

ERIC THAI

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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

September 2020 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Concentration: International Relations, Comparative Politics

M.A. in Political Science

2020-2022

University of California, Davis

2016-2020

B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, Domestic Politics, Trade Agreements, Tariffs

RESEARCH

Dissertation

Dissertation Committee Members: Megumi Naoi (*Chair*), John Ahlquist (*member*), Lawrence Broz (*member*), David Lake (*member*), Kyle Handley (*member*)

The Political Economy of Tariff Phaseouts in Free Trade Agreements (3-paper series)

Other Publications

"Voice on the Job for Younger Workers" (with John S. Ahlquist and Jake Grumbach). 2023. Annie E. Casey Foundation and UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, San Diego, Department of Political Science

Instructor of Record

POLI 12: Introduction to International Relations

(planned) Spring 2026

POLI 144E: Politics of International Trade

Summer Session 1, 2025

POLI 12: Introduction to International Relations

Spring 2025

POLI 12: Introduction to International Relations

Summer Session 1, 2024

POLI 144AB: Trade and Domestic Politics¹

Summer Session 2, 2024

Teaching Assistant with Discussion Sections

Introduction to International Relations

Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant (grading and office hours)

Scandinavian Politics, National Security Strategy, Public Policy Analysis, Japanese Politics, Religion and Politics, East Asian Thoughts and Comparative Perspective, Introduction to Comparative Politics, International Political Economy: Monetary and Finance

Training: Student-Centered College Teaching and Course Design certificate

Winter 2024

¹Special Topics in International Political Economy

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

University of California, San Diego, Department of Political Science
Research Apprenticeship Program

Mentees: Harrison Burkholder, Ryan Coryea, Salvador Moedano, Brendan O'Connor, Muhammad Omer, and Tony Wu.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

IHS: Contemporary Challenges in Trade	November 7-8, 2025
APSA 2025 Conference	September 11-14, 2025
IHS: Giving An Effective Job Talk	September 10, 2025
UCSD Trade and Industry Policy Paper Workshop (IHS)	June 6, 2025
UCSD IR Retreat Conference	May 30, 2025
Junior IO Scholars Workshop Spring	March 11, 2025
International Studies Association (ISA)	March 1-4, 2025
Consortium of American Political Economy (CAPE) Junior Working Group	February 25, 2025
Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)	January 23-25, 2025
Free Trade: Academic and Policy Perspective, IHS Symposium	November 11, 2024
Junior IO Scholars Workshop Fall (Cancelled, Schedule Conflict)	November 6, 2024
GSIPE Fall Workshop	October 14, 2024
APSA 2024 Conference	September 5 - 8, 2024
GSIPE pre-APSA Workshop	September 4, 2024
Harvard University International Trade Symposium (IHS)	July 23 - 24, 2024
Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training	June 5 - 7, 2024
GSIPE pre-APSA Workshop	August 30, 2023
APSA 2023 Conference	August 31 - September 3, 2023
UCSD IR Retreat Conference	May, 2023
UCSD IO Group	Winter 2021 - present
Midwest Political Science Association 2020 Conference (Virtual)	April 2020
UC Davis Senior Thesis Presentation	February 2020
Western Regional Honors Conference (Invitation Declined)	April 2020
OEOES Summer Research Symposium	August 2019
UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference	April 2019

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

The Institute for Humane Studies's Academic Mentoring Grant (Grant No. IHS019483)	August 2025
The Institute for Humane Studies Honorarium.	June 2025
Yankelovich Center Grant	March 2025

The Institute for Humane Studies's Humane Studies Fellowship (Grant No. IHS018620)	September 2024
UCSD Political Science Department. Conference Travel Grant.	September 2024
Graduate and Professional Student Association Summer Travel Grant	July 2024
The Institute for Humane Studies Honorarium.	July 2024
The Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Grant (Grant No. IHS018295).	June 2024
The Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Grant (Grant No. IHS018194).	May 2024
Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences. Travel Grant.	May 2024
Dean of UCSD Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs. Research Grant.	May 2024
UCSD Political Science Department. Conference Travel Grant.	September 2023
UCSD Political Science Department Teaching Excellence Award.	September 2022
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Honorable Mention.	2022
UC Davis Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research.	2020
UC Davis University Honors Program Student Research and Innovation Award.	2020
Clyde Jacobs and Larry Peterman Distinguished Scholar Award.	2020
UC Davis Political Science Department Citation for Outstanding Performance.	2020
Dean Keith Simonton Prize.	2020
Charles A. & Violet E. Stenson Scholarship.	2018 & 2019
OEOES Summer Research Fellowship.	2019
Frank A. Mesplé Scholarship.	2019
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.	2019
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society.	2019
Nedjelko Dinko Suljak Scholarship.	2018
UC Davis Political Science Undergraduate Scholarship.	2018
UC Davis Study Abroad Award.	2018
University Honors Program.	2017-2020
UC Davis Dean's Honors List: Winter 2020, Winter 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Winter 2018, Spring 2017, Winter 2017, Fall 2016	
J. and E. Heinrich Scholarship.	2017
William B. Jameson Scholarship.	2017
Edward Kraft Prize Scholarship.	2017
Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship.	2016

SERVICE

Reviewer for Business and Politics 2024

Mentor, Political Science Grad Pal Program 2022, 2023.

UAW2865 Political Science Organizing Committee Fall 2022

Political Science Graduate Council: VP of Orientation 2021-2023

Professional Membership: *American Political Science Association*

SKILLS

R, Stata, Git, Github, GIS, Machine Learning, L^AT_EX, Markdown, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, Survey Experiments