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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Ph.D. Student, Political Science, 2021 -
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

National University of Singapore

Master of Social Sciences, Political Science, 2022
Bachelor of Social Sciences, Political Science, 2018

EXTRA TRAINING

- 2023 **IPSA-NUS Methods School**
Causal Mediation Analysis
Experimental Method
- 2019 **ECPR Methods School**
Times Series Analysis
Causal Analysis based on Observational Data
- 2019 **IPSA-NUS Methods School**
Network Analysis
- 2019 **ECPR Methods School**
Quantitative Text Analysis (NLP)
Advanced Regression Analysis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations and Political Economy: Politics of Trade, International Institutions, Rising Powers

Research Methods: Quantitative Methods, Network Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

1. Lee, Jesslene. "Emerging Divergence: Distinct Data Regulatory Models Around the World." In Data Governance and the Digital Economy in Asia: Harmonizing Cross-Border Data Flows. Eds. Liu Jingting and Ulrike Sengsts Schmid. 2024. Routledge. Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Contesting the Liberal Script? The AIIB and the World Bank in Development Finance”, with Soo Yeon Kim
2. “Deep Preferential Trade Agreements and Global Trade: A Network Analysis Approach”
3. “Race and Gender Bias in the Leadership of International Organization”, with Phillip Lipsy and Taylor Jackson”

OPINION, COMMENTARY, AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

1. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Liu Jingting. “Is Asean truly a winner in globalisation 2.0?” *The Business Times*. March 20, 2024.
2. Lee, Jesslene. “ASEAN’s Window of Opportunity to Write its own Data Rules.” *The Business Times*. October 3, 2023. [1] [2] [PDF]
3. Lee, Jesslene. “ASEAN’s Window of Opportunity for Shaping Global Data Governance.” *The Diplomat*. September 15, 2023. [PDF]
4. Lee, Jesslene. “Data Regulation through Trade Agreements: Assessing the Emergence of Distinct Regulatory Regimes.” 2023. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*.
5. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Tan Kway Guan. “Unlocking Opportunities: Singapore as a Standard-maker in Digital Trade Governance.” *The Business Times*. June 8, 2023. [PDF]
6. Lee, Jesslene, Banh Thi Hang and Tan Kway Guan. “Comparative Analysis of Digital Trade Provisions: Challenges and Lessons for Singapore.” 2023. *Asia Competitiveness Institute Research Paper Series*.

CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Forthcoming) |
| 2024 | Workshop on “Contemporary Challenges to Trade and Trade Policy”, University of Salzburg (Forthcoming) |
| 2024 | International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention |
| 2024 | Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Asia Competitiveness Institute, Data and Policy Analytics Seminar Series |
| 2024 | Freie Universität Berlin Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Scripts” (SCRIPTS) Session on East Asia |
| 2023 | American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting |
| 2023 | ‘Asia in International Financial Affairs’ Workshop, Goethe University Frankfurt |
| 2023 | Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC) |
| 2023 | Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Convention |
| 2023 | International Studies Association Annual (ISA) Convention |

- 2022 Freie Universität Berlin Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Scripts” (SCRIPTS) Regional Conference: Liberal Script(s) — Asian Versions and Contestations of a Concept
- 2021 Singapore Political Economy Seminar, ESSEC Singapore
- 2020 The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant
- 2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant
- 2023 Singapore Social Science Research Council Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2023 University of Toronto Department Conference Travel Awards
- 2021 University of Toronto Department of Political Science Graduate Programme Recruitment Award
- 2021 University of Toronto Fellowship
- 2021 National University of Singapore Graduate Students’ Teaching Award (2 of 2 eligible semesters)

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jul 2022 - **Researcher**
Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore
- Jan 2023 - **Research Assistant**
Aug 2021 - **Research Assistant**
For Professor Phillip Lipsy
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Aug 2021 - **Research Assistant**
For Professor Soo Yeon Kim
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
- Aug 2018 - Aug 2020 **Teaching Fellow**
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2018 **Research Assistant**
Center for Social Development Asia, Singapore
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2018 **Research Assistant**
Asia Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy, Singapore
- Jan 2017 - Dec 2017 **Research Assistant**
For Professor Sung Eun Kim
Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
- Jan 2016 - Dec 2016 **Research Assistant**
Housing Development Board, Singapore

Jan 2016 - Dec 2016

Research Assistant

Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto

- 2023, 2022 Statistics for Political Scientists (Graduate-level course, for Olga Chyzh)
2023, 2022 Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (for Kenichi Ariga)
2023 Scarcity, Sustainability, and the Future of International Relations (for Mark Nieman)
2022, 2021 Introduction to International Relations (for Seva Gunitsky)

National University of Singapore

- 2021, 2020, 2019 International Political Economy (for Soo Yeon Kim)
2021 Political Inquiry (for Chonghyun Choi)
2020, 2019 Chinese Politics (for Chen An)
2020 Public Administration in Singapore (for Shamsul Haque)
2019 Southeast Asian Politics (for Deepak Nair)
2019 International Security (for Chong Ja Ian)
2019, 2018 Introduction to Politics (for Terence Lee)

SERVICE

Reviewer

Review of International Organizations, World Development

Service to the University

- 2023 Co-convener, Quantitative Methods Research Cluster, University of Toronto
2022 Judge, Singapore Undergraduate Policy Conference, National University of Singapore
2022 Instructor, Introduction to Data Analysis and Visualization in R Short Course, National University of Singapore
2020 - 2021 Founding Head, National University of Singapore Political Science Graduate Student Conference

Service to the International Graduate Student Community

- 2021 - 2023 Editor-in-Chief, International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS) Journal (*Peer-reviewed*)
2021 Co-Chair, Yale European Studies Graduate Fellows Conference, Yale University
2018 Deputy Head, International Association of Political Science (IAPSS) Students Academic Convention

SKILLS

R, Python, L^AT_EX

English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese (written), Korean (written)

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