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## RESEARCH INTEREST

distributive politics, legislative politics, quantitative study of ideology and political attitudes, computational social science.

## EDUCATION

### University of Essex, UK

PhD Candidate, Department of Government Oct 2018 –

MPhil/PhD student, Department of Government Oct 2017 – Dec 2018

### National Taipei University, Taiwan

MA, Public Administration and Policy Sep 2010 – Aug 2014

BA, Public Administration and Policy Jun 2005 – Aug 2010

## RESEARCH PROJECT

### PhD Thesis: Essays in Taiwan Legislative Politics

- 2019. "Mayors and Pork Barrel: Legislative Experience Bias in Intergovernmental Transfers to Taiwan Municipalities". (presented in **2019 EPSA**; accepted in **2020 Asian PolMeth VII (Poster Session)** at HKU, *canceled due to unforeseen circumstances in Hong Kong*) [[Github](#)]
- 2020. "Electoral Reform and Disunited Polarization: Evidence from Legislative Roll Calls". with Li Tang (University of Birmingham) (presented in **the Virtual 2020 APSA**; presented in **2020 Annual Conference of the Taiwanese Political Science Association**, National Taiwan University, Taiwan) [[GitHub](#)]
- 2021. "Legislative Inquiries and Electoral Incentives: Exploring the Electoral Strategies from SNTV to SMD."

### Working Paper

- 2021. "Factionalism and Red Guards under the Cultural Revolution: Ideal Point Estimation Using Text-as-Data Scaling Method". with Yi-Nung Tsai (National Chengchi University), Dechun Zhang (Leiden University) (presented in **2021 AsianPolmeth Presentation VIII**) [[GitHub](#)]
- 2021. "Income Inequality, Party Misperception and Democracy Distrust". with Royce Carroll (University of Essex), Li Tang (University of Birmingham), Tzu-Ping Liu (University of Taipei) (presented in **2021 EPSA**)
- 2021. "Measuring Fiscal Policy Preference". with Li Tang (University of Birmingham) and Pei Kuang (University of Birmingham)

## EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant to Dr Akitaka Matsuo (University of Essex), VB21 - Machine Learning with Big Data for Social Scientists, 15<sup>th</sup> ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Aug 10 - 14 2020

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Royce Carroll, 3L Scaling Methods for Social Science: Measuring Patterns and Preferences in Surveys and Behavior, 53<sup>rd</sup> Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Aug 10 – 21 2020 [[Github](#)]

Teaching Assistant to Dr Iulia Cioroianu (University of Bath), 1B Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, 53<sup>rd</sup> Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Jul 13 - 24 2020

Teaching Assistant to Dr Raymond Hick (Columbia University), 1B Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, 52<sup>nd</sup> Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Jul 13 - 24 2019

### Research Assistant

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Royce Carroll, University of Essex, Jun 2019 – Oct 2019 [[Github](#)]

Senior Research Assistant to Dr. Wu, Chung-li, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Feb 2014 – Jul 2017

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Luor, Ching-Jyuhn, Department of Public Administration and Policy, National Taipei University in Taiwan, Jul 2010 - Jan 2014

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

### ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL in Social Science Data Analysis

Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences (taught by Ryan T. Moore), 27 Jul – 7 Aug 2020

Introduction to Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences (taught by Ryan Bakker), 22 Jul – 4 Aug 2019

Ideal Point Estimation and Scaling Methods (taught by Royce Carroll), 6 - 17 Aug 2018

Generalized Linear Models (taught by Patrick Shea), 22 Jul - 2 Aug 2018

### University of Essex

An Introduction to R for PGR (taught by Dr. Thomas Cameron and Dr. Etienne Low-Decarie), Department of Biological Science, 8 - 12 January 2018

## SKILLS

**Programings** R, Python (working knowledge in natural language processing, machine/deep learning and webscraping)

**Database** MySQL & MySQLWorkbench

**Document Editing** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML & CSS (working knowledge in web editing), Hugo

**High Performance Computing** Amazon EC2, CERES Cluster (University of Essex)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Received 2020 Department Fund (£950) and Travel Grant from Taiwan Government (Council of Indigenous Peoples, USD\$1165) for attending 2020 MPSA Conference *cancelled*

Received 2019 Department Fund (£450) and Travel Grant from Taiwan Government (Council of Indigenous Peoples, USD\$630) for attending 2019 EPSA Conference

Received the 2018 Attendance Scholarships (£250) to Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Awarded the 2017 Taiwan Government Scholarship to Study Abroad in the Field of Legislative Studies (4 years), USD\$42,000 per annum

Awarded the 2015 Taiwan Government Visiting Scholarship for the participation at the ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, approximately USD\$4,980 *declined*

## SERVICES TO ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Seminar Organiser

Co-organizer for POPE Research Group (Public Opinion, Parties and Elections) for early career researchers at Department of Government, the University of Essex, Oct 2019 - May 2020.

Co-organizer for HEROES (Helping Each-other Research On Empirical Subjects) / PhD Colloquium at Department of Government, the University of Essex, Oct 2018 - May 2019.

### Membership

2019 EPSA; 2020 MPSA; 2020 APSA; 2021 EPSA

## OTHERS

### Packages

[asmcjr](#) (with Dave Armstrong, Royce Carroll, Christopher Hare, Ryan Bakker, Keith Poole, Howard Rosenthal)

The `asmcjr` package supports the book "*2nd Analyzing Spatial Models of Choice and Judgment*", and streamlined functions for scaling and visualising estimates with `ggplot2`.

### Data Collection

Webscrapped Legislative Inquiries from 1996 to 2020 (tidy formats data is available upon request)

Human Labeling Training Set of Taiwan Pork Barrel Legislation and CNNs Model for the Classification Task (*training data and pre-trained model is available upon request*)

Annotated ParlSpeech V2 Data in CoNLL-U Format in LIWC2015 Format (*training data and pre-trained model is available upon request*)