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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 Politics and International Relations
- 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** **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

- Whataboutism in International Diplomacy: Shaping Third-Party Perceptions of U.S. Foreign Policy**
(with Dov Levin and Atsushi Tago). Revise and resubmit *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

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.

Silence or Censure: Naming and Shaming Vs. Whataboutism
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 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**
Presented at American Political Science Association: Los Angeles, Aug. 31 to Sep. 3, 2023.

TEACHING

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

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 Larry Li (PhD 2022), Fabio Angiolillo (PhD 2021), Qi Zhi Neo (PhD 2020), Zaw-Htet (PhD 2019),
Committees 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 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

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

SKILLS

Software \LaTeX , Python, QGIS, 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 Australia National University ✉ ben.goldsmith@anu.edu.au

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