

# Jun Gao

China, 2020



- **Current Place of Residence:** Beijing, China
- **University:** Tsinghua University
- **Current/Recent Course:** BEng Environmental Policy and Management

Jun Gao is studying in Tsinghua University's Global Environment Program, ranking first in her class. She was selected as one of ten 2018 Yinghua Scholars to study at Oxford. Having grown up in Chongqing, China's "fog city," Jun is dedicated to pursuing a career as an environmental researcher and advocate in China. She has published on Chinese methane emission patterns and city-level greenhouse gas emissions datasets, and studied topics at the intersection of air quality and transportation as a visiting researcher at MIT China Future City Lab. Jun has presented at the UN COP24, cooperated with UNICEF-Vietnam to tackle SDGs, worked as an intern at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, built arsenic-reduction facilities for rural communities, and taught water purification strategies at local schools. She is also an accomplished gymnast, serving on the university rhythmic gymnastics team and the departmental aerobic gymnastics team.

# Xiaorui Zhou

China, 2020



- **Current Place of Residence:** Singapore
- **University:** Double Degree Programme between the National University of Singapore and Sciences Po Paris
- **Current/Recent Course:** BA (Hon) History and BA (Hon) Middle Eastern Studies

Xiaorui Zhou is currently studying history and Middle Eastern studies in a double degree program at the National University of Singapore and the Institut D'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). Her family migrated from Chutang, a village in Hunan province, to Yueyang City, where she was born and raised. At NUS, she received the NTUC gold medal for top student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the George E. Bogaars Memorial Prize for top student in history. She co-founded Project Initium, a free liberal arts initiative for high school graduates from rural counties in Hunan, where she led seminars on history and gender. She is also an accomplished Yangqin (Chinese Dulcimer) player, with a broad interest in 'Silk Road' instruments. Xiaorui aspires to be a scholar and writer of modern China, centring her accounts on ordinary people's lived experiences and the invention(s) of gender categories since the 1800s.

# Yuan Zhang

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- **Current Place of Residence:** Beijing, China
- **University:** Tsinghua University
- **Current/Recent Course:** Bachelor of Architecture

Yuan Zhang is currently a Schwarzman Scholar at Tsinghua University. She received a bachelor's degree from Tsinghua's School of Architecture, graduating first in her department. Yuan led a team that proposed a redesign of the Piazzale Loreto metro station in Milan that provided refuge for transient populations. Her other design projects have focused on redesigning mail delivery stations to improve couriers' living conditions and restructuring community markets for migrant workers. Yuan's undergraduate capstone project, which studied Chinese classical space and spatiality in Hongloulou, received an award for top 1% theses at Tsinghua. Yuan's ambition is to become an architectural scholar, focusing on how the under-represented perspectives of China's displaced populations can inform architectural space.

# Yan Yan

China, 2020



- **Current Place of Residence:** Nanjing, Jiangsu, China
- **University:** Nanjing University
- **Current/Recent Course:** BSc Applied Psychology

Yan Yan is studying applied psychology at Nanjing University, being the top student in her class. She was a visiting student in experimental psychology at St. Anne's College, Oxford. She did research on the effect of dust haze on mental stress and tests for preschool emotional competence training. She has also investigated the interplay between sleep and emotion regulation at the Stanford Psychophysiology Lab. Outside of academics, Yan edited a campus literary magazine and ran the society for gender and LGBTQ+ equality at her university. She has also taught or mentored under-privileged adolescents, and served as a translator and interpreter. Yan hopes to become a clinical psychologist dedicated to psychopathology research that is socially informative.