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## **EDUCATION:**

*Ph.D* in Political Science, 2018~2024

University of South Carolina, South Carolina, U.S.A

*Master of Arts in Political Science*, 2015

National Taiwan University, Taiwan, R.O.C

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*, 2011

National Chengchi University, Taiwan, R.O.C

## **Doctoral Dissertation**

Topic:

Popular Justice or Populist Justice? Penal Populism and its Impact on Democracy

Committee Members:

Matthew Wilson (Chair)

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## **MASTER THESIS:**

“The Impact of Political Succession in the CCP on Cross-Strait Relations: 1989-2012”(In Chinese)

Adviser: Yu-Shan Wu

National Taiwan University, 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

*Instructor*, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina,

January 2024~May 2024

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina,

January 2019~May 2023

*Research Assistant*, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina,

August 2018~December 2018

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University,  
February 2012~August 2014

*Second Lieutenant*, Military Police of R.O.C., August 2011~July 2012

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

*Fellow*, Southeast Asia Research Group, 2024.

*Academic Excellence Award*, National Chengchi University, 2008~2011.

*Outstanding Graduate Award*, National Chengchi University, 2011.

*First Prize of Leichen Memorial Scholarship(Undergraduate)*, National Chengchi University, 2011.

*Excellent Work of Leichen Memorial Scholarship (Graduate)*, National Chengchi University, 2014.

### **LANGUAGES**

Chinese(native); English; Japanese (beginning); Vietnamese (beginning)

### **PROGRAMMING**

R, LaTeX

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **A. Journal Articles:**

1. Ching-Ping Tang and Kuan-Wu Chen. 2013. "Democratization, Faction Politics, and Civil Society: The Case of Community-Building and the 'Termination of Faction' in Chia-yi County." *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* 10(2) pp.105-138. (In Chinese)
2. Kuan-Wu Chen & Yu-Shan Wu. 2017. "Power position and Taiwan policy: how Beijing responds to Taipei's stimuli during the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao periods." *Journal of Contemporary East Asia Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/24761028.2017.1391620.
3. Yu-ShanWu and Kuan-Wu Chen. 2020. "Domestic Politics and Cross-Strait Relation: A Synthetic Perspective." Invited to publish in special issue "Taiwan's External Relations: Prospects and Challenges." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 55(2): 168-186.
4. Kelan Lu and Kuan-Wu Chen. 2020. "Caught in the Middle: An EmpiricalAssessment of the Impact of the Trade Warand Beijing's Taishang Incentive Policies onthe Taishang's Movement in and out of Mainland China." *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*. June.

5. Heinrich, Tobias, Spencer Baily, Kuan-wu Chen, Jack DeOliveira, Sanghoon Park, and Navida Chun-han Wang. 2025. "AI-Assisted Grading and Personalized Feedback in Large Political Science Classes: Results from Randomized Controlled Trials." *PLOS One* 20(8): e0328041.

**B. Conference papers:**

1. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2016. "Rethinking CKS Memorial Hall: Space, Historical Memory and, Public Sphere" Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting and International Conference of the Chinese Association of Political Science: Regional Development, Distributional Justice, Ethnic Politics, National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, November 25-26.
2. Kuan-Wu Chen & Yu-Shan Wu. 2015. "Power Position and Taiwan Policy: How Beijing Responds to Taipei's Stimuli During the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao Periods." Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Association of International Relations, R.O.C, National Cheng-kung University, October 24.
3. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2013. "Cronyism, Patron-Client relationships, and Financial Fraud: A Retrospect of authoritarian transformation in Taiwan through the analysis of the fraud of Taipei Tenth Credit Cooperative." Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting and International Conference of the Chinese Association of Political Science: National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, November 16-17.
4. Kelan, Lu and Kuan-Wu Chen. 2019. "Caught in the Crossfire: The Impact of Sino-US Trade Tensions on Taiwan." 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada.
5. Kuan-Wu, Chen. 2019. "Political Entrepreneurship and Party Realignment: An interpretation of Taiwan's Local Election in 2018." 2019 World Congress, Korean Political Science Association. Seoul, Republic of Korea.
6. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2019. "Variety of Authoritarian Environmentalism: the Cases of Water Management." Annual Conference of American Association of China Studies. Seattle, Washington.
7. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2023. "Penal Populism and War on Drugs in the Pilippines." Conference on Judicial Politics and Human Rights: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective. Columbia, South Carolina.
8. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2024. "Duterte's Death Note: Narco-List in the War on Drugs." Annual Conference of Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **C. Features and Book Review:**

1. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2015. "The Challenge of Taiwan Joining AIIB: Internationalized Cross-Strait Affairs or Cross-Straitlized International Affairs?" *Mingpao Monthly*, May 2015.
2. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2016. "Practical or Impractical? The Changes of New Taiwan Policy in China's 'Two Sessions.'" *Mingpao Monthly*, April 2016.
3. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2021. "Review: State Capture by Alexander Hertel-Fernandez." *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* 18(1): 151-58.
3. Kuan-Wu Chen. 2021. "Review: Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy." *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* 18(3): 157-63.

### **INVITED TALK**

1. "Penal Populism and Democracy" in National Cheng-Kung University, 2023.6.

### **GRANT**

1. 2019 American Association of China Studies Junior Travel Grant.
2. 2021 Taiwan Study Conference Research Grant.
3. 2021, 2022, 2024 Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina Travel Grant
4. 2022-2023 Sun Yet-Sen Fellowship, National Policy Foundation, Taiwan (R.O.C).
5. 2023-2024 Taiwan Overseas Pioneer Scholarship, National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan).
6. 2023 Research Grant, the Institute of Humane Studies.
7. 2024 Travel Grant, the International Study Association
8. 2024 Li-Ching Graduate Fellowship
9. 2024 Wandering and Wondering Writing Retreat Grant
10. 2024 SEARG- Henry Luce Foundation Summer Conference Travel Grant
11. 2025 Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Research Fellowship