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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

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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**Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy,  
National University of Singapore**  
Research Associate, 2022 -

## EXTRA TRAINING

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books/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. Paul Cheung, Liu Jingting and Ulrike Sengtschmid. 2024. Routledge.

### WORKING PAPERS

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6. “Connecting Regimes: Preferential Trade Agreements and the Management of the Intellectual Property Rights Regime”, with Manfred Elsig, Soo Yeon Kim and Andrew Lugg (Under Review)
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 (Under Review)
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. “Glass Ceilings, Glass Walls, and Glass Cliffs: Gender Bias in the Leadership of International Organizations”, with Phillip Lipsy and Taylor Jackson”

### OPINION, COMMENTARY, AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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8. **Lee, Jesslene**, Lew San Hong, Arthur Jun Hyun Shin and Tan Kway Guan. Digital Integration in ASEAN: A Natural Language Processing Analysis of Digital Trade Provisions.” 2024. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*. (Forthcoming)
7. **Lee, Jesslene.** “Another Digital Trade Deal, What’s the Big Deal?” *The Business Times*. August 8, 2024. [PDF]
6. Banh Thi Hang, **Jesslene Lee**, and Liu Jingting. “Is Asean Truly a Winner in Globalisation 2.0?” *The Business Times*. March 20, 2024. [PDF]
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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- 2025 'Individuals in International Policy' Workshop , LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin (Forthcoming)
- 2025 International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention (Forthcoming)
- 2025 The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference (Forthcoming)
- 2024 International Political Economy Society (IPES) Conference
- 2024 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
- 2024 Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)
- 2024 APSA Political Networks (PolNet) Conference
- 2024 Workshop on 'Contemporary Challenges to Trade and Trade Policy', University of Salzburg
- 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) First Generation Scholar Travel Grant
2023-2025	Singapore Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Graduate Research Fellowship
2023-2024	University of Toronto Department Conference Travel Awards
2021-	University of Toronto Fellowship
2021	University of Toronto Department of Political Science Graduate Program Recruitment Award

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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, Teaching Assistant

2024	Qualitative Methods (for Linda White)
2022, 2023, 2024	Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (for Kenichi Ariga)
2023	Rise of China as a Global Power (for Lynette Ong)
2022, 2023	Statistics for Political Scientists (Graduate-level course, for Olga Chyzh)
2023	Scarcity, Sustainability, and the Future of International Relations (for Mark Nieman)
2021, 2022	Introduction to International Relations (for Seva Gunitsky)

### National University of Singapore, Teaching Fellow

Awarded Graduate Students' Teaching Award (2 of 2 eligible semesters)

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, Journal of Southeast Asian Economies

### Service to the University

2023-2025	Co-convener, 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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