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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: *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

- 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