

# 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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| 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<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, Text Analysis

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Membership and its Benefits: Vote Shares in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank”, with  
Soo Yeon Kim (*Under Review*)

“Deep Preferential Trade Agreements and Global Trade: A Network Analysis Approach”

“Race and Gender Bias in the Leadership of International Organization, with Phillip Lipsy and  
Taylor Jackson”

## WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

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“Why Defer? Hierarchy in Regime Complexes”

“Rule-taker or Rule-maker? Diffusion of Models of Governance across Non-Trade Issues in the Trade Agreement Network”

## SELECTED CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention
- 2022 SCRIPTS Regional Conference: Liberal Script(s) — Asian Versions and Contestations of a Concept, Freie Universität Berlin Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Scripts” (SCRIPTS)
- 2021 Singapore Political Economy Seminar, ESSEC Singapore
- 2020 International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention (*Paper Accepted*)
- 2020 International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress (*Paper Accepted*)
- 2020 The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference
- 2019 Humboldt-Universität - National University of Singapore Workshop on “Post-Democratizing Politics in East Asia”

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2023 - 2025 Singapore Social Science Research Council Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2021 University of Toronto Department of Political Science Graduate Programme Recruitment Award

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Jul 2022 - **Research Intern**  
Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  
National University of Singapore
- Aug 2021 - **Research Assistant**  
For Professor Phillip Lipsy  
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Aug 2021 - **Research Assistant**  
For Professor Soo Yeon Kim  
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
- Aug 2018 - Aug 2020 **Teaching Fellow**  
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2018 **Research Assistant**  
Center for Social Development Asia, Singapore
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2018 **Research Assistant**  
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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Toronto

2023	Rise of China as a Global Power (for Lynette Ong)
2023	Scarcity, Sustainability, and the Future of International Relations (for Mark Nieman)
2022-23	Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (for Kenichi Ariga)
2022	Statistics for Political Scientists (Graduate-level course, for Olga Chyzh)
2022, 2021	Introduction to International Relations (for Seva Gunitsky)

### National University of Singapore

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)
2020	Women and Politics (for Dunya Lepori)
2020	Origins of the Modern World (for Sinja Graf)
2019, 2018	Introduction to Politics (for Terence Lee)
2019	Southeast Asian Politics (for Deepak Nair)
2019	International Security (for Chong Ja Ian)
2018	Global Issues (for Josh Kurz)

## SERVICE

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### Reviewer

Review of International Organizations, World Development

### Service to the University

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 Conference

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

2021 - 2022	Editor-in-Chief, International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS) Politikon 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

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