

# Dr Han CHENG

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## Education

- PhD (Geography) University of Cambridge
- MPhil (Geography) University of Cambridge
- BA (Japanese) Renmin University of China

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## Professional Experience

2023 - PRESENT

### **Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**

- Asian Infrastructures Research Partnership between ARI and the German Institute for Japanese Studies of the Max Weber Foundation

2022 - 2023

### **Assistant Professor, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences**

- Infrastructures, Political Ecologies and Global China's Development Geographies

2020 - 2022

### **Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences**

- Development-Area Studies Complex and Chinese World-Writing

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## Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Geopolitics, International Development, Global China

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## Short Biography

Han Cheng is a Max Weber Foundation Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. He is interested in the changing dynamics of international cooperation and global development, especially the role of so-called 'rising powers'. This includes economic diplomacy, development finance, knowledge networks, South-South and triangular cooperation, and donor transition. He has published in *Progress in Human Geography*, *Political Geography*, *Geopolitics*, *Territory*, *Politics*, *Governance*, and *Area Development and Policy*.

Han holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and was a visiting fellow at Yale University's MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies. He worked as a policy researcher and investigative journalist before joining academia.

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## Publications

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### Refereed Article

**Cheng, H.** (forthcoming) The possibilities of internationalism: Producing traveling geographies in a time of trouble. *Dialogues in Human Geography*.

**Cheng, H., & Apostolopoulou, E.** (2023) Locating the Belt and Road Initiative's spatial trilectics. *Geography Compass*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/gec3.12683>.

**Cheng, H.** (2023). Global China's knowledge infrastructure: The rise of Chinese international development studies. *Global China Pulse*, 1(2), 42-50.

**Cheng, H., & Taggart, J.** (2022). Banking on Beijing: The aims and impacts of China's overseas development program. *Economic Geography*, 99(1), 111-113.

**Cheng, H., & Liu, W.** (2022). Geography, area studies and Chinese world-writing. *Progress in Human Geography*, 46(4), 1065-1085.

**Cheng, H., & Liu, W.** (2022). Temporality and the geopolitical enframing of Chinese international development thinking. *Geopolitics*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2022.2089563>.

**Cheng, H., & Liu, W.** (2022). Boundary-making with India: Chinese developmental identity and the uses of geography. *Territory, Politics, Governance*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2022.2096686>.

**Cheng, H., Mawdsley, E., & Liu, W.** (2022). Reading the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation (2000-2021): geoeconomics, governance, and embedding 'creative involvement'. *Area Development and Policy*, 8(1), 60-83.

Liu, W., **Cheng, H.**, & Han, X. (2022). Rebuilding geography for the 21st century through disciplinary reunification and social engagement. *Environment and Planning F*, 1(1), 114-124.

**Cheng, H., & Liu, W.** (2021). Disciplinary geopolitics and the rise of international development studies in China. *Political Geography*, 89, 102452.

Heggelund, G., & **Cheng, H.** (2016). China's climate policy: Does an Arctic dimension exist?. *Advances in Polar Science*, 27(3), 139-145.

### Book Chapter

Cheng, H. (2019). The politics of knowledge production and post/de/anti-colonial positionality. In E. Mawdsley, E. Fourie & W. Nauta (Eds.), *Researching South–South development cooperation* (pp. 92-96). Routledge.

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## Awards/Grants and Distinctions

National Natural Science Foundation of China New Investigator Grant 2023-2025

Chinese Academy of Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship 2020-2022

China Postdoctoral Science Foundation International Fellowship 2022-2022

University of Cambridge Trust International Scholarship 2016-2020

Royal Geographical Society Postgraduate Research Award 2018

Smuts Memorial Fund, University of Cambridge 2018

Worts Travelling Scholars Fund, University of Cambridge 2018

University Fieldwork Fund, University of Cambridge 2018

Philip Lake II Fund, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge 2015, 2018

Suzy Paine Fund, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge 2018

UAC of Nigeria Travel Fund, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge 2018

Graduate Research Studentship, Trinity Hall, Cambridge 2017, 2018

Graduate Research Grant, Universities' China Committee in London 2018

Alexander von Humboldt German Chancellor Fellowship 2015-2016 (Declined)

Yale University Global Justice Corresponding Fellowship 2014-2015

Robert Bosch Foundation Global Governance Futures Fellowship 2012-2013

Northeast Asia Economic Forum Young Leader Fellowship 2010