

# JESSENE LEE

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Toronto

Ph.D. Student, Political Science, 2021 -  
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

### National University of Singapore

Master of Social Sciences, Political Science, 2022  
Bachelor of Social Sciences, Political Science, 2018

## EXTRA TRAINING

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| 2023 | <b>IPSA-NUS Methods School</b><br>Causal Mediation Analysis<br>Experimental Method                 |
| 2019 | <b>ECPR Methods School</b><br>Times Series Analysis<br>Causal Analysis based on Observational Data |
| 2019 | <b>IPSA-NUS Methods School</b><br>Network Analysis   |
| 2019 | <b>ECPR Methods School</b><br>Quantitative Text Analysis (NLP)<br>Advanced Regression Analysis     |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Relations and Political Economy: Politics of Trade, International Institutions, Rising Powers

Research Methods: Quantitative Methods, Network Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Chapters

1. Lee, Jesslene. "Emerging Divergence: Distinct Data Regulatory Models Around the World." In Data Governance and the Digital Economy in Asia: Harmonizing Cross-Border Data Flows. Eds. Liu Jingting and Ulrike Sengtschmid. 2024. Routledge. Forthcoming.

## WORKING PAPERS

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5. “Membership and its Benefits: Vote Shares and Voting Power in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank”, with Soo Yeon Kim
4. “Contesting the Liberal Script? The AIIB and the World Bank in Development Finance”, with Soo Yeon Kim
3. “Deep Preferential Trade Agreements and Global Trade: A Network Analysis Approach”
2. “Diffusion of Digital Trade Provisions: New Rule-makers in Global Trade Governance?”
1. “Race and Gender Bias in the Leadership of International Organization”, with Phillip Lipsky and Taylor Jackson”

## OPINION, COMMENTARY, AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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7. Lee, Jesslene, Lew San Hong, Arthur Jun Hyun Shin, Tan Kway Guan. Digital Integration in ASEAN: A Natural Language Processing Analysis of Digital Trade Provisions.” 2024. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*. (Forthcoming)
6. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Liu Jingting. “Is Asean Truly a Winner in Globalisation 2.0?” *The Business Times*. March 20, 2024.
5. Lee, Jesslene. “ASEAN’s Window of Opportunity to Write its own Data Rules.” *The Business Times*. October 3, 2023. [PDF] [Additional coverage]
4. Lee, Jesslene. “ASEAN’s Window of Opportunity for Shaping Global Data Governance.” *The Diplomat*. September 15, 2023. [PDF]
3. Lee, Jesslene. “Data Regulation through Trade Agreements: Assessing the Emergence of Distinct Regulatory Regimes.” 2023. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*.
2. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Tan Kway Guan. “Unlocking Opportunities: Singapore as a Standard-maker in Digital Trade Governance.” *The Business Times*. June 8, 2023. [PDF]
1. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Tan Kway Guan. “Comparative Analysis of Digital Trade Provisions: Challenges and Lessons for Singapore.” 2023. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*.

## CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Forthcoming)                                     |
| 2024 | Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC) (Forthcoming)   |
| 2024 | Political Networks (PolNet) Conference (Forthcoming)   |
| 2024 | Workshop on “Contemporary Challenges to Trade and Trade Policy”, University of Salzburg (Forthcoming)          |
| 2024 | International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention  |
| 2024 | Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Asia Competitiveness Institute, Data and Policy Analytics Seminar Series |

2024	Freie Universität Berlin Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Scripts” (SCRIPTS) Session on East Asia
2023	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
2023	‘Asia in International Financial Affairs’ Workshop, Goethe University Frankfurt
2023	Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)
2023	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Convention
2023	International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention
2022	Freie Universität Berlin Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Scripts” (SCRIPTS) Regional Conference: Liberal Script(s) — Asian Versions and Contestations of a Concept
2021	Singapore Political Economy Seminar, ESSEC Singapore
2020	The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2024	International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant
2023	American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant
2023	Singapore Social Science Research Council Graduate Research Fellowship
2023	University of Toronto Department Conference Travel Awards
2021-2026	University of Toronto Fellowship
2021	University of Toronto Department of Political Science Graduate Program Recruitment Award
2021	National University of Singapore Graduate Students’ Teaching Award (2 of 2 eligible semesters)

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Jul 2022 -	<b>Researcher</b> Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy National University of Singapore
Jan 2023 -	<b>Research Assistant</b> For Professor Lynette Ong Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
Aug 2021 -	<b>Research Assistant</b> For Professor Phillip Lipsy Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
Aug 2021 -	<b>Research Assistant</b> For Professor Soo Yeon Kim Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
Aug 2018 - Aug 2020	<b>Teaching Fellow</b> Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	<b>Research Assistant</b>

	Center for Social Development Asia, Singapore
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	<b>Research Assistant</b> Asia Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy, Singapore
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	<b>Research Assistant</b> For Professor Sung Eun Kim Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	<b>Research Assistant</b> Housing Development Board, Singapore
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	<b>Research Assistant</b> Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore

## SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Toronto

2023, 2022	Statistics for Political Scientists (Graduate-level course, for Olga Chyzh)
2023, 2022	Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (for Kenichi Ariga)
2023	Scarcity, Sustainability, and the Future of International Relations (for Mark Nieman)
2022, 2021	Introduction to International Relations (for Seva Gunitsky)

### National University of Singapore

2021, 2020, 2019	International Political Economy (for Soo Yeon Kim)
2021	Political Inquiry (for Chonghyun Choi)
2020, 2019	Chinese Politics (for Chen An)
2020	Public Administration in Singapore (for Shamsul Haque)
2019	Southeast Asian Politics (for Deepak Nair)
2019	International Security (for Chong Ja Ian)
2019, 2018	Introduction to Politics (for Terence Lee)

## SERVICE

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### Reviewer

Review of International Organizations, World Development

### Service to the University

2023	Co-convenor, Quantitative Methods Research Cluster, University of Toronto
2022	Judge, Singapore Undergraduate Policy Conference, National University of Singapore
2022	Instructor, Introduction to Data Analysis and Visualization in R Short Course, National University of Singapore
2020 - 2021	Founding Head, National University of Singapore Political Science Graduate Student Conference

### **Service to the International Graduate Student Community**

2021 - 2023	Editor-in-Chief, International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS) Journal ( <i>Peer-reviewed</i> )
2021	Co-Chair, Yale European Studies Graduate Fellows Conference, Yale University
2018	Deputy Head, International Association of Political Science (IAPSS) Students Academic Convention

### **SKILLS**

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R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese (written), Korean (written)

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