


# WILFRED M. CHOW

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## EDUCATION

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- 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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 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** **The Diplomacy of Whataboutism and U.S. Foreign Policy Attitudes** (with Dov Levin). *International Organization*.
- 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** **The United States: Land of Opportunity** (with Gregory Clark, Neil Cummins, Yu Hao, Daniel Diaz Vidal and 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

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- Whataboutism in International Diplomacy: Shaping Third-Party Perceptions of U.S. Foreign Policy**  
(with Dov Levin and Atsushi Tago). Under review.
- Diplomacy at Home: Whataboutism, Denial, and Chinese Foreign Policy Attitudes**  
(with Dov Levin). Under review.

**Wealth, Equality, and Citizenship: Explaining Public Aversions toward Migration by Investment**

(with Enze Han). Under review.

**The Dictator's Gambit: Leadership Survival and International Conflict Escalation**  
Under review.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Fall 2025**    **Silence or Censure: The Costs of Naming and Shaming Vs. Foreign Whataboutism**  
Presented at American Political Science Association: Vancouver Sep. 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 2023**    **Whataboutism and Chinese Foreign Policy Attitudes**  
Will Present at American Political Science Association: Los Angeles, Aug. 31 to Sep. 3, 2023.

## TEACHING

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- 2024-Present**    **Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham Ningbo China**  
COURSES: Introduction to Political Economy (UG), International Political Economy (MA), Global International Relations (MA), Research Methods and Design (MA)
- 2015-Present**    **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

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- Supervisor**    Ni Jiaqian (2022), Mphil Thesis: *Behavior, Identity, and Incongruency: When and How Are Political Attitudes Moved?*  
Lingbo Zhao (2019), MPhil Thesis: *Alliances as Fair-weather Friendships: External Threats and Alliance Stability*
- 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

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- August 2025**    UNNC Interdisciplinary Research Engagement 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): 50,000 RMB
- 2023**    Advance HE Fellow
- 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
- 2014-2015**    Belinski Dissertation Fellowship, UC Davis

## SERVICE

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- 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: *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, *Economic Letters*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Interactions*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Democratization*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, and *Japanese Political Science Review*.

## SKILLS

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**Software**    L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, QGIS, R and Stata

## REFERENCES

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