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Bio: Xin Zhang is a Professor of History at Indiana University, Indianapolis. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. His major publications are *The Global in the Local: A Century of War, Commerce, and Technology in China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2023) and *Social Transformation in Modern China: The State and Local Elites in Henan, 1900-1937* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).ⁱ

Project:

Mutual Constitutions: Global and Local Interactions in Twentieth-Century China

This research project examines the dynamic interplay between global forces—such as imperialism, world wars, international communism, and economic globalization—and local developments in China throughout the twentieth century. By analyzing key historical junctures, including the fall of the Qing dynasty, the Republican era, the rise of the People's Republic, and post-Mao reforms, it explores how external influences reshaped domestic politics, society, culture, and economy, while local agency, traditions, and resistances in turn adapted or challenged these global impulses. Drawing on archival sources, oral histories, and comparative frameworks, the study highlights the mutual constitution of global and local scales in shaping modern China's trajectory.

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