

SAMUEL LIU

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EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ph.D. Government

- Field: International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)
- Dissertation: "Three Essays on International Security in Cross-Strait Public Opinion"
- Committee: Jessica Chen Weiss (Chair), Sarah Kreps, Thomas Pepinsky

In progress

Ithaca, NY

Cornell University

M.A. Government

2023

Ithaca, NY

University College London

MSc. Security Studies, Merit

2019

London, UK

University of Hong Kong

BSocSc. Politics and Public Administration, First Class Hon.

2018

Hong Kong

PUBLICATIONS

1. Dafoe, Allan, Samuel Liu, Brian O'Keefe, and Jessica Chen Weiss. 2022. "Provocation, Public Opinion, and International Disputes: Evidence from China." *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (2): sqac006.
2. Zenobia T. Chan, Samuel Liu, and Kai Quek. 2021. "Audience Costs and the Credibility of Commitments." In *Oxford Bibliographies (International Relations)*. Oxford University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Defend or Deny: National Strategic Assets and Wartime Resolve (with Avishai Melamed and Sarah Kreps)"
2. "Threats Alone Don't Stick: Threats, Assurances, and Coercive Effectiveness"
3. "Domestic Costs of Threats and Assurances"
4. "US Credibility After Ukraine: Experimental Evidence from Taiwan"
5. "Personality Traits and Political Change in Hong Kong" (with Tetsuro Kobayashi)
6. "Tactical Shift and Violence Perception" (with Polly Chan)

TEACHING

Course Instructor

GOVT1101 Politics of Dissent in Hong Kong (Writing seminar).

Syllabus available upon request.

Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

GOVT3837 The Cold War (Writing seminar with Matthew Evangelista)

Spring 2023

GOVT2897 Human Rights At War (Writing seminar with Matthew Evangelista)

Spring 2022

GOVT3121 Crime and Punishment (with Joseph Margulies)

Fall 2021

GOVT3443 Southeast Asian Politics (with Thomas Pepinsky)

Spring 2021

GOVT3557 Exceptionalism Questioned: America and Europe
(Writing seminar with Peter Katzenstein)

Fall 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

to Jessica Chen Weiss

Cornell University

2020–2021

to Kai Quek

University of Hong Kong

2017–18

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation (\$10,000 in 2025–26; \$7,500 in 2024–25)	2024–2026
Doctoral Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (one-year fellowship)	2024–25
China-U.S. Scholars Program Conference Grant, Institute of International Education (\$4,000)	2024
U.S. Foreign Policy Dissertation Grant, Stand Together Trust (\$5,000)	2023

Internal

(Only competitive awards are listed)

Lee Teng-hui Fellowship, East Asia Program	2025–26
Research Travel Grant, Graduate School (\$1,600)	2025
Lee Teng-hui Fellowship, East Asia Program (<i>declined</i>)	2024–25
Andrew Kohut Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research	Summer 2024
Small Research Grant, Qualitative & Interpretive Research Institute (\$1,150)	2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Empirical Studies on Conflict (ESOC): 2025.
American Political Science Association (APSA): 2019, 2024, 2025.
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2018, 2024, 2025.
International Studies Association (ISA): 2020 (cancelled).
Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica: 2025 March, October.

OTHER WRITING

- “Public Opinion on Hong Kong’s Precarious Future in 1997,” December 2024. Issue Brief, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.
<https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/blog/public-opinion-hong-kongs-precarious-future-1997>

SERVICE

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*

SKILLS

Languages: Cantonese (native) and Mandarin (fluent)
Software: R, Stata, and L^AT_EX
Fieldwork: Taiwan (2023–24)