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I am a political scientist with research interests in political communication, authoritarianism, nationalism, East Asian politics (China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan), territorial politics, and public opinion.

EDUCATION

2021-present	PhD in Politics	The University of Edinburgh Dissertation: <i>The Art of Authoritarian Legitimation: Framing State-led Nationalism in Times of Routine and Ruptures</i>
2018-19	MSc in Applied Linguistics	The University of Edinburgh Dissertation: <i>Adopting the Myth of National Rejuvenation as a Legitimisation Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the China Dream Discourse</i>
2012-14	MA in Language Studies	Hong Kong Baptist University
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies	Hong Kong Baptist University Dissertation: <i>The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges</i>

EXPERIENCES

Jan-July 2024	Research Assistant (Part-time)	The University of Edinburgh Collected and coded data for Dr Karlo Basta's <i>Business of Nations</i> research, which examines the role of private enterprises in national independence debates in Scotland, Quebec, Catalonia, West Australia, etc.
Aug 2022- Aug 2023	Research Associate (Part-time)	Type Ventures, London, UK Conducted desk research and coded interview transcripts for science and technology reports on AI, sustainability, and ESG etc., published in MIT Technology Review, The Economist, etc.
Jan 2020- Aug 2021	Teaching-Track Lecturer	Hong Kong Baptist University Taught courses for the Division of Communication, College of International Education: CCPN1400 The Art of Persuasion FREL1401 Interpersonal Communication

Nov 2014- Jul 2018	Instructional Assistant	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
		Designed teaching materials and conducted workshops on multiple subjects, including non-verbal communication, cross-cultural communication, diversity and inclusion, etc.
Jul 2011- Oct 2014	Administrative Officer	Saint Francis University, Hong Kong (Formerly known as Caritas Institute of Higher Education)
		Managed the institute's public relations and strategic planning

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

May 2023- present	Associate Fellow	University of Surrey
		Hong Kong Studies Hub, Department of Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Field(s)	Publication
Political Communication; Taiwanese Politics	Lau, N. C-L., & Liu, S-J. S. (Forthcoming). Counting on Women's Courage to Come Forward: Changes in How Taiwan Legislators Frame Sexual Assaults since #MeToo. <i>International Journal of Taiwan Studies</i> .

WORKING PAPERS

Field(s)	Working Title
Political Communication; Authoritarianism; Nationalism; Chinese Politics; Hong Kong Politics	<i>The Political Communication of Authoritarian Legitimation: Framing State-led Nationalism</i>
Political Communication; Authoritarianism; Nationalism; Chinese Politics; Hong Kong Politics	<i>The Art of Authoritarian Legitimation: Framing State-led Nationalism in Times of Ruptures</i>
Political Communication; Authoritarianism	<i>"Xi Dada" and "Daddy Trump": The Gendered Political Communication of Charismatic Authority</i>
Political Communication; Nationalism; Territorial Politics; Public Opinion	<i>The Framing Effects of Ingroup Identification in Multinational States: Evidence from China and the United Kingdom</i>

CONFERENCES

15 Apr 2025	Solo Author/ Presenter	Political Studies Association, UK
		Authored and presented <i>Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Majority Nationalism in Authoritarian Multinational States</i> in Birmingham, UK

14 Apr 2025	Co-Author/ Presenter	Political Studies Association, UK Co-author and present <i>Counting on Women's Courage to Come Forward: Changes in how Taiwan Legislators Frame Sexual Assaults since #MeToo</i> in Birmingham, UK
1 Sept 2023	Solo Author/ Presenter	American Political Science Association Authored and presented <i>Framing Nationalism: The China Dream Discourse in the Context of Hong Kong</i> in Los Angeles, USA
31 Aug 2023	Chair	American Political Science Association Chaired the panel session of (Social) Media Ownership and Governance in Los Angeles, USA

ENGAGEMENTS & SERVICES

24 Jun 2024	Guest Speaker	SOAS University of London Presented co-authored paper on Taiwan's #MeToo Movement at the workshop of Centre of Taiwan Studies
4 Apr 2023	Guest Speaker	City University of Hong Kong Conducted a guest lecture on political communication for the course COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication
2022-present	Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals	<i>Nations and Nationalism; Politics, Groups and Identities; The Journal of Language and Social Psychology</i>

GRANTS & AWARDS

2023	Travel Grant	University of Oxford Travel grant for attending the university's large language models workshop for social scientists in Oxford, UK
2023	Travel Grant	Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	Travel Grant	First Generation Scholars in the Profession, American Political Science Association Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA

2023	PGR Research Support Grant	The University of Edinburgh Grant for attending the American Political Science Association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2021	College of International Education Appreciation for Quality Teaching	Hong Kong Baptist University Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2020-21)
2020	Dean's Recognition for Teaching Achievement	Hong Kong Baptist University Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2019-20)

RESEARCH TRAINING

27 June-4 July 2025	SOAS University of London Taiwan Studies Summer School
25-28 June 2024	SOAS University of London Taiwan Studies Summer School
24-25 June 2024	SOAS University of London Taiwan Studies Workshop
27-29 Sept 2023	University of Oxford Large language models workshop for social scientists

SKILLS

Language	English: Native Cantonese: Native Mandarin Chinese: Proficient
Research Methods	Corpus Analysis Critical Discourse Analysis Content Analysis Survey Experiments
Computer	Stata: Proficient NVivo: Proficient Sketch Engine: Proficient #LancsBox X: Proficient Python: Beginner