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Title: Understanding Cultural Variation in Trust from a Micro-Macro Interactionist Perspective

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Abstract

Trust is a psychological pillar of economic growth and civic cooperation. Social scientists have conducted extensive research on cultural variation in trust, yet limited attention has been paid to the joint influence of micro and macro factors on shaping such variation. In this talk, I will introduce a micro-macro interactionist perspective that considers trust levels vary as a function of micro relational distance, macro ecocultural context, and their interaction. I will present empirical evidence, including new data gathered from the COVID-19 pandemic, to demonstrate how this new perspective advances our understanding of cross-country and within-country variation in trusting other persons and social/political institutions.

Speaker Bio

Yiming Jing is an associate professor at the Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. He received his Ph.D. degree in social psychology from the University of Delaware. His research continues to the present to examine both micro and macro factors that shape social/political behaviors including interpersonal/intergroup trust and international cooperation/competition. More recently, He has begun to investigate the ecological, sociopolitical, and biological bases of within-nation cultural variation, with special attention to

China. He has published research articles in important scholarly journals including the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, and *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*. He is the recipient of a grant award from the Young Academic Leader Program of Beijing Social Science Foundation which recognizes a social scientist's early career achievement.

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