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Academic Appointments

Associate Research Fellow (Associate Professor)
Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, 2023/07 - present

Assistant Research Fellow (Assistant Professor)
Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, 2018/12 - 2023/07

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2015 - 2016

Education

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, USA, 2015

First Field: International Relations; Second Field: Comparative Politics.

Dissertation: "Talk Is Not Cheap: China's Assurance and Reassurance Strategy in East Asia."

Committee: Professor Andrew Bennett (advisor), Daniel Nexon, and Amitav Acharya
(American University)

M.A. Political Science, New York University, USA, 2006

B.A. Political Science and Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taiwan R.O.C., 2005

Research and Teaching Interests

International Relations Theory, East Asian Politics, Chinese Foreign Policy, Qualitative Methodology, Discourse Analysis

Publications

Journal Articles

1. Christina Lai, "US-Taiwan Relations and the Future of the Liberal International Order," *The US Army War College Quarterly: Parameters* 54 (1), 51-69, 2024. (peer-reviewed)
2. Christina Lai, "Bound to Lead: US-Taiwan Relations, Security Networks, and The Future of AUKUS," in *International Journal: Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis*, 78 (3), 417-434, 2023. (SSCI)
3. Christina Lai, "Finding the trade-security nexus: Taiwan's economic statecraft from 2009 to 2021," in *The Pacific Review*, online first view, 2023. (SSCI)
4. Christina Lai, "Fear the Fear: The Historical Analogies of Covid-19 in US-China Relations," in *International Politics*, 60 (3), 572-597, 2023. (SSCI)

5. Christina Lai, "If It Is Not Socialisation, then What? China's Institutional Statecraft in the AIIB," *China: An International Journal* 20(3), 1-22, 2022. (SSCI)
6. Christina Lai, "More Than Carrots and Sticks: Economic Statecraft and Coercion in China-Taiwan Relations from 2000 to 2019," *Politics* 42 (3), 410-425, 2022. (SSCI)
7. Christina Lai, "Realism Revisited: China's Status-Driven Wars against Koguryo in the Sui and Tang Dynasties," *Asian Security* 17 (2), 139-157, 2021. (peer-reviewed)
8. Christina Lai, "Soft Power Is not So Soft: Is A Reconciliation between China's Core Interests and Foreign Policy Practices Possible?" *Political Science* 72(3), 167-185, 2020. (SSCI)
9. Christina Lai, "South Korea's and Taiwan's Territorial Disputes with Japan, 1990s to 2018," *Asian Survey* 60 (3), 583-606, 2020. (SSCI)
10. Christina Lai, "An Imagined Brotherhood: The Rhetorical Framework and Prospects for China-Taiwan Relations," *Pacific Focus* 35 (2), 177-199, 2020. (SSCI)
11. Christina Lai, "A Coercive Brotherhood: Sino-Vietnamese Relations from the 1990s to 2018," *Journal of Contemporary China* 29 (123), 469-486, 2020. (SSCI)
12. Christina Lai, "Economic Nationalism in South Korea and Taiwan: National Identity and Economic Policy Discourse toward Japan after the WWII," *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 5 (2), 149-171, 2018. (peer-reviewed)
13. Christina Lai, "Rhetorical traps and China's peaceful rise: Malaysia and the Philippines in the South China Sea territorial disputes," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 19 (1), 117-146, 2019. (SSCI)
14. Christina Lai, "Dancing with the Wolf: Securitized China-Taiwan Trade in the ECFA Debate and Beyond," *Asian Security* 15 (2), 140-158, 2018. (peer-reviewed)
15. Christina Lai, "Acting One Way and Talking Another: China's Coercive Economic Diplomacy in East Asia and Beyond," *The Pacific Review* 31 (2), 169-187, 2018. (SSCI)
16. Christina Lai, "Identities, Rationality, and Taiwan's China Policy: The Dynamics of Cross-Strait Exchanges" with Chi-hung Wei, *Asian Studies Review* 41 (1), 136-154, 2017. (SSCI)

Book Chapter

1. Tse-Kang Leng and Christina Lai, "China's Multilateral Diplomacy: Researches of the Taiwanese academic society in comparative aspects" Forthcoming in Chung-Li Wu, Wen-Chin Wu, Nien-Chung Chang Liao (eds.), *The Status and Prospects of Politics*, Taipei: Wu-Nan. (In Chinese)

Policy Related Works

1. Christina Lai, "Liberal Democracy and Regional Security: Framing U.S.-Taiwan Relations in the Indo-Pacific," *Institute for Indo-Pacific Affairs, New Zealand*, July 2023.
2. Benjamin Ho and Christina Lai, "War in Ukraine and Cross-Straits Relations: Rhetoric, Response, and Reality," *IDSS Paper*, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU Singapore, July 2023.
3. Christina Lai, "A Chairman of Insecurity: China's National Security Concept and Its Impacts on Foreign Policy," *Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) in Japan*, February 2023.

4. Christina Lai, "Bound to Lead: AUKUS and US-Taiwan Relations," *Centre for International Policy Studies*, October 2022.
5. Christina Lai, "Power of the Weak: Taiwan's Strategy in Countering China's Economic Coercion," *China Brief*, Volume 21, Issue 21, November 2021.
6. Christina Lai, "Understanding Taiwan and Australia Strategies to counter China's Sanctions," *Political Science Association*, March 2021.
7. Christina Lai, "Is 'Asian NATO, an Oxymoron? Prospects of NATO's Political Engagement and Strategic Alignment in the Asia-Pacific," *The NATO Association of Canada*, December 2020.
8. Christina Lai, "A Case Study of Recent Social Movements in Hong Kong and Taiwan: Convergence of Counter-Identities amid China's Rise" *Global Taiwan Institute*, August 2020.
9. Christina Lai, "Killing Two Birds with One Stone? Reconsidering China-Singapore Relations in the Strategic Triangles," *China's World* 3(1), 83-94, 2018.

Op-eds and Media Interviews

1. "Xi Jinping's Suppression of Hong Kong Democracy Pushes Taiwan Further From China," *Bloomberg News*, July 5th, 2022.
2. "Vietnam - China relations: The 16 gold motto 'still matters'," *BBC News*, June 2nd, 2020.
3. "The Impact of the Hong Kong Protests on the Election in Taiwan," *the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)*, January 23rd, 2020.
4. "How Japan can be a strategic leader in Indo-Pacific," *Asia Times*, December 14th, 2018.
5. "In China's sixth plenum, Xi strives to polish image abroad," *Asia Times*, October 26th, 2016.

Work In Progress

1. You Need to See Me: China's Political Discourse toward Taiwan and Hong Kong.
2. Learning to Be Responsible: China's Evolving Policy toward South Sudan, Libya, and Myanmar.
3. Struggle to Power: A Comparison between Female Presidency in Taiwan and South Korea.
4. Names Can Really Hurt Me: Constitutive Discourse in U.S.-China Relations, with Dr. Andrew Bennett.
5. Teaching Qualitative Research Methods: China as a Country-Specific Approach.

Course Taught

1. Introduction to Global Security Studies, 2020-2024, Johns Hopkins University.
2. Chinese Foreign Policy, 2020, Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan.
3. Qualitative Data Analysis, 2019, Institute of Political Methodology, Academia Sinica.
4. Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Social Science, 2017-2018, Johns Hopkins University.
5. Introduction to Global Security Studies, 2018, Johns Hopkins University.

Recent Conference Presentations

1. "The Lost Territory: Glory and Humiliation in China's Historical Statecraft," paper presented at the 2023 American Political Science Association (APSA).
2. "Democracy with (out) Security: Framing U.S.-Taiwan Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region (2009-2023)," at The 3rd Canterbury Conference on Indo-Pacific Security, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, July 2023.
3. "Don't Throw Me Under The Bus: U.S.- Taiwan Relations and the Future of the Liberal International Order," at The 10th Oceanic Conference on International Studies 2023(OCIS), University of Melbourne, Australia, July 2023.
4. "What Is The Logic of Rhetorical Appeasement? Assessing the Prospect of China-Taiwan Peace Agreement," paper presented at the 2023 International Studies Association (ISA).
5. "Taiwan, AUKUS, and the Liberal International Order", paper presented at Workshop on "AUKUS Among Democracies: One Year Later," Canada: Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa, October 2022.
6. "Back to the Future: China Strategic Framing in Hong Kong's Social Movements," paper presented at the 2022 American Political Science Association (APSA).
7. "Soft Power Is Not So Soft: An Analysis of Chinese Foreign Policy and Core National Interests," paper presented at the 2022 International Studies Association (ISA).
8. "The Analogy of Pandemic: US-China Relations in the Era of Covid-19," paper presented at the 2022 International Studies Association (ISA).
9. "Building Trust and Imagined Community: Solving the Smog Pollution in China-ROK Relations," paper presented at the 2022 International Studies Association (ISA).
10. "Independence Movement with Adjectives: China's Understanding of Taiwan's Identity Formation," at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).
11. "Norm Grafting in Taiwan and Korea Self-Rule Movements: Uncovering Civility in Japan's Colonial Era," at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).
12. "Soft Power in Comparative Perspectives: China's Sharp Power Influences in Foreign Policy," at the An International Symposium on the Centenary of the CCP and Contemporary China, November 12th, 2021.
13. "If Not Socialisation, Then What? China's Institutional Statecraft in the AIIB," at the 2021 International Studies Association (ISA).
14. "Soft Power with Adjectives: U.S. and China Policies in Comparative Perspectives," at the 2021 International Studies Association (ISA).
15. "A Blessing in Disguise: China's Economic Coercion against East Asian Countries from 2010 to 2020," at the Taiwan in the Indo-pacific Region Annual Conference, Hoover Institute at Stanford University, October 2020.
16. "You Are What You Said: South Korea and Taiwan Territorial Disputes with Japan from the 1990s to 2016," at the China and the Changing Asian Order, IPSAS, Taiwan, January 2020.
17. "A Coercive Brotherhood: Rhetorical Coercion in Sino-Vietnam relations from 1970s to 2018," at the 2019 American Political Science Association (APSA).

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