategies. She also sits on the board of the International Secretariat for Water, and has an observer status as part of the Global Water Partnership's Steering Committee.





## Felipe Alberto Barrientos Fuentes

*Chile*

Felipe Barrientos Fuentes studied law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (UC) in his hometown, Santiago de Chile, obtaining a certificate in International and Comparative Law. Looking to expand his knowledge beyond legal studies, he undertook exchange semesters at Northwestern University in the United States, where he studied political science, and at Technische Universität München, Germany, where he studied management. His academic interests include corporate regulation and its role in deterring mismanagement, white-collar crime, and corruption in public companies. He is currently a research assistant at the UC Center for Corporate Governance, where he has co-published a working paper on gender diversity in Chilean boards, and will also collaborate with the Chilean chapter of Transparency International in the months prior to his arrival in China. As a Yenching Scholar, Felipe will pursue the Economics & Management research area, with a particular interest in learning about the organizational culture of Chinese companies, their regulatory standards, and the ongoing Chinese anti-corruption campaign.





## Adrian Bazavan

*Romania*

Adrian Bazavan, from Romania, is passionate about art, politics, history, and their complex connections. He wants to travel the world to build friendships and mutual understanding, and to transform cross-cultural conflict into beneficial cooperation. In 2014 he was named Valedictorian, earning his B.A. in Political Science at the National School of Political Sciences and Public Administration (NSPSPA), Bucharest. He completed his M.A. in Public Policies and European Integration at NSPSPA in 2016. He has studied Chinese at the Beijing Language and Culture University and at Peking University. Adrian speaks fluent Mandarin and currently works as a translator and representative for a Chinese real estate company investing in Romania. Fluent in English and French, he is currently studying Russian. Adrian has interned with several public and private institutions concerned with governance and policy consultancy, including the Government of Romania. As a national student union leader, Adrian has advocated for students' rights and negotiated youth policy at all levels. He supports Moldova's closer ties to Romania and EU integration, and has led many national projects benefiting Moldovan citizens and public administration. As the Project Director of the Romanian League of Students Abroad, Adrian has been a mobilizer of the Romanian-Moldovan community. Adrian's hobbies include piano, dance and theatre. He also referees football games and participates in academic debate competitions. While studying Politics and International Relations at the Yenching Academy, Adrian will intern at the Romanian Embassy and pursue his PhD at the Romanian Economy Academy.







## Ravish Bhatia

*India*

Ravish Bhatia is a citizen of India and presently lives in New Delhi. He graduated as an Electronics engineer from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi upon which he worked as part of the Business Technology and Business Consulting teams at the management consulting firm, ZS Associates. Presently, he is working as a policy and strategy consultant for Members of Indian Parliament. He has worked extensively on building development strategies for villages located close to the Indo-China border and is passionate about using data science and technology for international development. He founded and presently leads the National Youth Advisory Panel, PLAN International (India Chapter), a 200-member youth body promoting children's rights in India. As a student he served as the President of the Dance and Debating clubs in his university. He enjoys reading, playing football and dancing.





## Melike Bilgin

*Turkey*

Melike Bilgin is currently studying towards a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations at Bo aziçi University (stanbul, Turkey). She has been an active member and current co-president of the Center for European Studies Student Forum at the university. In 2015 she was granted the Erasmus scholarship to study Political Science at Helsinki University (Helsinki, Finland). In the following year, she received a travel grant to visit Yerevan, to carry out research on Syrian Armenians. During her final year at university, she started taking Chinese language courses. She became one of the founding members of the Chinese Culture and Language Club (Buzhong) which is funded by the Confucius Institute at Bo aziçi University, where she is taking a Chinese language course. At the Yenching Academy, Melike wants to concentrate in Politics and International Relations, while focusing on China's foreign policy evolution and its present implementation. Her other goals at the academy are to improve her Chinese and increase her knowledge about Chinese civilization and history. In the future, she would like to contribute to the development of relations between Turkey and China while continuing her academic career. She is looking forward to exploring various aspects of China, including current issues in Chinese political life and foreign policy.





## Jacob Bishop

*USA*

Jacob Bishop, an American from Washington, DC, is a 2017 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Chinese Language with a minor in Environmental Engineering. Throughout his studies he has focused on Chinese language, culture, and history with a particular emphasis on the military and political relationships between the United States the People's Republic of China. At Yenching, he plans to develop deeper insights into Chinese political culture and foreign policy decision making that he will be able to utilize throughout a career of public service.





## Jose Luis Burnes Garza

*Mexico*

Jose L. Burnes Garza is a Mexican national and Dartmouth College graduate with a BA in Government (Honors). At Dartmouth, he received four competitive research grants including: the UGAR Kaminsky Family Fund Research Award, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center Honors Thesis Grant, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding International Internship Grant, and the UGAR Summer Undergraduate Research Grant. He has also worked as a Research Assistant for multiple renowned Dartmouth professors, including Kyle Dropp, John Carey, and Brendan Nyhan. His main research area while in college was assessing the effectiveness of international human rights courts in changing state's practices, which allowed him to do field work in Mexico and Guatemala. Outside of academics, he was co-founder and former president of the Latin American Student Association (LASA), and served on multiple institutional boards on a wide variety of topics including: Student Program Funding Allocation, International Engagement Programs, and Social Impact. He also worked in international business and labor policy at the Organization of American States (OAS) and Council of the Americas in Washington, D.C. As a Yenching Scholar, Jose will focus on China's emerging role as a main international lender and how that shifts the existing paradigms of international development policy.





### **Van Cao Mai**

*Vietnam*

Van comes from Hanoi, Vietnam and received her Bachelor's in Investment Economics at National Economics University. She worked at the Investment Promotion Division- Ministry of Planning and Investment as an intern. This experience helped her to gain insights into economic and trade ties between Vietnam and neighboring countries, including China. During her undergraduate career, Van joined exchange programs in Hong Kong and India, which inspired her to study soft power and cultural diplomacy. Her interest continues to prosper at Yenching Academy as she has the opportunity to learn more about China's cultural diplomacy and aims to conduct research on how to bring traditional culture closer to the ever-changing world, not just for cultural preservation but also for the easing of conflict. Moreover, with a focus in Literature and Culture, Van looks forward to receiving a systematic Redology study, discussing dream and reality factors constituting The Dream of Red Chamber.







### **Gozde Celik**

*Turkey*

Gozde Celik completed her undergraduate degree in the field of Economics at Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey. During her undergraduate years, she became fascinated by China's new leading economic role, and then by Chinese culture, economy, people and language. She wrote her thesis on Chinese Economic Growth in the context of the Middle Income Trap to further understand the "Chinese economic miracle" and its effects. The Confucius Institute, where she studied Mandarin, gave her opportunities to visit different cities in China, further encouraging her to continue studying Chinese society as a whole. With this aim in mind, during her senior year, she applied and was accepted for a Tsinghua CI Scholarship, and is currently studying Mandarin in Beijing. At the Yenching Academy, she intends to do research in economics and business, and to study Chinese economic growth with a focus on the country's dramatic policy structural transformation from a manufacturing-based, export oriented growth policy into a services-based, consumption oriented policy. Gozde is also very much interested in the current and future relation between China and Turkey.





## Jung-Erh Chang

*Taiwan*

Jung-Erh Chang was born in Touliu City, Taiwan Province, but she spent nearly ten years of her student life in Mainland China, from elementary school to senior high school. She grew up in Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province, which was her grandparents' hometown. The family origin and her special growth experience strengthened her emotional connections with Mainland China, deepening her understanding of Chinese culture, as well as encouraging her to explore the roots of Chinese spirits, which relates to her family and life closely. She received her Bachelor's degree in history from National Taiwan University, with a minor in Chinese literature in 2016. AS well as this, she was a visiting graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from September 2016 to May 2017. Her research interest focuses on gender and family history in late imperial China. Her undergraduate thesis is about the sister relationship among the three talented women of the Yuan Family in Qing dynasty China. At the Yenching Academy, she wants to continue exploring related issues, using the approach of gender theories and going beyond the disciplinary boundary between history and literature studies, reconstructing life histories, emotional connections and social norms surrounding women in late imperial China. In the future, she hopes to apply her knowledge to the development of the cultural industry, devoting herself to bringing the research in Chinese history and culture to the public through various and creative ways.





## Chen Weiting

*China*

Chen Weiting, from China, graduated with a degree of Public Management from Renmin University of China majoring in Urban Planning and Management. During her undergraduate period, she showed a great interest in volunteer service. She has been involved in the volunteer teaching program for two years and proposed a new cultivation program as 'Power of the Seed—Cultivation Program of the Hope School', which transformed the teaching model from large class teaching to small group discussions, providing pupils with the chance to think independently, express themselves and gain a feeling of being concerned about and understood. In the third year of her undergraduate study, she carried out an exchange to Macquarie University in Australia with a full-scholarship for a whole year, and she volunteered in the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where she was nominated as the Volunteer of Year for her sincere passion in volunteer services. It would be wonderful if she could meet peers with the same passion in Yenching Academy. Sparing no efforts in studying, volunteering and researching programs, she was nominated as the representative of her college as the Principle Scholar in her graduation year. Through her study and internships in the area of economics, she gained an interest in investment and industry analysis. Therefore, she wishes to further her study at the Yenching Academy in economics, deepen her understanding on Chinese TMT industries under the context of Globalization and the bigger picture.





## Chiang Longwen

*Taiwan*

Longwen Chiang graduated with honors in Political Science from the University of Chicago. Shaped by his upbringing as a Taiwanese immigrant in the Philippines, Longwen spent his time at Chicago examining the impact of political and economic conditions on the policies of developing nations, and championing social justice causes. Throughout his time at college, he served as the personal assistant to civil rights leader, Jesse Jackson, where he helped design and advocate solutions for sustainable housing in disadvantaged communities. A Jeff Metcalf fellow, Longwen also traveled to China to document the impact of environmental degradation on coastal wetlands and migratory fauna while working for the Paulson Institute. Witnessing the adverse impact of agriculture on natural habitats, he returned to Beijing after graduation to work for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), a Washington-based think tank. At IFPRI, he published a book and several papers on sustainable farming, agricultural finance, and climate change adaptation in Asia as part of a multinational research team. Wanting to bring his experiences into the private sector in the Philippines, he started Loadrunner, a social enterprise that provides logistics and financial services to subsistence farmers in the Philippines. As a Yenching Scholar, Longwen plans to study economics and management in order to bring his start-up to China and continue to make a positive impact for millions of people.





## Sonya Ruth Cotton

*South Africa*

Sonya was born in the United States of America, grew up in Cape Town, South Africa, and has also lived in Finland and China. Her previous academic background is in African languages (namely Xhosa) and linguistics. Currently she is completing a Master's in Philosophy in Law at the University of Cape Town. In her thesis she focuses on 'silence' as a discursive technique in African legislation, with emphasis on the contradiction that arises when women in customary marriages are excluded from constitutional commitments to gender equality. Sonya's research interests include linguistic ideologies, legal pluralism and legal-anthropology - or, simply put, the intersection of language, law and culture. As a Yenching scholar, she intends to specialise in Chinese Law and Society, and to continue learning Mandarin beyond HSK level 5, which she has already attained. She aspires to engage in socio-legal research involving Sino-African migration from the perspective of individuals whose experiences are often overlooked in macro-level studies that focus on state actors and multinational corporations. Almost as much as she loves learning languages, Sonya enjoys exploring the creative manners in which people interpret and engage with legal language. She believes that applying linguistic approaches to legal subject matter represents a powerful analytic tool, as well as a mechanism for ensuring multiple voices are heard.







## Patrick Dancer

*USA*

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Patrick Dancer attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he majored in International Relations and completed military training in preparation for a career in the U.S. Army. Passionate about U.S. foreign policy and diplomacy, Patrick spent his summers broadening his intellectual experience, completing research on design thinking and innovation, a study abroad program in Prague, and an internship with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. While there, Patrick was assigned to the China office, working on issues of military diplomacy and strategic plans. For his senior thesis, he analyzed the international relations of cyberspace and the use of proxies in the domain, focusing on how states interact despite the prevalence of anonymity and plausible deniability. He hopes to continue his studies into norm development and diplomacy while at the Yenching Academy. Patrick has long been enamored with language, having previously studied four years of Ancient Greek and two years of French before beginning his study of Mandarin his senior year of college. At the Yenching Academy, Patrick will focus on the Politics and International Relations research area, and the diplomatic and military relationship between China and the U.S. After completing his studies, Patrick will return to the United States, where he will continue his career as an officer in the U.S. Army.





## Daniel de Oliveira Vasconcelos

### *Brazil*

Daniel Vasconcelos studied Political Science at the University of Brasilia (UnB), Brazil. He was an academic member of two research groups headed by leading Brazilian professors, for which he studied International Relations Theory, International Law, and Society. His undergraduate thesis on international cooperation issues focused more particularly on the cooperation between Brazil and African states. After graduating, he moved to Canada, where he volunteered to teach Brazilian culture and Portuguese for a university club at Thompson Rivers University. Upon his return to Brazil, he enrolled in a Postgraduate Program in Diplomatic Studies at the International Law Center (Cedin), and wrote his thesis on the domestic sources of Chinese Foreign Policy, analyzing Chinese society, the Chinese political system, and Chinese leadership bios. During this time, he also worked as a teacher for the American School of Belo Horizonte, lecturing on Brazilian history and geography. At the Yenching Academy, he intends to improve his Chinese and broaden his knowledge of China, especially Chinese politics, society and the country's relations with the rest of the world.





## Lidiia Demchenko

*Ukraine*

Lidiia Demchenko is a Ukrainian polyglot who knows 6 languages. She majored in Translation Studies at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and took part in an Erasmus Mundus exchange at the Università degli Studi della Tuscia in Italy for two semesters. Furthermore, she volunteered for a year in Spain with an EVS programme, helping immigrant minorities to adapt to the local community. Lidiia participated in various projects for intercultural dialogue and human rights promotion as she aspires for a career in the international cooperation sector. Her main field of interest is Gender Studies and Women's Studies which she aims to research within Yenching Academy. She is one of the active representatives of Ukrainian feminist movement and a fierce human rights advocate. The China Studies' interdisciplinary approach draws her attention as a tool to encourage dialogue between the East and the West.





## Erin Dunne

*USA*

Erin Dunne grew up in Northville, Michigan and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan where she majored in History, French and International Studies. Her undergraduate honors thesis examined the history of Hash Bash, a local grassroots movement against the “War on Drugs,” for which she was awarded the John A. Williams Award for an Outstanding Thesis in United States History and Highest Honors. During her time as an undergraduate, Erin has also been an advocate for free speech and drug policy reform, and served as Executive Editor of the Michigan Review. She has previously studied in France and Morocco and excited to have the opportunity to study in China. As a Yenching Scholar, she intends to continue to focus on drug policy through the History and Archaeology research area, and research the impact of the Opium Wars on narcotics regulation. After her time in Beijing, she plans to pursue a career in journalism or public policy. Beyond her studies, she is excited to share her love of American folk music, developed through her work as a DJ at WCBN FM Ann Arbor, and to learn about Chinese musical traditions.





## Filippo Fabbroni

*Italy*

Filippo Fabbroni, passionate swimmer and amateur motocross rider, comes from Forlì—a small town in Emilia Romagna (Italy). Filippo began to internationalize his academic experiences in his fourth year of high school, studying at Edgewood High School in Wisconsin (USA). During this period, he was selected to participate to the U.S. Swimming Junior Nationals, the most prestigious American under-18 swimming competition. While enrolled in a Bachelor of International Economics and Finance program at Bocconi University, Filippo studied as an exchange student at the University of Melbourne, interned at Infinity Value Consulting in Milan, and gained experience at Deloitte and the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. After graduating cum laude, he decided to study for a Master's in Management at London Business School. He worked as an M&A analyst for Ac-Ap Advisory in London prior to heading to Phnom Penh, where he worked as a Summer Analyst at Leopard Capital, a private equity and frontier investing fund active in major emerging markets. Filippo is confident that researching Politics and International Relations at the Yenching Academy will provide him a solid understanding of the political tissue of China, one of the world's greatest economies. Filippo also wishes to take advantage of his stay at the Yenching Academy to understand the great cultural heritage of China and improve his Chinese.







## Emily Finkelstine

*USA*

Emily Finkelstine was born and raised in Austin, Texas, USA. She graduated from the University of Texas in May 2016 with a double major in International Relations and Global Studies, and Chinese Language and Culture. After graduation, Emily became a recipient of the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, and moved to Tainan, Taiwan to study the Chinese language for a year at Cheng Kung University. As an undergraduate, Emily's research focused on ethnic conflict in Xinjiang province, and on the tension between human rights arguments, counter-terrorism claims, and economic considerations that have played out in diplomatic responses on the international stage. Emily's other work explored the changing role of civil society in China as well as China's interactions with United Nations human rights mechanisms. As a Yenching Scholar, Emily hopes to pursue Politics and International Relations as her research area, which will allow her to continue studying the ways in which issues of human rights affect the US-China relationship on a bilateral and multilateral scale.





## **Johanna-Sophie Anneliese Friese**

*Germany*

Johanna-Sophie Anneliese Friese holds both a degree in Economics from Humboldt University Berlin and a degree in China Studies from Freie Universität Berlin. Having attended school and university in Germany, Belgium and the UK, she has always had a very international mindset. Due to her interest in China, she wrote her thesis in Economics on the specific trade relations between China and Latin America. As part of her studies, she has taken several Chinese language courses and thereby improved her Mandarin skills. She gained professional experience as an intern at the German “Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development” as well as the “Consulate General of Germany” in Chengdu, as a student assistant at the “Center for International Cooperation” of FUB, and as a Summer School English teacher at the “Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade”. At Yenching Academy, she will pursue the Economics and Management research area, and would like to further explore the Chinese Economy, in particular, the development of the concept of “Green Economy” in China.





## Eugene Fu

*Australia*

Eugene Fu is a final-year undergraduate in Land Economy at Homerton College, University of Cambridge. At the Yenching Academy, he wishes to extend his interdisciplinary education to study the role that legal institutions play in cultivating business-friendly, economically efficient environments. Born in Hong Kong, Eugene is also passionate about learning more about his Chinese heritage: language, culture and society. Eugene is 20, and grew up in Australia, where he studied medical science for a semester at Griffith University before moving to the UK. After graduation, he intends to pursue a career in investment banking in the Asia-Pacific region. He has worked in London, Hong Kong and Brisbane across the financial and governmental sectors.





## **Odil Gafarov**

### *Uzbekistan*

Odil Gafarov, born in ancient Samarkand, graduated with a degree in International Relations from the University of World Economics and Diplomacy (UWED) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Being an active representative of his academic society, he obtained considerable work experience in government agencies during his undergraduate years, worked as journalist, taught cadets as a contractor Military English instructor, and was the university National Athletics Team Captain. After graduation, he participated in a number of huge international Oil and Gas projects as a project consultant, and joined Inha University in Tashkent as a Technical English Instructor. At the Yenching Academy he aims to research the Chinese model of economic growth, especially the implementation of New Silk Road Economic Belt Policy and its application to Central Asian business structures. Odil speaks Uzbek, Russian, English and German, writes poems in Russian and Uzbek, and exercises with a daily jog of 10 kilometers. He considers participation in the Yenching Academy as a vital opportunity, which can be a life-changing step towards a brilliant future and career as a diplomat.





## Oriane Li-Ming Gaillard

*France*

Oriane Gaillard is from Lyons, France. She is a graduate from McGill University where she obtained a joint honors in Philosophy and Chinese Studies. Oriane wrote her undergraduate thesis on the origin and development of a specific element of Chinese logic developed by the Later Mohists, *bian*, which is often translated as “disputation” or “argumentation.” She obtained her MPhil in Public Policy from the University of Cambridge. This interdisciplinary Master’s focused on the theory and practice of evidence-based policy making. Oriane has worked as a business analyst for the charity World Vision, as a policy advisor for the UK Department for Trade and Investment, and as a European policy research assistant for Ramboll Management Consulting. At Yenching Academy, Oriane aims to better understand how ethical questions are discussed within the Chinese society and the government before new technologies enter the market. She wants to investigate how such processes have an impact on diplomatic and business relations between China and the rest of the world. She is a trained violinist and was a member of the Lyons’ Opera Children Choir. She is looking forward to experiencing China’s vibrant food culture and to share her love for *l’art de vivre* with fellow students.







## Maurice Ludwig Gajan

*Germany*

Maurice Gajan grew up in Germany, but has spent most of the recent years of his life abroad in China, North Africa and the Netherlands. During high school he participated in a one-year exchange program in Zhengzhou and was eager to return to China for another year as a voluntary teaching assistant before attending university. During his Bachelor's degree in International Studies at Leiden University, he chose to focus on the Middle East and the Arab world. During his studies, Maurice endeavoured to combine his interest in the Middle East and China, spending one semester in Egypt researching Sino-Egyptian relations. As a Yenching Scholar, he intends to focus on China's growing engagement in the Middle East and North Africa, particularly in regard to its changing economic and political dimensions. Maurice is currently based in Sudan, where he is interning at the United Nations and studying Arabic.





## Kamil Galeev

*Russia*

Kamil Galeev is from Moscow, Russia. He is a graduate cum laude of the Higher School of Economics (Moscow), where he majored in History. His academic interests at the time included the history of the Early Modern Period and later the history of economic thought. His B.A. thesis was dedicated to the intellectual roots of Schumpeterian theory of the Creative Destruction. After graduation, Kamil worked in the Agency for Strategic initiatives which aims to attract investments into Russian provincial regions. Later, he tried himself as a journalist, contributing to several newspapers, such as Forbes.ru, Russkaya planeta and more recently to the major oppositional media in Russia – Novaya Gazeta. At the same time, Kamil focused on economic history, working on a project of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) aimed at the reconstruction of the Russian system of national accounts for the nineteenth century. Kamil was already attracted to China in high school, where he wrote several research papers on the topics of Chinese and East Asian history. At the moment he is eager to further pursue his interests at the Yenching Academy. His intended research area is Politics and International Relations, with a focus on studying the structure of the Chinese state and exploring the causes of its flexibility and openness to change.





## Oscar Galeev

*Russia*

Oscar Galeev, from Moscow, followed his passion for area and language studies by pursuing a degree in International and Middle Eastern Studies at Leiden University. Fluent in Russian, Tatar, English and French, Oscar studied Arabic and Dutch at the core of his program in Leiden and wrote his thesis on urban anthropology and political discourses of the Arab Spring in Egypt. In addition to his involvement in student initiatives he followed courses of the Honours Academy in International Relations and Foreign Policy Analysis. Prior to joining the Yenching Academy Oscar worked as a research assistant at the Leiden Institute for Area Studies, conducting research on China's economic cooperation with the "Global South", in particular within the One Belt-One Road initiative. At the Yenching Academy Oscar concentrates on Politics and International Relations, conducting research on Chinese modern philosophy and foreign policy doctrine. He hopes that exploring and gaining a better understanding of modern China will allow him to contribute to dialogue and cooperation between China, Russia and Europe.





## Angélica García Patiño

*Mexico*

Angélica García Patiño, from Mexico, is a passionate student of language and politics. She studied Communication Sciences with a specialization in Political Communication at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). As an undergraduate, she was part of an exchange program at Beijing Foreign Studies University, where she began learning Chinese. Her experience led her to write her thesis: "Compared Political Communication Models: China and Mexico. In 2015, at The Mexico City Electoral Institute, she was part of a team that worked to enhance citizen education. This project was awarded a prize for the best political communication campaign in Latin America. During her last semester at UNAM, Angélica worked at the Institute of Economic Research in Mexico, researching themes such as trade between Asia and Latin America, and women's financial issues in Latin America. When she was younger, she represented the Mexican delegation in Youth Summits organized by the YMCA in Prague, Czech Republic, and in her spare time she practices figure skating and enjoys theatre. At the Yenching Academy, she will focus on politics and international relations to pursue her goal of a career in her country's Foreign Service.





## Tahel Garion

*Israel*

Tahel Garion was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel, and is currently an undergraduate student in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem expected to graduate in July 2017. Tahel is working towards a double major in business administration and Asia studies (The department of China). At the end of her second year of university, Tahel received a full scholarship to attend the Renmin University International Summer Program in Beijing, where she enrolled in classes focusing on China's economy. She is also a United World Colleges (UWC) graduate, as she was a student at "UWC in Mostar" high school in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tahel currently works within the Asia-Pacific Department for the Foreign Trade Administration of the Israel Ministry of Economy. She is also a member of the first student-run venture fund in Israel, fresh.fund, where she takes part as a student investor. Tahel has a passion for linguistics, with Chinese being the fifth language that she has learnt, as she wishes to fully immerse herself in Chinese culture. Her Bachelor's thesis discussed the image of Mao Zedong in the Chinese avant-garde art, and in her studies in the Yenching Academy, Tahel intends to focus on China's economy and business, viewing them as an interesting reflection of cultural, historical and political changes.







## Alexandre Nicolas Gascoin

*France*

Alexandre Gascoin was born in Paris, France. From 2012 to 2014, he followed an interdisciplinary course at the Lycée Fénelon in Paris 06, specializing in Philosophy. He majored in Philosophy at the Université Paris-X with honors. In 2014, he joined the Philosophy Department of the Lyons école Normale Supérieure (E.N.S.). Being convinced of the importance of collaborative knowledge, his first Master's thesis brought together the study of the contemporary philosophy of language and French literature. Choosing to focus his work on today's issues, Alexandre is currently working on contemporary Western political philosophy, and more precisely, on the concepts prevalent in current tensions and debates, such as "identity" and "multiculturalism." This is why he chose to work on the fascinating work of the Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor for his second Master's thesis. Alexandre's keen interest in Chinese culture began in high school, where he started to learn Mandarin. In 2011, he traveled to Beijing to live with a Chinese family for three weeks, experiencing Chinese customs firsthand. His growing interest in philosophy led him to study classical Chinese philosophy, and more recently, contemporary political Chinese thinkers such as Zhou Lian and Zhao Tingyang. At the Yenching Academy, he aims to develop a critical approach to Western political tradition through the study of contemporary and classical Chinese philosophical concepts.





## Elaine Jessica Giang

*Canada*

Jessica was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She graduated from the University of British Columbia with Honors, majoring in Political Science and International Relations. As an undergraduate student she focused her studies on peace-building in post-conflict societies and civilian protection strategies. She also examined the media's representation of minority groups in Canada for potential racist discourse. After graduation Jessica worked for local nonprofits, and as a researcher for the provincial government of British Columbia, before moving to China to live and work. When blessed by blue Beijing skies, Jessica enjoys collecting stories and photographs of the people she meets on the street. As a Yenching scholar, she hopes to build upon her undergraduate interests as well as learn more about China's immigration and refugee policies.





## Travis Jamaal Gidado

*USA*



Hailing from Jacksonville, Florida as the proud son of Nigerian immigrants to the United States, Travis Gidado is a graduate of Yale University, where he majored in Ethics, Politics and Economics. At Yale, Travis's unique concentration focused on globalization as it relates to culture and identity formation, and his capstone thesis addressed far right-wing responses to multiculturalism and immigration policies in Western Europe. Last summer, Travis completed an MPhil in Public Policy at King's College, Cambridge (UK), during which he was able to conduct research on behalf of the Cabinet Office's Social Investment and Finance Team in Westminster. In between academic programs, Travis has worked for several organizations at the intersection of business and public policy, including Goldman Sachs, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Atlantic Media Company. Most recently, Travis was a member of the final class of White House interns under President Obama, and he supported the National Economic Council's International Economics and Trade team on various multilateral engagements. Travis is now working on research and business development projects for Veyo Care, an early-stage healthcare and tech startup in Berlin (DE). As a Yenching Scholar, Travis hopes to analyze the rationale behind China's investment activities in Africa under the Politics and International Relations research area. A first-time visitor to China, Travis also looks forward to extensive travel, learning Chinese and writing about his experiences all while learning from an extraordinarily diverse community of scholars and educators.





## **Jacob Gladysz**

*USA*

Jacob Gladysz is originally from The Bronx, New York, but spent his early years in Poland. He is currently studying at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University with a degree in International Politics and Russian. He also studied abroad for a semester in Russia at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. Jacob has interned at several Washington, D.C. think tanks, including the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where he researched Eurasian integration projects and the trilateral relationship between Russia, China, and the United States. He hopes to dive deeper into these issues with the Politics and International Relations research area at the Yenching Academy. At Georgetown, Jacob worked as an editor with the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, assisted former Governor and Presidential candidate Martin O'Malley at the Institute for Politics and Public Service, and played in the Georgetown University Orchestra. Outside of class, Jacob enjoys playing classical piano, travelling, and debating international politics with anyone and everyone. Jacob is passionate about learning foreign languages. He speaks English, Polish, Russian, French, and Turkish and is looking forward to beginning Mandarin. After the Yenching Academy, he hopes to complete a doctorate in Political Science and begin a career in Academia and/or Government.





## Joseph Goodman

*USA*

Born and raised in San Francisco, Joey Goodman is a graduate of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, where he studied International Political Economy and Asian Studies, graduating magna cum laude with honors. He first studied Mandarin at Minzu University in Beijing through a Fulbright-Hays scholarship and then at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. For the past two years, he has been on a fellowship at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau -- a new government agency created to protect Americans from financial predation following the 2008 financial crisis -- working as a data scientist and a mortgage analyst. In college, he was an editor at the Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs, a research assistant at the Brookings Institution, and a delegate to the Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford. At the Yenching Academy, he is excited to explore the intersection of public policy and technology through pursuing the Politics and International Relations research area. Joseph currently lives in Washington, DC.







## **Pearson Goodman**

*USA*

Pearson Goodman graduated from the University of Chicago in 2017 with a degree in Economics. He has spent time previously in China, spending the summer of 2016 studying Mandarin in Beijing. At the University of Chicago, he was deeply involved in the comedy community, serving as Assistant Production Manager and then Production Manager for Off-Off Campus, the nation's second oldest collegiate sketch and improv comedy group. At the Yenching Academy he plans to concentrate in Economics and Management. In particular, he intends to study the similarities and differences between the American and Chinese business environment. Pearson proudly hails from Boston, Massachusetts.





### **Honorine Goueth-M'Bele Ekine**

*France*

Honorine Goueth, born in France but originally from Cameroon, is a graduate student who has obtained a dual degree in Spanish and Latin-American Studies and History from the Sorbonne University in Paris. After a one-year Erasmus program at the University of Barcelona, Honorine conducted research on Euro-Latin-American partnerships and the subsequent impact of Europe's renewed interest in emerging economies throughout the world. She has professional experience in the fields of diplomacy, higher education, and entrepreneurship. Honorine worked for the Bolivian and American Ambassadors to the French Republic, the delegation of Cabo Verde during the COP 21, the United Nations and for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a recipient of the Lantos - Humanity in Action Congressional fellowship at Washington DC, one of her missions is providing support on legislative work to Congresswoman Cheri Bustos at the U.S. House of Representatives. Honorine has held strategic positions in International Relations Offices of Pierre & Marie and Paris-Sorbonne Universities. Since November 2014, she has assisted the director of Little Africa, a cultural and tourist agency promoting Africa beyond borders. As a Yenching scholar, Honorine wants to deepen her knowledge in the sustainable ways of building a trilateral cooperation between China, France, and the African continent.





## Miles Graham

*USA*

Miles Ulmer Graham graduated magna cum laude with highest honors from Harvard College in May 2016, majoring in East Asian Studies and minoring in Government. A Washington, DC native, he returned to the capital after graduation to work as a Junior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Miles' interests include international relations, American foreign policy, and economics. He has worked for the State Department in Japan, spent a summer studying Japanese in Hokkaido, Japan, and wrote a thesis on the Japanese defense budget. He intends to pursue the Economics and Management research area. Outside of the classroom, Miles enjoys hiking, running, and rowing, and ran the Boston Marathon as a senior. He also enjoys community service, and spent time in college mentoring college freshmen and recent Chinese immigrant children.





## Guan Hongyu

*China*

Guan Hongyu received his Bachelor's degree from Peking University, majoring in Finance. There, he was honored as an Outstanding Student of Peking University. Hongyu participated in many communication activities during undergraduate years. As the president of Global View Initiative, the biggest Sino-US communication program on campus, he led team visits to six cities and numerous well-known universities and companies in the United States. He and his team also improved communications between PKU and PKU alumni in North America. Hongyu worked as a core member of the PKU International Culture Festival preparation group for two years, cooperating with over 100 international students. He has been a class monitor for 16 years and served as General Secretary of Youth League at PKU's Yuanpei College. Hongyu has completed internships at China International Capital Corporation Investment Banking Division, China Media Capital Partners, and the Boston Consulting Group. These inspired him to start his career in finance. At the Yenching Academy, Hongyu will study Economics and Management. He hopes to further analyze Chinese economic issues, especially ways to link the Chinese and international capital markets. Hongyu is 22 years old, and was born and raised in Tianjin, China.





## Guo Youzi

*China*

At Zhejiang University, Guo Youzi pursued her BA in English Language and Culture while also studying politics and economics. She was also a member of Cultural China, a training plan that helped her further understand Chinese Studies. Youzi has published two articles in Guangming Daily, and has received academic and program-specific scholarships from the Chinese government, the Australian government and other enterprises. Meanwhile, Youzi has served as Vice President of the Student Union, and as a voluntary interpreter in Liangzhu for three years to introduce Liangzhu Culture to foreign visitors. She also ranked top 4 in British Parliamentary Debate competition and top 3 in Dramatic Competition. Youzi has participated in two exchange programs at UC Berkeley and University of Sydney, through which she discovered her passion for international relations. She conducted a research project concerning Germany's participation in peace-keeping action. After the volunteering experience in Nepal, Youzi realized the importance of communication between different cultures, so at the Yenching Academy, Youzi would like to focus on Chinese diplomatic policy and Sino-American relations. She hopes to be a good story-teller and to present China to the world.







## Yohannes Ayalew Hailemicael

*Ethiopia*

Yohannes Hailemicael was born and raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is a diligent graduate from Addis Ababa University with a Bachelor's of Animal Science. Yohannes has been actively involved in student initiatives on campus as well as voluntary community services at different non-governmental organizations. He is currently living in Turkey and is fluent in Turkish. At the Yenching Academy, he will pursue Politics and International Relations where he will be focusing on Sino-African relations. His key research interest is China's development policies in Ethiopia and its future. He also hopes to learn and have a better understanding of Chinese language, culture and life style. After completing his Master's, Yohannes plans to pursue a PhD in his concentration and start a career.





## Carl Stanley Hooks

*USA*

Carl Hooks is a senior and Annika Rodriguez Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis, where he studies International Development, Political Science, and Chinese. He became fascinated by China during an initial visit in 2010, and has since spent a summer in Dalian as a Critical Language Scholar, and another in Beijing as an intern for a groundbreaking legal NGO. This experience formed the basis for his honors thesis, which explores legal aid services for Chinese migrant workers. Carl published his research in the *Princeton Journal of East Asian Studies* in 2016. Also interested in South Asia, he has presented a study of India's urban development policy at national conferences. Carl is passionate about social and environmental justice. While in college, he helped an immigration agency secure affordable housing for refugees, founded a service partnership between students and a poverty relief nonprofit, and served on Washington University's Diversity Affairs Council. As a Yenching Scholar with Law and Society as his research area, Carl aims to deepen his understanding of China's rapid urbanization and of its effects on property rights, inequality, and sustainability. Outside of the classroom, he hopes to explore Chinese calligraphy and visual arts with fellow scholars.





## Alexander David Hornung

*Germany*

Alexander Hornung received his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with honors in the field of Banking and Capital Markets Law, and a Master's in Business for Legal Professionals. He received his qualification to practice law in 2017 after graduating from the EBS University of Business and Law. He attended American, Canadian, French, and Chinese schools, and spent a semester abroad at Peking University Graduate School of Transnational Law. He is fluent in several European languages and in Mandarin. He is interested in international relations, global business and transnational law, which he practiced during his internship with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In 2016 he co-founded a start-up aiming to combat ticket scalping at European stadiums and its resultant security loopholes. At the Yenching Academy, Alexander will focus on China's approach to international affairs and how these may relate to business strategies and legal regulations between China and Western countries.





## Huang Fangyuan

*China*

Huang Fangyuan is from Beijing, China. She completed her undergraduate degree in the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, with a focus on Chinese literature. She was named Merit Student Pacesetter of PKU for her excellent academic performance, and was awarded the Tang Lixin Scholarship for three consecutive years. Fangyuan has been actively engaged in cross-cultural communication, and has attended exchange programs in Australia, the United States and Japan. She was deputy editor for the PKU Student Press Corps and has interviewed many people, including Iqbal Riza, Special Adviser to Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Meric Gertler, President of the University of Toronto. Fangyuan's academic interests include comparative literature and culture. During her sophomore year, she received a research grant to study images of women in late Qing fiction (1849-1911). Later, she closely examined the treatment of foreign countries in Chinese novels. As a Yenching Scholar, Fangyuan hopes to study the interaction between Chinese literature and world literature in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of how China and the West perceive each other.





## Huang Sizhuo

*China*

Huang Sizhuo studied Business Journalism and minored in Marketing at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. She also researched linguistics, communication, and economics. In her graduate thesis, she conducted a comparative analysis of doctors' identity construction in China and the U.S. Sizhuo interned at a magazine and an e-commerce company, where she witnessed the emergence and collapse of the peer-to-peer lending. While interning at an export-import bank, she felt the financing troubles of middle and small businesses. She has also volunteered in hospitals and participated in various competitions and clubs. These experiences helped her determine her mission: to mediate misunderstandings among different people and promote health care and safety. She plans to engage in more social work and increase her knowledge and skills at the Yenching Academy.







## Montijn Huisman

*Netherlands*

Montijn Huisman is from Assen, a small town in the north of the Netherlands. He is currently studying for a graduate degree in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics (LSE), where he focusses on the political economy of finance, trade and business. Before coming to London, he received his B.A. in International Relations from the University of Groningen. As part of this undergraduate degree, he spent a year studying as an Erasmus Mundus scholar at Peking University. Montijn subsequently conducted research on agricultural policy in Tanzania and worked as a trainee at the Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia, Brunei, and ASEAN. He subsequently returned to Beijing to pursue an internship at the economic section of the Dutch Embassy to China, where he conducted research on China's rising debt. In London, he works part-time for a Member of the House of Commons. He is also an active member of the Dutch Labour Party. Montijn is particularly interested in the effects of international economic dynamics on China's development and plans to study this subject further at the Yenching Academy. His other interests include Chinese cinema, literature, writing, skiing, motorcycles, and traveling.





## Maria Agnieszka Jarosz

*Poland*

Maria Agnieszka Jarosz, born and raised in Poland, studied at Bartłomiej Nowodworski High School nr 1 in Krakow in the years 2011-2014, where she majored in Polish, History, Latin and Ancient Greek. In 2014 she won a laureate title at XXXII Polish Latin Language and Ancient Culture Contest. She is to graduate from Jagiellonian University in Krakow in July 2017, majoring in Sinology, with her undergraduate dissertation focusing on Zhao Shuli, a rural Chinese fiction writer. Maria was granted the Jagiellonian University President's Scholarship for Best Students in 2015. Since 2015 she has held the position of vice-president of the Jagiellonian University Sinology Students Research Circle, where she organized a number of academic and social events. During her studies at Jagiellonian University she was able to pass HSK 4 in 2016. Maria is most interested in the twentieth century Chinese literature, especially the literature after The Yan'an Forum on Literature and Art, so at the Yenching Academy she intends to study Literature and Culture. In the future she hopes to focus on the specifics of literary translation, due to her love of both the Polish and Chinese language, as well as literature itself.





## **Paulina Kanarek**

*Poland*

Paulina, a native of Cracow, Poland spent the last 5 years in the United Kingdom, where she completed her degree in Chinese and Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. She continued her education at postgraduate level at the University of Oxford, where she pursued MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies program. Her thesis was focused on Sino-Polish relations in light of recent developments in both bilateral terms and in the broader context of the EU relationship with China. Paulina is particularly interested in relations between China and Europe, as well as the role of the New Silk Road in the PRC's cooperation with Central and Eastern European states. Paulina has experience working in the field of Sino-European relations, which she gained as an intern in the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Beijing and the Trade and Investment Promotion Section of Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Shanghai. She is fluent in five languages including Mandarin, which she mastered while spending a year as an exchange student at Beijing Normal University. At the Yenching Academy she will pursue the Politics and International Relations research area, which will allow her to develop her interest in the One Belt One Road Initiative and its influence on trade and investment with the European Union.





## Asmod Karki

*Nepal*

Asmod Karki is from Kathmandu, Nepal. He graduated from Princeton University in 2016 with a degree in Public and International Relations. He is also an inaugural Ullman Fellow in Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. During his time at Yenching, he hopes to explore China through both the academia and experiences outside classrooms. He intends to explore the role of non-market forces in the growth that China has seen and its implications.





### **Kathryn Hart Kelley**

*USA*

Kathryn is a 2014 graduate of Harvard College, where she studied Human Evolutionary Biology, Government, and Mandarin. As a Rockefeller and Sunokis grant recipient, she attended Harvard Beijing Academy and the Kenchreai Archaeological Field School in Corinth, Greece. Her international and social service focus led her to staff a Model Congress in Hong Kong and lead Habitat for Humanity programs in Decatur, Alabama and Costa Rica. She is interested in health care policy at the national and international level and looks forward to learning about China's approach to issues of quality, cost and access to medical care. Currently, Kathryn is blending her interest in health-care and business as a consultant at Trinity Partners, a life science consultancy in Boston, Massachusetts, where she addresses business problems for international clients in the pharmaceutical and the biotechnology space. At the Yenching Academy she intends to pursue a economics and management as her research area.







## **Teresa Joan Kennedy**

*USA*

Teresa is from and currently lives in a small town in Massachusetts. She graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 2016 with a double major in Anthropology and Peace Studies. Her interests lie in examining the relationship between culture and human rights, an area which she has explored through study and research in Latin America and Europe in instances ranging from indigenous rights to international migration. Teresa went on to teach at an international boarding school where she currently works. The deep connections between her school and China, in addition to an interest in learning more about how a culture and human rights framework exists within China, are what drew her to Yenching Academy. As a Yenching Scholar, Teresa looks forward to learning Chinese and plans to pursue a Law and Society as her research area.





## **Nita Josephine Killian**

*Ireland*

Nita Killian is an Irish, first class honours graduate of both Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School's Master's of Accounting, and University College Dublin's (UCD) Bachelor of Commerce International with Chinese. Throughout her university studies she has attained the prestigious UCD Ad Astra Academic scholarship, was awarded the UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business Student of the Year 2016 and was a recipient of the Bachelor of Commerce (International) Graduate Scholarship. Introduced to China via her undergraduate studies, Nita possesses a keen interest in Chinese language and culture. She has studied in both Renmin University in Beijing and Fudan University in Shanghai. In 2015 Nita won the Chinese Bridge Competition for college students in Dublin and went on to represent Ireland in the finals in Changsha, appearing on Chinese national television. Nita is an accomplished pianist, having studied piano from the age of seven. She has competed in various competitions, winning the Feis Ceoil Esposito Cup in 2012 and has attained diplomas in piano teaching and performance. Nita is currently employed in PricewaterhouseCoopers' dynamic aircraft leasing department in Dublin's financial district. She is concurrently pursuing professional qualifications in Irish taxation and accountancy. At the Yenching Academy, Nita desires to broaden her understanding of the Chinese commercial market, with a particular focus on economics and management, thereby advancing her business knowledge and satiating her passion for China.





## Anastasia Kim

*Russia*

Anastasia Kim was born in Kyrgyzstan and currently lives in Seoul, South Korea. In 2012 she was one of two students chosen from Russia to be awarded a 5 year full scholarship from the Korean government. Anastasia studied English Interpretation and Translation along with Business Administration at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, where she received Certificates of Outstanding Academic Achievement for four consecutive years. During the past four years she has been an active member of several international student organizations, including the Global Student Association and International Alumni Association; volunteered in an orphanage; and organized a fundraising event for typhoon victims in the Philippines. She speaks Russian, English, Korean and French. Anastasia's goal is to become a competent international manager in the creative and innovative industries. She intends to help South Korea and China's creative and innovative industries go global.





## Nan Sandar Kyaw

*Myanmar*

Miss Nan Sandar Kyaw who is known to her friends as Gwen San is from Myanmar. She is currently living in Mandalay and working on her own garment production business called "Timeless Garment". She also teaches business management at Apex Business School part time. She studied Chinese for her undergraduate degree at Mandalay University of Foreign Languages and obtained a Graduate Diploma in Business Management from the Association of Business Executives (ABE,UK) at the same time. In 2011, she won the Global UGRAD exchange scholarship in the US and spent a semester at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She actively participated in and won several national and international business plan competitions in 2012 and 2013. As a youth leader, she has inspired many local students and has been involved in many voluntary works such as mobile library, public speaking and summer essay competitions at monastic schools in Mandalay. She founded a public speaking club called "Mandalay Toastmaster Club" at Jefferson Centre in Mandalay. She is the co-founder of Dedicated Next Generation which provides leadership training, supported by the US Embassy's Small Grant. At the Yenching Academy, she will focus on Economics and Management as her research area, as she would like to sharpen her Chinese language and understand the impact of Chinese culture and traditions on China's economic development and international trade.





## Lynn Lee

*South Korea*

Lynn Lee studied International Politics and Asian Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Born in Seoul, South Korea, Lynn attended public school in Qingdao, China for five years before moving to the United States in 2009. Recently, in 2016, she studied at Sciences Po in Lyon, France for a semester. From her experiences abroad, Lynn learned to speak Korean, English, Mandarin Chinese and French. She has been interested in International Relations since age nine and is particularly passionate about security in Northeast Asia. At Georgetown, Lynn worked as a research assistant to a professor whose expertise includes China's military strategy and led a student organization called Truth and Human Rights in North Korea (THiNK). During her senior year, she conducted two independent research projects on China's memory construction of the Korean War and North Korea's nuclear discourse. During the past summer, Lynn interned with the Korea Studies program at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), a think tank in Washington DC. As an aspiring academic, she plans to pursue a doctoral degree in Political Science after the Yenching program and conduct research on the geopolitical implications of the U.S.-China relations in respect to the Korean Peninsula. At the Yenching Academy, Lynn will concentrate on Politics and International Relations.







## Li Mengzhen

*China*

Li Mengzhen is expected to graduate from the School of Government at Beijing Normal University, where she studied human resources and psychology, in June 2017. As an undergraduate, she won many top awards in her campus including the First Class Academic Scholarship and the Cyrus Tang Moral Education Scholarship. Aside from her basic curriculum, she devoted herself to field studies regarding the well-being of Beijing residents in July 2014. She also spent a year in the National Undergraduate Training Program for Innovation: the influencing factors and driving mechanism of the Makerspaces talent gathering, based on a multiple case analysis in Beijing. The research had proven very valuable for Makerspaces both on and off campus. Mengzhen was the vice president of the BNU Love Association, where she was responsible for the PR and the liaison department. BNU Love, which had been awarded the Best Student Association of her school in 2016, delivered exceptional-quality educational resources to less developed areas of China. Furthermore, she delegated for Singapore in the 62nd Harvard Model United Nations. With a strong interest in corporate strategy, she is working as a research assistant in the Boston Consulting Group. She concentrates on market research and competitor analysis, providing innovative ideas with supporting details. Mengzhen will study Economics and Management at the Yenching Academy, where she hopes to gain more knowledge about the roles China plays in the global market. She is planning to work in consultancy where she can create better solutions for NGOs and start-ups.





## Valeryia Liseichykava

*Belarus*

Valeria Liseichikova is from Rogachev, Belarus. She is a graduate of Minsk State Linguistic University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in “Modern foreign languages (translation)” majoring in simultaneous interpretation. During the 2015–2016 academic year, Valeria did an exchange year at Peking University’s School of Chinese as a Second Language, establishing her interest in China affairs and the Chinese language even more. Valeria has been actively involved in competitive debating in British Parliamentary style for more than 3 years and she is eager to get a deeper understanding of China’s role in globalization and development at YCA. During her study, Valeria has completed internships at two UN agencies: UNDP and UN-HCR. In the future, she hopes to use the experience and knowledge obtained at the Yenching Academy to work in international development.





## Liu Xingyin

*China*

Liu Xingyin studied Public Administration and Economics at Peking University. As an undergraduate, she was awarded many scholarships, including the Leo Ko Guan Scholarship and May Forth Scholarship for Academic Excellence. With a focus on rural development in China, she will study economics and management at the Yenching Academy. She has independently carried out fieldwork in challenging environments, and hopes to incorporate this type of understanding with economics to shape more effective policies for rural development.





## Liu Xinyu

*China*

Liu Xinyu studied climate science and physics at Peking University. He has a strong interest in climate change alleviation and energy transition processing in China. In his junior year, he conducted an independent scientific research at Peking University's Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, which involved modeling paleoclimate states on supercomputers. During the summer of 2016, he interned at Harvard University, for which he was sponsored by the Chinese Scholarship Council. Liu focused on scientific and political approaches to research geoengineering. Afterwards, he joined the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) in Beijing as an intern with the Climate and Energy team, which was responsible for the preparation of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties - COP22. As 2017 will mark the launch of the China-wide carbon trading market, his undergraduate dissertation focuses mainly on the evaluation of seven Chinese pilot jurisdictions for their cap and trade systems. Liu is pursuing the economics and management research area at Yenching Academy; he also manages the student club "Institute of Environmental Public Policy" as president. Through acquiring the essential knowledge about social science, he is determined to enrich his understanding of climate change governance. Liu also hopes to make his way to an international platform with the diverse experiences and inspirations received at the Yenching Academy.





## Lu Lu

*China*

Lu Lu graduated from Fudan University, where she studied philosophy and concentrated on the field of aesthetics and art. She previously conducted research on the theory of “The End of Art,” Chinese contemporary artists’ cultural identity, and traditional Chinese art heritage conservation. In her spare time, she writes plays for the school drama club and writes articles on art criticism for ThePaper.cn. In 2015 she was awarded a full scholarship to learn Japanese at Tohoku University for one year. While in Japan, she became increasingly interested in cross-cultural communication and international relations. She volunteered to teach both international and Japanese students Chinese every week and promoted cultural exchanges with the local China-Japan Friendship Association. These experiences prompted her to explore a better approach to understanding and interpreting China in a global context. Her main research interests include international relations, public policy and art history. At the Yenching Academy, she will pursue an M.A. in China Studies with Literature and Culture as her research area, and simultaneously focus on the cross-section between Chinese culture and politics. She hopes to gain more interdisciplinary theoretical perspectives at YCA and to merge her diverse interests to contribute to intercultural communication, especially on culture and art exchanges in the future.







## Livia Machado Costa

*Brazil*

Raised in the Brazilian Amazon Region, Livia Machado Costa studied International Relations at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) where, driven by her persistent curiosity, she found herself studying more than the traditional curriculum and frequenting classes of urbanism, gender and sexuality, and photography. Her interest in China flourished when she received a scholarship to study Mandarin at the Communication University of China. While in Beijing, Livia had a deep understanding about how culturally rich, socially complex, innovative and politically challenging this country is. She traveled to many provinces, from the northern province of Inner Mongolia to the southern province of Yunnan, in the city of Jing Hong. On her return to Brazil, she wrote an undergraduate thesis about Brazil and China's action in Angola and Mozambique in the 21st Century. As Livia started connecting the dots, her socio-economic origins, the international position of her country as a developing one with a South voice and her experiences in China, she decided to choose Politics and International Relations as her research area at the Yenching Academy. Her aims are to enhance the cooperation between Brazil and China through education and to be a shaper of her community. Livia believes that imagination is a key element to change the world.





**Blake Alexander Mandell**

*USA*

Originally from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Blake Mandell is a senior at Brown University majoring in Mathematics and Contemplative Studies. Prior to matriculating, he worked on Stash Storage, a startup he co-founded, before apprenticing with a chef in Sorrento, Italy. Blake spent much of his time at Brown as a researcher in the late Dr. Catherine Kerr's Embodied Neuroscience lab. There, he focused on the Vitality Project, investigating how qigong, a traditional Chinese movement practice, impacts chronic fatigue. Outside of research, he has worked as an Associate Consultant with the Boston Consulting Group and has been invited by the Mathematical Association of America to give a seminar on embodied mathematics pedagogy. Blake intends to study Economics and Management at Yenching Academy. He plans to investigate China's potential to translate basic research findings into effective interventions at the nexus between developmental healthcare and early elementary education.





## Sriharsha Masabathula

*India*



Sriharsha Masabathula, from India, is a member of the Master's of Public Policy, Class of 2016-17 at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government as a Chevening Scholar. During 2014-16, he worked with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Yangon, Myanmar, on issues related to sustainable livelihood-development, environmental conservation, and communication for development (C4D). He completed his undergraduate studies in Economics and Philosophy from Ohio Wesleyan University, USA, following which he pursued the Young India Fellowship in New Delhi, India. Sriharsha has also served as the President of a social-enterprise, Veda Climate Change Solutions Ltd. (VCCSL), established to make international climate change mechanisms work for marginalized communities. VCCSL has successfully delivered "carbon-revenue" from afforestation activities to over 1500 small-scale farmers, through a United Nations Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project, perhaps for the first-time in the afforestation sector in South-Asia, in partnership with the World Bank's carbon-finance business. Sriharsha believes that inter-cultural dialogue and understanding is essential to address today's challenges, and envisions the Yenching Academy as a platform to deepen his understanding of how global issues can be addressed innovatively through perseverance, sacrifice, ambition and strategic vision, embedded in the Chinese approach to problem-solving. He is also keen on delving into how India and China, along with the ASEAN countries, can chart an innovative roadmap for socio-economic development through upcoming initiatives in the region, such as the New Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.





## **Anastasiia Matros**

*Russia*

Anastasiia Matros graduated with distinction from St. Petersburg State University in 2016. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in BRICS Studies at St. Petersburg State University. She was an exchange student at Peking University during the 2015 and 2017 spring semesters. She has interned at the Governor's office in the Leningrad Region Government, and at the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg. She was actively involved in volunteer work at the G-20 Summit in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, and V St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum. Anastasiia is interested in multifaceted research on China's internal and external policies, and in examining China's information security and activities in international information space. Anastasiia's Bachelor's thesis was titled "China in the Global Information Space: Foreign Policy Aspect." She will pursue the Politics and International Relations research area at the Yenching Academy. Her hobbies include intellectual games such as the popular Russian "What? Where? When?"





## Zhengyuan Ma

*USA*

Born in Nanjing, China, Zhengyuan Ma (Zheng) moved to Honolulu, HI when he was six years old. There, he came into contact with many diverse cultures and became interested in cross-cultural interactions, which encouraged him to maintain a keen interest in events in China, his country of origin. Zheng attended the high school of U.S. President Barack Obama and is the State of Hawai'i record holder for several U.S. mathematics competitions, including the USA Mathematical Olympiad. His passion for mathematics has developed into interests in various topics, including history, philosophy, religion, computer science, and economics, and he loves learning new ideas and reading as much as he can. This past year, he finished a B.S. in Mathematical and Computational Science at Stanford University. At Stanford, he was the president of O-Tone, an East Asian-focused a cappella group, and was a member of the Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES) and the Asia-Pacific Student Entrepreneurship Society (ASES). He also studied abroad in Kyoto, Japan, which was an extremely formative experience for him. In his spare time, he enjoys visiting historical sites, exploring cities and nature, and reading. From his current academic work in economics and data science, he hopes to be a professor or work in financial services, and is intending to study at Yenching under the Economics and Management track.







## Ludovica Meacci

*Italy*

Ludovica Meacci, from Italy, graduated with a BA in Linguistics and Intercultural Mediation from Sapienza University of Rome, where she focused on Chinese language and culture. During her second undergraduate year, Ludovica was a visiting student at Paris Diderot University on the Erasmus scholarship, where she improved her knowledge of French and Chinese language. Thanks to her stays at Beijing Foreign Studies University and Zhejiang University, Ludovica has also deepened her understanding of Chinese culture and has improved her language skills. After graduating from Sapienza University in 2014, she went to London to read for an MSc in Contemporary China Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, where she graduated with "Distinction". This experience has equipped her with a well-rounded understanding of contemporary Chinese society, of the functioning of the Chinese state and of the relationship between law, policy and administration. Following her interests in politics and journalism, Ludovica is a contributing writer for *Il Caffè Geopolitico*, an Italian online magazine, where she publishes articles about Chinese domestic politics. At the Yenching Academy, Ludovica intends to concentrate in Politics and International Relations: her interest is to investigate the growing role of China as an international actor and to analyse the key features of the country's foreign policy at the present stage.





## William TG Miller

*United Kingdom*

Will TG Miller was originally born in the United States, but grew up mostly in the UK. A graduate of the University of Cambridge, his dissertation revolved around issues of historical consciousness and the impact of collective memory on the national consciousness and ideology of Japan in the postwar period. Will TG's interests lie in comparative studies of motivational structures such as ideology, religion, culture, and civilization. His intended area of study at the Yenching Academy is Politics and International Relations, through which he hopes to examine the influence of culture and national narratives on China's foreign policy and relations with other states. Will TG has a longstanding interest in China, which is compounded by its nature as the home to a diverse range of ethnic, religious, and cultural groups and denominations. A long-term interest of his is the compatibility of Chinese foreign policy within an international system that is increasingly characterized by a degree of populism and strongman-ism. Will TG's research and writing is heavily interdisciplinary in nature, and while rooted in specific fields such as Asian or Middle-Eastern Studies, he draws heavily on fields such as psychology and philosophy of the psychoanalytic tradition. He is concurrently writing several books of this nature on a number of topics.





## **Eduardo Monteiro Baptista**

*Portugal*

Eduardo Baptista is a 21-year old history undergraduate at Jesus College, Cambridge. Before moving to Cambridge in October 2014, Eduardo studied at St. Julian's International School in his country of birth, Portugal. The son of a Portuguese father and South Korean mother, Eduardo always wanted to live and study in East Asia. After studying China's anti-imperialist struggle between 1895 and 1927, he decided to apply to the Yenching Academy to further his studies. Eduardo plans to choose Politics and International Relations as his research area, and to reassess past research on the relations between the Korean Peninsula and the EU by learning about the past, present and future of China's relationship with the West. As an aspiring diplomat, Eduardo will pay particular attention to China's relations with Portugal. Eduardo has a strong interest in the Chinese language. Like many other Korean children, much of Eduardo's Korean was learnt through the use of Chinese characters, and this exposure has led to his desire of becoming fluent in Mandarin. As a fluent speaker of Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Korean, Eduardo is particularly excited to integrate into the multicultural environment of the Yenching Academy.





## Christos Mourdoukoutas

*Greece*

Christos Mourdoukoutas is from Kalamata, a small town in South Greece. He graduated first in his BA program in International and European Studies at the University of Piraeus. During his studies, he was predominantly interested in the foreign policy followed by Great Powers and in international political economy. He co-authored the papers "News Portrayals of Cynicism: The State System in the News about WikiLeaks" and "Major Factors in the Greek Economy's Competitiveness" given at conferences in Greece. He was also a member of the Turkish & Eurasian Studies Lab and became increasingly interested in researching relations between China and the Caucasus region states. His analysis "China- Caucasus Relations: Beijing's Efforts to Penetrate into a Peripheral Subsystem" was published in the Laboratory's Eurasian Studies Journal. Christos' main area of interest is Chinese foreign policy. He is looking forward to expanding his knowledge on the political, military and economic means Beijing is willing to use to change the international status quo as a Great Power.





## **Aurelio Muzaurieta**

*USA*

Aurelio (Al) Muzaurieta is 22 years old and a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He recently graduated with honors from Harvard College, where he majored in Romance Languages and Literatures and double-minored in Global Health/Health Policy and Mandarin Chinese. A varsity letterman in rowing and an orientation leader of Harvard's Outdoor Program, Al spent a great deal of his undergraduate career on the Charles River and hiking in New England. Al loves traveling, and is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Mandarin. During his undergraduate summers, he won grants to study language and culture in China, and to go to Brazil to conduct independent research on the Zika Virus and on public health campaigns during the Rio Olympics. At the Yenching Academy, Al plans to concentrate in Economics and Management with a particular focus on Chinese healthcare economics and reform. His long-term career goal is to practice medicine and to help improve global healthcare delivery.







## Muzepaer Mutielifu

*China*

Muzaper Mutielifu (Muzappar Mutellip in Uyghur language) is a Chinese Uyghur student from Urumqi, a north-western city of China and the provincial capital of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. He is a 2017 graduate from the School of Archaeology and Museology in Peking University. As a student majoring in archaeology, Muzepaer participated in three excavations, once at the Qinyoungcheng Archaeological Site located in Shaanxi Province, and twice at the Tongguzbash Ancient City Site located in Xinjiang. He also interned at the Museum of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. Aside from his major, coming from a multicultural and multilingual background has given him a strong interest in linguistics, and an appreciation of the importance of language and cultures. He went to Mauritius in 2014 and Egypt in 2015 for international volunteering programmes that focus on environmental and cultural issues. Meanwhile, he is passionate about making his hometown and country a better place. He decided to become a Mandarin teacher in Tashkurghan, the only Tajik Autonomous County in China, and a national-level poverty-stricken county, located closely to the border of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan. As a Yenching Scholar, Muzepaer will be concentrating in Politics and International Relations. Given the announcement of the Belt and Road Initiative, he will focus on the respective reactions of the Central Asian countries and Xinjiang, which is a crossroad in Asia and a place that connects the West and China. In the future, he aims to address the international stereotypes and misunderstandings about Xinjiang and China.





## Jinggang (Jenny) Ng

*Hong Kong*

Originally from Hong Kong, Jenny graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Political Science. After spending a summer in Ecuador, she developed an interest in China-Latin America relations, and has focused her research in the past three years on Chinese and Latin American politics. She intends to study Politics and International Relations at the Yenching Academy to further build on this interest. Beyond academia, Jenny, along with her classmate, has worked to build a school in South Sudan, which now serves 200 students from grades 9-10. She spends most of her energy looking for ways to sustain and grow this project in South Sudan. In her free time, Jenny can be found in the basement of her school gym rock-climbing.





## Junyang Ng

*Singapore*

Junyang Ng was born in Singapore, and studied at the University of Dundee, where he graduated with distinction, majoring in European Studies and Philosophy. Always seeking the most fitting place to explore his interests, Junyang spent one semester at Sciences Po (Grenoble), where he focused on the question of national identity, and one semester at Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, where he examined psychological concepts derived from Nietzsche's works. He now resides in Frascati, Italy, where he received a scholarship from Accademia Vivarium Novum (AVN) to study the ancient Roman and Greek civilisations through their literature and philosophy, and to reflect on the humanist tradition through neo-Latin works. Aligning himself with the goal of AVN, Junyang dreams of a new Renaissance, where a moral and learned society would form part of the solution to global problems faced today. Junyang is currently researching the "accommodation method" employed by early European missionaries in China. He admires the missionaries' humility and their depth of understanding of a culture so foreign to their own, which, together with the openness and generosity of the Chinese mandarins and emperors, eventually led to a meaningful East-West exchange of ideas and technology. Junyang hopes to take this research further while at Yenching, and to consider how the "accommodation method" can be applied in a secular manner to today's globalising society. Junyang aspires to be like Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, whom he looks up to as not only a brilliant poet, but a perspicacious philosopher, a tireless scientist, and a great statesman.





## Minjoo Noh

*South Korea*

Minjoo was born in South Korea and has lived there for most of her life, with notable exceptions. At age 9, she moved to the US with her family for five years where she developed fluency in English and a very multicultural attitude towards the world. She attended Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul with a full 4-year Samsung Scholarship in the Global Leader Department, where she majored in Law and International Politics. During her junior year, she was selected for the Campus Asia Program, a joint exchange student program for law students from China, Korea, and Japan, and studied at the Renmin University Law School for one year. She was inspired by the program's initiative to establish a community law within East Asia and became interested in political integration within the region, as well as becoming enchanted with Chinese culture, prompting her to promise to return. After graduating, she was sent to Nairobi, Kenya as a United Nations Volunteer to work at the UN Environment Programme Headquarters for 6 months, and then came back to South Korea to intern for 2 months at the UN Commission on International Trade Law, Regional Office for the Asia Pacific. Recently, she moved back to Nairobi to work at a non-profit organization called the World Bicycle Relief for 6 months. Minjoo is passionate about jazz music and the arts as well as traveling and discovering new cultures.





## Joel Odota

*Uganda*

Joel Odota is a 26-year old Ugandan man, currently residing in Lamwo district, Northern Uganda, which is just recovering from war. He has a Bachelor's degree of arts with education (Geography and history majors) from Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda (2011-2014). Joel went to Padibe Girls' Primary school (1998-2004) during the Northern Uganda war and later joined Kitgum High School (2005-2010) in Kitgum, Northern Uganda for both levels of secondary school. He was the best high school student in northern Uganda class of 2010, leading to the award of a 3-year undergraduate course at Makerere University by Government of Uganda. In 2016, Joel was selected to represent Ugandan youth in a 3-month leadership course in Nairobi, Kenya by Young African Leaders Initiative, YALI. As a former refugee, young leader, activist, change maker and teacher, Joel is so honored to pursue a Master's in Politics and International Relations at the Yenching Academy. He is passionate about leveraging change in the leadership spectrum of Uganda and Africa at large as the leadership gap is the root cause of political, social and economic unrest in the world today. He believes that China is a role model both politically, socially and economically as evidenced by the thriving economy of the nation, hospitality, high level of respect to one another, foreign aid to war ravaged economies of the world and the high levels of technology in the country. His major focus and area of research is on "Youth at the forefront of change".







## William Qiang

*USA*

William Qiang is an aspiring policy analyst of A.I. risk. He previously worked as an associate at China Europe International Business School Publishing Group – the media affiliate of China’s top-ranked business school – where, among other topics, he examines the economic and political implications of new advances in technology. He enjoys tennis, drinking tea, taking long walks, and engaging in philosophical talks. He graduated with a degree from Yale, where he studied Economics and Biomedical Engineering.





## Jessica Reilly

*United Kingdom*

Jessica graduated with first class honours from Emmanuel College, the University of Cambridge, where she was also elected President of her Student Union. After completion of her first degree, she worked as a strategy consultant before beginning a postgraduate course in Chinese studies at SOAS University in London. Her current thesis investigates the influence of corporates in the pharmaceutical industry on the Chinese domestic health market. Jessica grew up between the U.S., the UK and Singapore. Her numerous internships, including with the British Foreign Office's Chevening Scholarship, inspired her interest in diplomacy and cross-cultural communication. At the Yenching Academy, Jessica is pursuing Politics and International Relations as her research area. She hopes to focus further on the role of transnational corporations in the global policy environment, and more specifically on Anglo-Chinese bilateral ties.





## **Sebastian Johannes Reil**

*Germany*

Sebastian Reil, who was born and raised in Germany, is currently finishing a Master's degree in International Economics and Business as well as an Honour's Master's degree in Leadership at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. His two long-term passions are the rise of Asia and innovation. After High School, Sebastian worked for one year in a development assistance project in Vietnam. He did his undergraduate studies in economics at Heidelberg University specializing in economic development and growth. During this time, he also spent one semester at National Taiwan University in Taipei studying Chinese language and East Asian economic development. Besides his studies, he gained extensive work experience in the innovation economy from a startup, corporate and public sector perspective. He worked, amongst other things, on innovation strategy at the start-up unit of the German industrial giant Siemens and graduated from an open innovation accelerator where he was developing smart traffic solutions for the city of Tel Aviv. In his free time, he contributes to the NGO Refugee Cities which aims to expand the options for displaced people by promoting special status settlements. At Yenching Academy Sebastian wants to deepen his understanding of China and the Chinese language as well as study the economic development of China and China's emerging role as an innovator with the aim to become a connector between Chinese and Western innovation.





## James Ellison Riseley

*United Kingdom*

James Riseley is an Australian citizen who studied for his BA in Politics and International Studies at Trinity College, Cambridge, from 2014 to 2017. Much of his undergraduate study was in the history of political thought – a field that Cambridge has pioneered – though during that time he also cultivated interests in global ethics and comparative politics. In his third year, he completed a dissertation on the politics and the broader theoretical significance of Australia’s former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. While at Cambridge, James also engaged in a wide range of activities – from debating, to being the Mental Health and Disabilities’ Officer on his college’s students’ union, to standup – and he hopes to engage broadly with student life in Beijing as well. At the Yenching Academy, James intends to take the Politics and International Relations track. His hope is to acquire a general understanding of contemporary Chinese politics and political economy, but also to work on specific projects related to the history of Chinese political thought and current-day Chinese energy policy and reform. James is looking forward to applying the methods he acquired at Cambridge to the history of Chinese political thought, as well as engaging in dialogue with Chinese practitioners of political thought in order to reflect on how that field of study is approached in a different intellectual and cultural context.





## **Dominic Joseph Romeo**

*USA*

Dominic was born in St. Louis and raised in the almond capital of the world, Turlock, California. His upbringing was largely shaped by his parents' coaching, playing basketball with his three siblings, and lifting weights with his Uncle Sam. After graduating from Pitman High School, he began studying Political Science and Chinese at the University of Notre Dame. Thanks to the tireless guidance of Professor Victoria Hui and Notre Dame's generous funding, Dom spent time in inner-city Los Angeles, Western Kenya, and rural Guizhou. In these places he witnessed drastic inequalities plaguing the world, and felt challenged to offset such imbalance. While at the Yenching Academy, Dom hopes to use his fluent Mandarin to study traditional Chinese medicine and its modern applications. After completing his studies at Peking University, Dom plans to begin his premedical studies in the United States and eventually return to live in developing parts of the world.







## Franklin Mensah Sarpong

*Ghana*

Born, raised, and currently residing in Ghana, Franklin Mensah Sarpong studied visual art at Prempeh College, and went on to graduate from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). Upon graduation, he worked as a field officer on a multidisciplinary trauma research project led by researchers from the University of Cincinnati, USA and Komfo Anokye (Ghana's teaching hospital). Franklin also served as a National Service staff in the Biostatistics Department at Komfo Anokye. During his second year at KNUST, he was introduced to currency trading, stock brokerage and import trading. Starting an import business that mainly dealt with China, he developed a strong interest in China's governance, and policy making and how they affect trade and business. Franklin intends to study Politics and International relations - the key factors in the building of an economy. Franklin hopes that his studies at the Yenching Academy will deepen his basic knowledge of China's governance system, policy making, position on trade and business, and how these policies impact the development of China and Africa's relations.





## **Amna Sarwer**

*Pakistan*

Amna Sarwer, born in 1989 in Sialkot, Pakistan, is currently based in Islamabad. She graduated with a B.Sc. (Hons) Economics from the Government College University, Lahore, before completing her M.Phil in Economics at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics in Islamabad with notable distinctions. Her Master's thesis, for which she was awarded the prestigious HEC-UNDP research fellowship, was based on regional inequality and quality of life in Pakistan. Sarwer has more than 3 years of experience working with the government, the private sector and nonprofits on humanitarian, economic assistance and social development issues. She led country-wide discussions with parliamentarians and senators to advocate political decentralization and a pluralistic constitution while working at the Pakistan Study Group on Federalism. Currently, she is working with the Ministry of Planning Development and Reform, and with the Mayor of Islamabad on urban planning, governance, sustainable development goals and micro-planning. Sarwer is an active member of Woman Action Forum (WAF) where she advocates for the rights of women and social drop-outs in Pakistan. She has a deep academic interest in the history of socialism in China, and in the public policy and governance aspects of China's political and planning institutions. At the Yenching Academy, she intends to concentrate in Politics and International Relations.





## **Julia Eugénie Augustias Calleja Saubier**

*Philippines*

Julia Saubier, 22, graduated magna cum laude from New York University Abu Dhabi in December 2016 with a major in Social Research & Public Policy and concentrations in Film & New Media Production and Political Science. As an undergraduate student, Julia has studied in Buenos Aires, Paris, and Washington, DC, and pursued internships in Hamburg, Jerusalem, London, and New York. In addition to interning for Wes Anderson's upcoming stop-motion animation *Isle of Dogs*, Julia has produced several short films, including the world's first interactive live-action narrative short, and a short film set to premiere at the Cannes Film Festival this May. At Yenching Academy, Julia hopes to explore how China's film distribution network and dynamic technological market are creating the frameworks of possibility for the global film industry. She hopes to use her studies in Economics and Management to inform her understanding of how China's rising demand for film and entertainment can spearhead a global commitment to industry-wide diversity and inclusion best practices. Originally from Manila, Philippines and Lyons, France, Julia is currently based in London, the United Kingdom where she is working for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.





## Jordan Schneider

*USA*

Jordan Schneider majored in history at Yale University, concentrating on the Ancient Greeks and the origins of the UN. In college, he wrote for the school newspaper and interned at Brookings, the World Economic Forum, the US Delegation to the UN, and the White House. After graduating, Jordan moved to DC, where he wrote about American trade, sanctions, and investment policy for the Eurasia Group. He then researched emerging market bureaucracies at Princeton's Innovations for Successful Societies. Most recently, Jordan worked at a global macro hedge fund, helping pension and sovereign wealth funds navigate global markets. At the Yenching Academy Jordan plans to study US-China trade policy and Chinese geoeconomic strategy. He can't wait to explore China's start-up scene and develop his Mandarin.





## Shao Xinyu

*China*

Majoring in International Politics, Shao Xinyu is one of ten laureates of the Wu Yuzhang Scholarship, the highest honor at the Renmin University of China. During her undergraduate career, she studied at Renmin University, the University of Oxford, and University of California, Davis, obtaining a GPA of 3.95 (out of 4.0) and keeping the 1st place at her school in each semester. Xinyu has participated in several research programs, including research on the New Zealand Green Party with Professor Matthew Shugart from UC Davis, and on American Think Tanks, with the China National School of Administration. She has also published one research article. In addition to her impressive academic records, Xinyu also has a wealth of internship and volunteer experiences. She worked with the California Democratic Party in the USA before the 2016 presidential election, contributing to maintaining Democratic influence in the state. While serving as an event coordinator for the California Public Interest Research Group, she traveled to eight cities to promote marine protection. She also worked for the World Economic Forum, engaging in preparation for the Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland and the Annual Meeting of New Champions in Dalian, China. At the Yenching Academy, Xinyu plans to continue her studies of Politics and International Relations. She aims to be an excellent Chinese diplomat in the future, and will endeavor to promote China's image and influence in an increasingly internationalized and incorporated world.







## She Peijie

*China*

She Peijie was born in Wuhan, Hubei province and now lives in Beijing. She majored in German Language and Literature at Beihang University, where she was a member of the Zhixing Liberal Arts Experimental Class, engaging in humanities and social science studies. During her undergraduate studies she was awarded the National Scholarship, Academic Excellence Prize, and Merit Student Award. Peijie has led a research project on General Education, focusing on technical and engineering universities. She spent six months studying at Chemnitz University of Technology in Germany as an exchange student, two weeks of Summer School at Taiwan Chengchi University, two weeks of Winter School in Ural Federal University in Ekaterinburg, one week each at the Chinese University of Hong Kong the University of Macau as a student representative for cultural exchange. She has worked for the Beihang University Student Union and hosted English Corner. Peijie enjoys arts and sports. She once organized and produced a drama, and has performed in her college's New Year celebration. At the Yenching Academy, she plans to research Politics and International Relations and endeavor to contribute to cultural exchange between China and Germany.





## Allison Sherlock

*USA*

Allison Sherlock, a resident of Evanston, Illinois, holds a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies and History from Northwestern University. As an undergraduate, Allison studied Chinese and pursued language immersion at Minzu University in Beijing, where she became interested in the economic potential of China's growing cities. For her honors thesis in Asian Studies, she analyzed the links between urbanization, land development, and capital in Wuhan, Hubei. Her background in Chinese history and politics was particularly helpful for this study of Central China's urban development fiscal challenges. Allison intends to study Economics and Management at the Yenching Academy, with a particular focus on political economy. In the future, she hopes to be a part of America's private sector engagement in China.





## Audrey Shi

USA

Audrey Anlin Shi is a senior at Harvard College studying history and literature with an emphasis on modern China. Prior to arriving at Harvard in 2015, she studied English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford, where she was awarded the Mrs. Claude Beddington Prize for Literature. She also headed the Oxford Muse Society, which serves to create spaces for meaningful conversations between strangers. Passionate about storytelling and cultivating transnational understanding, Shi has worked as a journalist for CNN Beijing, The Southern Weekend, and Fortune Magazine. Shi has been awarded grants from the Harvard Asia Center and the Fung Foundation to research epistolary networks between American and Chinese women during the Second Sino-Japanese War. As a Yenching Scholar, Shi intends to develop her knowledge of Chinese literature and film. She is particularly excited to use her time at Peking University to create short films that capture underexplored aspects of modern Chinese life.





## Shu Meng

*China*

Shu Meng is from Nanjing Normal University (NNU) majoring in French Language and Literature. She was awarded the National Scholarship and Outstanding Student of the Year in 2016, as well as many other academic honors from the university. Shu was the head of the Publicity Department of Business Alliance of NNU and the head of the Debating team of Foreign Languages College and led this team to win the championship in the most important debating competition of NNU for the first time. She is particularly passionate about international politics and has attended in many English debating competitions modeled on British Parliamentary System and won many prizes including the First Prize in the 18th "FLTRP CUP" National English Debating Competition for College Students. She has also served as an English volunteer for the 2nd Asian Youth Games, a French volunteer for International Committee for Fair Play during the 2nd Youth Olympic Games (received many distinguished guests like the IOC president) and has worked as the English announcer for the AFC U19 Women's Football Championship with the presence of the vice-president of Asian Football Association and announced the matches in both English and Chinese of the AFC Champions League. At the Yenching Academy, she is focusing on Public Policy and International Relations research area, and hopes to do more researches on this field, especially about the external policies needed to be proposed by Chinese government when faced with the ever-changing international situation.





## Suvina Singal

*India*

Suvina Singal was born and raised in Delhi, India. She graduated from Sciences Po, Paris, with a Master's in International Development, specializing in research methods and global health. She was a recipient of the Eiffel Excellence Scholarship, awarded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. Prior to coming to France, she studied Liberal Arts as a Young India Fellow at Ashoka University, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University. Her interests include the political economy of development, gender relations and social change. Her interest in China originated through her academic study of economics and development. In 2016, she spent six months working at UN Women China in Beijing, supporting programs on Women's Economic Empowerment and Elimination of Violence Against Women. Working and living in China strengthened her desire to engage with the country more deeply. At the Yenching Academy, she plans to focus on law and society in China, and improve her Chinese language skills.







## Kenneth Sng

*Singapore*

Kenneth Sng, born and raised in Singapore, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in economics and mathematics. In college, Kenneth faced an existential crisis when his classmates couldn't pronounce his vowel-less last name. He has served as Student Body President at WashU and introduced the second 2016 U.S. Presidential Debate. Apart from student government, he was active with Residential Life, Delta Sigma Pi and Singapore Students' Association. He is also a recipient of the Weidenbaum Award for Excellence and the Singapore Public Service Commission Scholarship. As a Yenching Scholar, Kenneth looks forward to studying in Beijing and meeting bright young leaders from all over the world. Kenneth aspires to a career in public service and has interned in the St. Louis Mayor's Office, Singapore Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Finance.





## Aden Sugiantoro

*Indonesia*

Aden Sugiantoro, also known as Axall, is originally from Pulau Halang, a disadvantaged area in Indonesia. He graduated summa cum laude from the Faculty of Law, Esa Unggul University, focusing on Legal Practice in Indonesia. He was awarded a full scholarship and is currently completing his Master's of Public Policy at the School of Government and Public Policy Indonesia. As the founder of International Future Youth, an organization focusing on social development and youth empowerment in disadvantaged areas, he has been invited to speak at many national and international youth conferences. Learning from his experience growing up in a geographically isolated area with no academic support, he believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to persevere and make a better life for themselves. As a Yenching Scholar, he has chosen Law and Society as his research area, and will research how China's role in the global economy affects other countries. Aden believes that understanding China's laws and society is the best way to become an expert in contemporary world issues.





## Manuen Catherine Sze

*Hong Kong*

Born in Hong Kong and having lived in Shanghai, Manuen Sze (also known as Catherine) studies Arts and Sciences (BASc) with a focus on Cultures at University College London (UCL). Benefitting from this interdisciplinary education, Manuen has cultivated an inclusive and creative way of thinking, addressing different academic disciplines in most of her coursework. She has participated in many events organized by the Institute for Advanced Study of European Culture (IASEC) at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and communicated with renowned scholars all around the world. Her passion for intercultural and cross-disciplinary learning also motivates her to learn multiple languages. She has studied advanced French and Japanese and received an Erasmus Scholarship to study at Sciences Po Paris for one academic year. During her time in Paris, she examined various implications of the nascent Paris Agreement and produced a thesis on climate justice that concerns climate change, globalization, and global citizenship. Apart from her commitment to study global issues, Manuen is particularly interested in exploring Chinese ancient material culture. She has taken courses in Chinese medicine and archaeology of early imperial China, which equipped her with knowledge on essential theories and concepts in the history of Chinese culture. To further her understanding of material culture, she has visited many museums in Europe and interned at the Shanghai Museum in the summer of 2016. At the Yenching Academy, she will concentrate on learning Chinese History and Archaeology. Her ambition is to revitalize Chinese ancient material culture in this global age.





**Francisco Alberto Taiana**

*Argentina*

Francisco obtained his Bachelor's degree in History from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, and is currently studying for a MSC in Latin American Studies at Oxford University, with a particular focus on Sino-Argentine relations during the Cold War era. Francisco has a long-standing interest in Chinese imperial and post-imperial history and politics. He is very much interested in recent and current Chinese international relations.





## Tang Xiaozhou

*China*

Tang Xiaozhou grew up in Jiangsu province, China. She graduated from Wuhan University, where she majored in Russian and Russian literature in the college of Foreign Language and Literature. She was awarded the National Scholarship and other academic honors every academic year. She has participated in an exchange program at Far Eastern Federal University, Russia, which lasted one year. During this experience she found an interest in intercultural communication and got to establish an initial image of what is globalization. She was involved in campus life as the vice-president of Wuhan University English Debate Team. She took part in the Chinese Nationwide English Debate Tournament as a judge and was awarded several other prizes of English debate and speech. Apart from this, as a member of Wuhan University Student Correspondent Group, she conducted interviews with foreign students and wrote featured stories about them. Her internship experience includes working for Greater China headquarter of Unilever in Shanghai, which has drawn for her the outline of transnational enterprise's work pattern. She was also attracted to student and volunteer work. Her academic interest mainly lies in Russian literature and geopolitics of Eurasia. At the Yenching Academy she will focus on International Relations.







## Christine Anne Tiu

*Philippines*

Christine is 23 years old and from Manila, the Philippines. She majored in Business Management and minored in Chinese Studies at the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines, where she graduated magna cum laude. Her involvement with the local government as a Youth Council Chairperson and with various sector-based organizations exposed her to the Philippines' social realities at a young age, leading her to co-found the first campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity Philippines, as well as an award-winning social enterprise providing alternative livelihood for women through fashion. While working full-time as general manager of a Hong Kong-based international beverage chain in the Philippines, Christine also worked for Ashoka Philippines and helped establish a non-profit seeking to restructure the agricultural model for farmers in rural indigenous communities. As a Yenching Scholar, Christine will pursue Economics and Management as her research area. She hopes to gain a deeper understanding of social entrepreneurship, private philanthropy and volunteerism in China.





## **Roswitha Alexandra Trappe**

*Switzerland*

Roswitha is a Swiss and German dual citizen, raised in Switzerland. She completed her undergraduate degree in International Business at the University of London and Hong Kong University. An internship in a corporate restructuring firm as well as a summer course at Peking University further rose her interest in the region, which led her to write her Bachelor's thesis on the entry methods of Swiss SMEs into China. Prior to joining Yenching Academy, she completed an internship in commercial banking in Frankfurt. At Yenching, Roswitha is looking forward to exploring China through her concentration in Economics and Management.





## Joshua Tupler

*USA*

Josh Tupler—who originally hails from Fort Lauderdale, Florida—graduated from Dartmouth College in 2016 magna cum laude with departmental honors majoring in Government, focusing on International Relations & Security, and minoring in Ethics. At Dartmouth, Josh’s senior thesis focused on assessing the military balance in East Asia and the potential for a U.S.-China conflict. Josh is passionate about U.S. foreign and national security policy, and spent the year after graduating serving as a Fulbright Scholar at the Centre for International and Defence Policy at Queen’s University in Canada. At the Yenching Academy, Josh intends to study Chinese history, culture, and foreign policy to better understand the deeper socio-political context of events unfolding in the region and to explore opportunities for increased Sino-American cooperation.





## Leonardo Volpini

*Italy*

Leonardo Volpini is 22 years old and from Viterbo, Italy. He graduated cum laude at La Sapienza University of Rome with a degree in International Cooperation and Development, an interdisciplinary program which combines political, cultural and sociological issues. He is currently enrolled in a Master's degree in International Sciences, China and Global studies at the University of Turin, aiming to deepen his knowledge of Chinese political culture and language. In 2015 he took part in an Erasmus Program in Tampere, Finland, where he focused his academic activity and research on Human Rights. As a European citizen with a strong faith in the EU, he leapt at the opportunity to study at the Yenching Academy, aiming to contribute to a process of mutual understanding and trust building between the EU and China in the wider framework of regional and inter-regional cooperation. Leonardo is also interested in investigating how the OBOR initiative will impact the social structures of the Eurasian continent. Furthermore, he is keen to join the ThinkInChina community in Beijing to constructively engage in public debate in China. Leonardo is a voracious reader of fiction as well as non-fiction books and loves to take long and inspiring walks.





## Wang Boxuan

*China*

Wang Boxuan majored in Chinese literature at Peking University. Interested in intercultural communication, she aspires to promote mutual understanding. While an undergraduate, she volunteered with the Beijing FIA Formula E Championship, the International Culture Festival, and the Tutorial Program for International Students. She was elected Vice President of AIESEC PKU for the 2015 term. As the leader of a 14-member team, she gained the Star Satisfaction Award in seven divisions and directed the Global Internship Program, establishing cooperation with two companies. On two occasions she helped organize the semiannual 'Make a Difference' Business Forum, which focuses on African development and on gender equality. Her research interests include Chinese contemporary literature and cross-cultural communication in literary translation.







## Bradley Robert Wo

*USA*

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Bradley Wo graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor's degree in Science in Science, Technology, and Society in 2017. He completed a thesis on the impact of design thinking on Indian development from a postcolonial perspective. Stemming from a childhood filled with fond memories of cultural traditions and family dishes, Bradley's relationship with China goes deeper than simply an academic or professional one. Bradley has spent time in China to assist in the operations of Global Natural History Day, an international science fair collaboration hosted by the Behring Global Education Foundation. Most recently, he has traveled to Brazil, India, and Uganda in the International Honors Program's Social Entrepreneurship track. At the Yenching Academy, he will focus on Law and Society to better understand how China's legal frameworks and social structures affect philanthropy and corporate social responsibility. This will, hopefully, give him the means to identify areas of cross-sector collaboration in development and aid.





## Xie Changming

*China*

Xie Changming majored in sociology and minored in accounting at Fudan University. He has conducted several sociological research projects on China's social transition, work organization, and health inequality. He spent one semester studying at the University of Copenhagen as an exchange student, where he worked with other East Asian students to produce a visual ethnography exhibition on their experiences in Denmark. While at Fudan, Xie hosted or worked as a DJ for approximately 100 events. He also competed as a member of the Fudan basketball team. After being selected to participate in the Siyuan Plan, Xie traveled to Yunnan, Guangdong, Tianjin, California, and Sri Lanka to do surveys and volunteer teaching. Xie's research and social practice have led him to realize that most social sciences theories and empirical work are rooted in the social environment of the West and do not fully address China's social structure and issues. Therefore, at the Yenching Academy, Xie plans to continue his social sciences research, with an emphasis on the Chinese context.





## Xu Yuechi

*China*

Xu Yuechi graduated from School of Government (SG), Peking University, with a major in Political Science and a minor in Economics. She has served as Secretary of the Youth League Branch and Minister of the Academic Department in the Student Union in SG. Yuechi won the Gold Medal in Challenge Cup Capital College Student Business Plan Competition in 2016 with a program focusing on aerospace and automotive intelligent manufacturing equipment and high-end components. Volunteering as Head Teacher helping poor children learn English at Baan Bor Hin School in Chiang Mai and a fieldworker of on-site social investigation in Thailand, she became interested in the deep-seated historic impact on those developing countries' institution arrangements. During the summer vacations, she went to Yale University and the University of Cambridge as an exchange student in 2015 and 2012, respectively. At Yenching Academy, she hopes to utilize her solid base in econometrics to prepare for further comparative political studies and cross-cultural interactions. Yuechi won a silver medal (women's group) in the 2011 Youth Tennis Championships in Chongqing, and is the former captain of the School of Government's tennis team.





## Yang Zhongshu

*China*

Yang Zhongshu pursued her Bachelor's degree in German Language and Culture at Zhejiang University. She has received many honors for her academic performance, including the National Scholarship and First-Class Scholarship for Outstanding Students of Zhejiang University. Zhongshu was honored as an Excellent Graduate of Zhejiang Province. She was fortunate to be chosen as an exchange student to the Berlin Institute of Technology on a government sponsorship for a semester. Exposed to diverse cultures, she has not only polished her English and German, but also improved her intercultural communication competence. By associating with her foreign friends, she has understood Chinese culture better and discovered her passion for China Studies, especially study of Chinese minorities. At the Yenching Academy, Zhongshu would like to combine the scientific research theories and methods she has learned during her undergraduate studies with the knowledge of Chinese minorities to investigate their cultures and current situations. She is keen to devote herself to protecting and inheriting the diverse cultures and traditions of Chinese minorities. She also wants to take advantage of the abilities of two foreign languages, German and English, to disseminate Chinese cultures and the cultures of minorities in China to the world.





## **Ilse Andrea Zambrano Fajardo**

*Mexico*

Ilse Andrea Zambrano Fajardo prefers to be called Andy. She currently lives in Mexico City, where she was born. Andy has previously lived in a number of other countries. Andy studied in the French school system for eighteen years (Lycée Français de Saint Louis in Sweden, Lycée Français de Madrid in Spain and Lycée Franco-Mexicain in Mexico). She earned her degree in Economics at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). She is interested in a wide variety of topics: philosophy, literature, culture, and politics. Andy is deeply interested in China, and specifically in Chinese culture because it is entirely different from anything she has known before. She's specifically interested in Chinese people's ways of thinking and acting, and in how they perceive their places and roles in our globalized world.







## Syeda Maira Zamir

*Pakistan*

Maira Zamir is a Fulbright Scholar and a Cornell University graduate with a Master's degree in Public Administration. Her foremost interests gravitate around building civic engagement, women empowerment, and socioeconomic development. She has pursued these ambitions in her work with various organizations including the World Bank, UNICEF, USAID, and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Over the past couple of years, Zamir has worked on projects related to comparative public administration, e-government and socioeconomic development in Thailand, China, South Korea, Pakistan, East Africa and the United States. She has also completed the Young Development Fellowship with the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform in Pakistan. During her fellowship, Zamir co-authored a book with the Federal Minister of Planning Commission on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and prospects for Pak-China economic and geopolitical relations. She is currently working with the UN Women Pakistan's country team as a Research and Coordination Officer. She has led consultations for the first ever gender unit in the Planning Commission of Pakistan. She has research interests in Pak-China bilateral economic relations, success of mixed-economy of China and growth oriented strategies of China in the globalized world. At Peking University, she will be pursuing her Master's degree focusing on Economics and Management. Zamir, a native of Pakistan, is currently based in Islamabad. She enjoys travelling and blogging.





## Caroline Zhang

*USA*

Caroline Zhang graduated summa cum laude from Bryn Mawr College with departmental honors for her majors in English Literature and German. Her senior thesis explored the power dynamics of reproductive politics in totalitarian states through a critical analysis of dystopian literature. She was awarded the Hester Ann Corner Prize for distinction in literature and the Berle Memorial Prize for excellence in German literature. During her undergraduate years, Caroline interned at the Legal Aid Society in New York and at the Hong Kong Legislative Council. Following her studies in China, she plans to pursue a JD degree in the US. Originally from Riverside, California, she grew up in Hong Kong, where she first began to appreciate the intricacies of transnational and intercultural exchange, and its impact on judicial and economic systems. At the Yenching Academy, she intends on deepening her understanding of how culture influences, guides, and shapes China in its rapid evolution into a major world power.





## Zhang Cheng

*China*

Zhang Cheng grew up in Shanghai and studied International Politics at Fudan University, spending a semester as an exchange student at the National University of Singapore. He has received the National Scholarship, Qinglian Scholarship and Soh Bing Scholarship. Cheng was a research assistant for the China Energy Fund Committee at the 2016 China-U.S. Track II Energy Dialogue. He participated in a National Social Science Fund research project on the Belt and Road Initiative and international energy cooperation, and has published two articles in China Reference. At Fudan University, he is active in the Siyuan Plan and also serves as Co-Chair of Zhide College. He has taught students in Yongping County, Yunnan Province, organized co-curricular activities for migrant workers' children in Shanghai, and attended the Asia Pacific Islander 2016 Annual Conference at University of California, Berkeley. Cheng has been actively involved in voluntary service for years, and was awarded the Shanghai Outstanding Youth Volunteer award. At the Yenching Academy, he intends to continue with his research on international energy cooperation from a cross-disciplinary perspective.





## **Zhao Xieying**

*China*

Zhao Xieying comes from Guangdong Province. She is studying in Sun Yat-Sen University, where she majors in Chinese language and literature. During her undergraduate studies, Xieying carried out a series of research on the theme of the development and promotion of traditional Cantonese culture, ranging from the local dialect to the folk custom. Based on her outstanding academic performance, she was awarded the National Scholarship, the Uniqlq Scholarship and the First class of SYSU Scholarship. She also won the second prize in the National University Student Writing Contest for her excellent writing ability. Besides this, she is actively involved in campus life by serving as a Counselor Assistant of the Department of Chinese, SYSU, a member of the University Reception Volunteer Team and the head of New Media Segment of SYSU YOUTH, the student newspaper. She used to be an intern in the 21st CENTURY BUSINESS HERALD and Guangzhou Council for the Promotion of International Trade. At the Yenching Academy, Xieying hopes to continue her study in Chinese Literature and Culture. Combing the abstract theory with the individual experience, she seeks to broaden her knowledge in the field of the intellectual history of modern China, as well as the East-West comparative literature studies.



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### **Cody Abbey**

*USA. Academic editor, Rural Education Action Program.*

A member of the inaugural Yenching Academy cohort, Cody has held a longstanding interest in promoting social equity and intercultural dialogue. While at Yenching, he was involved in establishing a number of different organizations and recurring events, including the student government, YSIF, and YGS. He currently works at the Rural Education Action Program, a collaborative research team that seeks to find effective interventions for improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged youth in China.at Fudan University.

### **Duanling Fu**

*China*





### Eun Seo Kim

*Republic of Korea. RA, Bain & Company.*

Eun Seo Kim is currently a Research Assistant at Bain & Company, Seoul. She is an inaugural Yenching scholar and University of Oxford graduate in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. She wrote her Master's thesis about China's response to trans-boundary pollution, and is eager to discuss renewable energy, foreign policy as well as business opportunities in China.

### Iuliia Leonovich

*Russia. Master's student at Saint Petersburg State University.*

Yulia completed her Bachelor's program in Asian and African Studies (Chinese philosophy) at State Academic University for the Humanities, and now she is doing her Master's in Languages of Asian and African countries at Saint Petersburg State University, the Faculty of Asian and African Studies. She completed a Master's program in Chinese Studies at Yenching Academy of Peking University (2015-2017). Currently, she is interested in studying language, speech and debate in the philosophical systems in China.





### **Meng-Chieh Lin**

*Taiwan. University of Barcelona.*

Lin Meng-chieh received her B.A. in History and Political Science from Taiwan University and M.A. in IR from Peking University. As an Erasmus Mundus full scholarship recipient, she is currently doing a Master's in GLOCAL program in Barcelona.

### **Thuthukile Mbanjwa**

*South Africa. General Electric - Process Improvement Manager.*

Thuthukile Mbanjwa is a young professional with the passion for innovation, sustainable development, consulting and mentorship. With a BSc and an MSc in Engineering from UCT as well as a MEcon in China Studies from PKU, she is particularly interested in infrastructure economics, more so in the context of the African continent. She plans to harness her varied experience and skillset to mobilize South Africa in the direction of digital industrialization to achieve growth.





**Lihn Nguyen**

*Vietnam*

**Cibele Reschke de Borba**

*Brazil. Journalist.*

Cibele Reschke is a Brazilian journalist who had been based in Beijing from 2015 to 2018. During that time, she earned her Master's degree at the Yenching Academy. Her thesis field research analyzed the impacts of Chinese investments in Tanzania. Her professional experiences include writing for South American media outlets Exame, Veja and Globo News. In 2015, she published her first book, entitled "China made in Brazil", sponsored by State Grid.





**Muhammet Hamza Ucar**

*Turkey. Researcher.*

M. Hamza Ucar, 2017 Yenching Academy alumni.  
Writer, poet, musician, and researcher.

**Anca-Elena Ursu**

*Romania. Researcher, Clingendael Institute.*

Elena is a researcher at the Conflict Research Unit of the Clingendael Institute where she specialises in the political economy analysis of fragile environments. Elena is passionate about building bridges between formal and informal structures of political and legal governance while refining the tactics and offering constructive analysis that can help unlock the full potential of the regions she studies.







### **Layne Sterling Vandenberg**

*USA. Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition,  
Program Manager.*

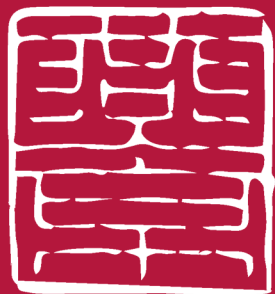
Layne Vandenberg graduated from the Yenching Academy in 2017 with a Master of Laws in International Relations. As an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, a Fulbright Research Scholar and Yenching Scholar, her research has focused on football and sports policy, including the FIFA World Cup, the Olympic Games, and football reform in China. She is currently working as a consultant, and plans to pursue her PhD degree at King's College London.

### **Héctor Zavala Guzmán**

*Mexico.*







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