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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sept 2022 – Jul 2023 Visiting Professor  
Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy  
University of Toronto

Jan 2023 – current Associate Professor (with tenure)  
Jan 2016 – Jan 2023 Assistant Professor (tenure-track)  
Department of Government and Public Administration  
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Nov 2017 – current Director, International Affairs Research Centre  
Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CUHK

Sept 2018 – current Faculty Member, Global Studies Programme, CUHK

## EDUCATION

2015 University of Southern California (USC)  
Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations  
Fields: International Politics and Security; Comparative Politics;  
Culture, Gender and Global Society

2005 Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing  
Certificate in China Studies

2004 University of Chicago  
M.A. in International Relations  
B.A. in Political Science, with general honors and minor in Economics

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2021 – current Executive Editor, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*  
International Advisory Board member, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*

2017 – current Area Editor, *Oxford Bibliographies* (International Relations)

## AWARDS

2022 Anthony Deos Young Scholar Award, Diplomatic Studies Section, International Studies Association

2017 Article Award, Diplomatic Studies Section, International Studies Association

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International relations theory; security studies; diplomacy and negotiations; foreign policy analysis; political psychology; emotions; East Asia (particularly China); qualitative and experimental methods

## PUBLICATIONS

### The microsociology of diplomacy

2023. "Diplomatic Negotiations," in Gesine Lenore Schiewer, Jeanette Altarriba, and Bee Chin Ng (eds.), *Language and Emotion: An International Handbook* Vol. 3 (De Gruyter Mouton): 1885-1905.
2021. "Who Blinked? Performing Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *Security Studies* 30(3), 419-449.
2021. "One-upmanship and Putdowns: The Aggressive Use of Interaction Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *International Theory* 13(2), 341-71.
2020. "Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Communicative Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *International Studies Review* 22(1), 77-97.
2019. "Stoics and Hotheads: Leaders' Temperament, Anger, and the Expression of Resolve in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4(2), 190-208.
2016. "Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *European Journal of International Relations* 22(1), 144-167.  
Co-winner of the 2016 Article Award, Diplomatic Studies Section, International Studies Association (awarded for published article that "best advances the theoretical and empirical study of diplomacy").  
Translated into Chinese in 《国际关系前沿》2021年第11期.

### Emotions in international politics

2023. "Explaining the 'Cult of Toughness': In-group Fear, Kennedy's Reputation for Weakness, and the Berlin Crisis of 1961," *International Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-023-00481-5>

### International relations of East Asia

- 2023 (with Charles Fung). "Perils of the Orient: Hong Kong as a Battleground in the US-China Rivalry," *Asian Perspective* 47(2): 209-227. Also forthcoming in Brad Roberts and Hyun Ji Rim (eds.), *US-China Strategic Competition: US Indo-Pacific Strategy and Foreign Policy Challenges* (Routledge).
- 2018 (with Hak Yin Li). "The Evolution of Chinese Public Diplomacy and the Rise of Think Tanks," *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy* 14(1), 36-46.
2006. "What's in a Dumpling? The Chinese Fast Food Industry and the Spread of Indigenous Cultures under Globalization," *Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs* 6(1), 25-32.  
Reprinted in Greta Uehling, ed. 2018. *International Studies: Perspectives on a Rapidly Changing World* (Cognella); and Joan T. Mims and Elizabeth M. Nollen. 2011. *Mirror on America: Essays and Images from Popular Culture*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (Bedford/St. Martin's).
2005. "Economic Statecraft across the Strait: Business Influence in Taiwan's Mainland Policy," *Asian Perspective* 29(2), 41-72.

### Other publications

2023. Review of Eunbin Chung's *Pride, Not Prejudice: National Identity as a Pacifying Force in East Asia*. H-Diplo | RJISSF Roundtable Review 14-14.
2017. Review of Marcus Holmes' "You Never Get a Second Chance to Make a First Impression? First Encounters and Face-based Threat Perception," H-Diplo | ISSF Article Review 74.
2015. "The Passion of Face-to-face Diplomacy," *Border Crossing* 1(6), 18-19. *Diplomat Magazine*.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- "Face-to-face with a Madman" (revise and resubmit)
- "Ah Q Spirit" at Work: How Beijing Manages its Citizens' Loss of Esteem (and thereby Avoids Audience Costs) in International Conflicts (under review)
- "Negotiating International Status in the Last Three Feet" (article manuscript)
- "Emotions in Diplomacy" (handbook chapter under contract)
- The microsociology of diplomacy (book project)
- The psychology of victory and defeat in international politics (book project)

### **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

- 2022 – 2023     General Research Fund (GRF) Grant, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (Project Number: 14619721; HKD510,852)
- 2017 – 2019     Early Career Scheme (ECS) Grant, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong (Project Number: 24602217; HKD320,000)

### **INTERNAL GRANTS**

- 2020 – 2021     Direct Grant, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK (HKD100,000)
- 2019 – 2020     Workshop Grant, Research Summit Series, CUHK (HKD220,000; with Peter Beattie)
- 2017 – 2018     Direct Grant, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK (HKD94,750)  
Research Grant, Greater China Research Programme, CUHK (HKD20,000; with Hak Yin Li)  
Seed Grant, Social Mentality Research Programme, CUHK (RMB9,000)

### **INVITED SPEECHES**

- 2021             Sino-US Relations in the Biden Era: Conflict, Competition or Cooperation?, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2020             Global Perspectives on US 2020 Election Forum, University of Oregon

### **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)**

- "Our Enemies are Little Worms": How Hitler Assessed British Resolve through Face-to-face Diplomacy, 1935-1939  
2023     CUHK Global Studies Research Summit

Annual Meeting, International Studies Association

“‘Ah Q’ Spirit at Work? How State Propaganda Engineer a Sense of Victory in International Crises”

- 2022 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association  
International Society of Political Psychology Virtual Seminar Series
- 2021 Annual Convention, International Studies Association (virtual)

“Face-to-face with a Madman”

- 2021 Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (virtual)  
Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (virtual)

“The Strategic Nature of Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

- 2019 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada  
Central and East European International Studies Association – International Studies  
Association Joint International Conference, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2018 5<sup>th</sup> European Workshops in International Studies, Groningen, Netherlands

“国际关系史研究的理论意义”

- 2019 第十二届政治学与国际关系学术共同体年会, Beijing, China

“Who Blinked? Performing Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

- 2019 Pacific International Politics Conference, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2018 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, USA  
Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Boston, USA  
12<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic  
Annual Congress, Korean International Studies Association, Seoul, South Korea

“Language, Emotions, and Symbols: Diplomatic Culture and the Communication of Intentions”

- 2017 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Barcelona, Spain  
International Studies Association International Conference, Hong Kong  
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Baltimore, USA

“Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

- 2017 Empirical Political Science Research Workshop, HKUST, Hong Kong
- 2016 New Diplomatic History Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Atlanta, USA

“Political Psychology Analysis on State Leaders”

- 2016 25<sup>th</sup> Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia Conference, Hong Kong

“Stoics and Hotheads: Anger as an Expression of Resolve in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

- 2015 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, San Francisco  
Annual Meeting, International Society of Political Psychology, San Diego  
USC Center for International Studies International Relations Workshop

“Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

- 2014 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada

## **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

2021 Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

2019 School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai

2018 Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong  
 Institute for Political Studies, Seoul National University

2016 Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Number and Title	Number of Times Taught
CUHK	
GPAD4225 Theories of International Relations	5
GPAD2345/UGEC2610 International Politics	3
GPAD2185 International Organizations	4
GPAD2111 Political Research Methodology	3
GPEC5421 Terrorism and Counterterrorism	2
GPEC5016 Introduction to Comparative Politics	1
University of Hong Kong	
SPACE344 Introduction to Political Science	1

### POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

	Number of Students
Supervisor, Ph.D. students	5
Member of Dissertation Committee, Ph.D. students	1
Supervisor, M.Phil. students	3
Member of Thesis Committee, M.Phil. students	6
External Examiner, Ph.D. students from other universities	1
External Examiner, M.Phil. students from other universities	2
Supervisor, visiting student/predoctoral fellow	1

### UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

	Number of Students
Supervisor, senior thesis	22
Supervisor, independent study	16

### ACADEMIC SERVICES (EXTERNAL)

2016 – current Reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Security*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *International Studies Review*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Political Psychology*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Diplomacy & Statecraft*; *International Relations*; *Political Behavior*; *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*; *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*; *International Political Sociology*; *Modern American History*; *Diplomatica*

2023 Member of the Jury, Book Award, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*

2022 Member of the Jury, Biennial Article Award, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*

- 2016, 2017           Member, Award Committee, Bertha Lutz Prize and Article Award, Diplomatic Studies Section, International Studies Association
- 2022 – current       External Examiner, International Relations and Political Science Modules, Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

**ACADEMIC SERVICES (INTERNAL)**

- 2022 – current       Member, Graduate Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
- 2020 – 2021,  
2022 – current       Member, Undergraduate Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
- 2018 – current       Member, Research Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
- 2016 – 2018,  
2021 – 2022         Member, Admissions and Publicity Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
- 2019 – current       External Reviewer of courses, School of Humanities and Social Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen. Course reviewed: GLB5110 Foundation of International Relations (x1); GLB5210 Foundation of Global Political Economy (x3); GLB5420 International Security Affairs (x3); GLB5480 Economic Statecraft and Negotiations (x3); GLB5410 Diplomacy Theory and Practice (x1); GLB5120 Theories and Practice of International Relations (x2); GLB5220 International Economic and Business (x2); GLB5420 International Organizations and Global Governance (x1); GLB5450 Seminar on Selected Topics of International Relations (x2); GLB5470 Global Financial and Monetary System (x1); GLB5510 Seminar on Selected Topics of Global Political Economy (x1); GLB5440 Foreign Policy Decision Making (x2); HSS2101 Chinese Foreign Policy (x1); GLB5420 International Law and International Organizations; and GLB5460 International Trade and Business (x1)
- 2017 – current       Member, Committee on New Asia Lectures on Contemporary China, CUHK
- Member, Global China Research Programme, CUHK
- Member, Committee, B.S.Sc in Global Studies Programme, CUHK
- Member, Advisor, CUHK Model United Nations Club
- Advisor, *Civilitas* (a student academic journal of the Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK)

**OTHER TRAINING**

- 2015                 International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy, San Diego, CA
- 2013                 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

**NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2007 – 2009       Senior Consultant, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Detroit and Hong Kong

Provided management consulting services to multinational corporations in the automotive, financial services and energy sectors

2005 – 2007    Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton, Shanghai  
Advised multinational companies on their market entry and growth strategies in China

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

STATA; Qualtrics; MTurk; Excel

**LANGUAGES**

Native fluency in English and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese); Basic French