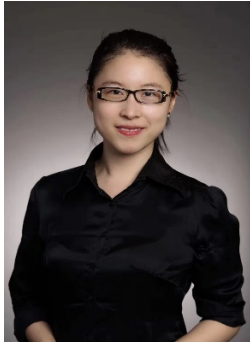


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Authoritarian Responsiveness and Competition Over the Spoils of Patronage

Patronage is an enduring characteristic of diverse political systems. The action of the patron—how patrons recruit, retain, and monitor clients—have been a primary focus of the past two decades of political science research on patronage. In this paper, we shift the focus to clients. We lay out an explanation of how clients compete with one another for spoils from patronage and the consequences of such competition. We test the observable implications of the consequences of competition under conditions of uncertainty by analyzing novel datasets of interactions between county-level officials (clients) and their prefecture-level superiors (patrons) in China focused on government responsiveness to public grievances. These data show that patronage harms responsiveness. Patrons want clients to resolve public grievances, but clients are more likely to play up their diligence in resolving complaints and refute the veracity of public complaints than non-clients, presumably to alter patron's perceptions of their effort and capabilities.

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