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EDUCATION

- 2015** **Ph.D.**, *University of California, Davis*
Dissertation title: *The International Relations of New Dictators*
- 2012** **Empirical Implications of Theoretic Modeling (EITM)**, *University of Houston*
Summer workshop on testing formal models with quantitative data
- 2006** **B.A.**, *University of California, Berkeley*
Double major in political science and political economy of industrial societies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024–Present** **University of Nottingham, Ningbo China**
Assistant Professor in the School of International Studies
- 2015–2023** **University of Hong Kong**
Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025** **Under China's Shadow: Authoritarian Rule and Domestic Political Divisions in Thailand** (with Enze Han and Sirada Khemanithathai). *International Relations of Asia Pacific* 25(2): lcaf002.
- 2025** **Muddying the Waters: How Perceived Foreign Interference Delegitimizes Foreign Public Opinion on Protest Movements** (with Dov Levin). *American Political Science Review* 119(1): 314-331.
- 2024** **Why Whataboutism Works: In International Politics, It Pays to Point Fingers** (with Dov Levin). *Foreign Affairs* 27 August 2024.
- 2024** **The Diplomacy of Whataboutism and U.S. Foreign Policy Attitudes** (with Dov Levin). *International Organization* 78(1): 103-133.
- 2024** **Rugged Terrain, Forest Coverage, and Insurgency in Myanmar** (with Enze Han). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 41(3): 218-237.
- 2023** **Descriptive Legitimacy and International Organizations: Evidence from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** (with Enze Han). *Journal of Politics* 85(2): 357-371.
- 2019** **Brexit Identities and British Public Opinion on China** (with Enze Han and Xiaojun Li). *International Affairs* 95(6):1376-1389.
- 2018** **The Politics of Preferential Trade Liberalization in Authoritarian Countries** (with Leonardo Baccini). *International Interactions* 44(2): 189-216.
- 2017** **Entry, Credibility, and Trade Policy: Why Some Autocrats Like International Trade** (with Daniel Y. Kono). *International Studies Quarterly* 61(4): 892-906.
- 2014** **Chapter 3 - The United States: Land of Opportunity** (with Gregory Clark, Neil Cummins, Yu Hao, Daniel Diaz Vidal, Tatsuya Ishii, Zach Landes, Daniel Marcin, Firas Abusneneh, Kuk Mo Jung, Ariel M. Marek, and Kevin M. Williams). *The Son Also Rises: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility*. Princeton University Press.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Whataboutism in International Diplomacy: Shaping Third-Party Perceptions of U.S. Foreign Policy
(with Dov Levin and Atsushi Tago). Under review.

Whataboutism, Nationalism, and Chinese Foreign Policy Attitudes

(with Dov Levin). Under review.

The Dictator's Gambit: Leadership Survival and International Conflict Escalation

Under review.

Silence or Censure: The Costs of Naming and Shaming Vs. Foreign Whataboutism

(with Dov Levin). In progress.

Goldilocks Trap: External Arm Transfers and Civil Wars

In progress.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Fall 2025	Silence or Censure: The Costs of Naming and Shaming Vs. Foreign Whataboutism Presented at American Political Science Association: Vancouver, Sept. 5 to Sep. 7, 2025.
Summer 2025	The Goldilocks Trap: External Support and the Prevention-Deterrence Paradox Presented at Pacific International Politics Conference: Tokyo, July 4 to July 5, 2025.
Fall 2024	Whataboutism and Chinese Foreign Policy Attitudes Presented at American Political Science Association: Philadelphia, Aug. 31 to Sep. 3, 2024.
Spring 2022	Strategic Narratives: How Does Whataboutism Influence Foreign Public Opinion Presented at International Studies Association: Nashville (Online), March 28-31, 2022.

TEACHING

2024-Present	Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham Ningbo
COURSES:	Introduction to Political Economy (UG), International Political Economy (MA), Global International Relations (MA)
2015-2023	Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong
COURSES:	Global Governance (UG), Global Political Economy (UG), Politics of Global Inequality (Masters)
2013-2014	Associate Instructor, University of California, Davis
COURSES:	Scientific Study of Politics (UG)
Summer 2013	Teaching Assistant, ICPSR University of Michigan
COURSES:	Advanced Maximum Likelihood (Graduate Class)

SUPERVISION

Supervisor	Ni Jiaqian (2022), Mphil Thesis: <i>Behavior, Identity, and Incongruency: When and How Are Political Attitudes Moved?</i> Lingbo Zhao (2019), MPhil Thesis: <i>Alliances as Fair-weather Friendships: External Threats and Alliance Stability</i>
Dissertation Committees	Larry Li (PhD 2022), Fabio Angiolillo (PhD 2021), Qi Zhi Neo (PhD 2020), Zaw-Htet (PhD 2019), Nikolai Mukhin (PhD 2019), Mengqiao Wang (PhD 2019), Annie Young Song (PhD 2018), Meng Weizhan (PhD 2017), Winston Fung (PhD 2017).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

August 2025	UNNC Interdisciplinary Research Grant: 60,000 RMB
December 2024	Merit prize of 8th Yinzhou District Excellent Achievements in Philosophy and Social Science
May 2024	Small Teaching Grant at UNNC (with Grant Dawson): 30,000 RMB
October 2023	Advance HE Fellow
May 2023	Teaching Development Grant (with Lu Zhang): 86,108 HKD
2022, 2023	Seed Fund for Basic Research for Resubmission of GRF/ECS Proposals: 69,000 HKD
2021-2023	Seed Fund for Basic Research (with Dov Levin): 143,000 HKD

SERVICE

2025-Present	Marketing Director UNNC School of International Studies
2017-2023	Deputy Director HKU Masters in International and Political Affairs
Summer 2018	Local Conference Organizer Annual Pacific International Politics Conference: University of Hong Kong, July 6-7, 2018.
2013-Present	Reviewer
JOURNALS:	<i>American Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Democratization, International Organization, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, International Interactions, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Economic Letters, Terrorism and Political Violence, and Japanese Political Science Review.</i>

SKILLS

Software L^AT_EX, QGIS, Python, R and Stata

REFERENCES

Kai Quek	Associate Professor in Department of Politics and Public Administration University of Hong Kong ✉ quek@hku.hk
Enze Han	Associate Professor in Department of Politics and Public Administration University of Hong Kong ✉ enzehan@hku.hk
Daniel Y. Kono	Professor in Department of Political Science University of California, Davis ✉ dykono@ucdavis.edu
Ben Goldsmith	Professor in Department of Politics and International Relations Australian National University ✉ ben.Goldsmith@anu.edu.au