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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

National Chengchi University, Taiwan

August 2019-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

University of Ottawa, Canada

2019

Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Political Studies and Research Chair in Taiwan Studies

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Canada

March 2019

PhD, Department of Political Science

Dissertation: *Rights to Settle: Comparing Migrant Care Worker Policies in Taiwan and South Korea*

Committee: Ito Peng (co-chair), Joseph Wong (co-chair), Phil Triadafilopoulos

University of Toronto, Canada

November 2010

Master of Arts, Department of Political Science

National Taiwan University, Taiwan

June 2005

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2026 "Migrant Workers or Future Citizens? Taiwan's Foreign Mid-Skilled Workers Program" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2026.2628470
- 2023 "All Are Not Equal: Taiwanese Public Opinion on Southeast Asian Immigration." (with Timothy Rich, Eliassen, Einhorn and Dahmer) *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, Vol 6, pp.60-81.
- 2021 "'We Are Not Foreigners': Constructing Migrant Subjects through Korean Chinese Migrants' Claims-Making in South Korea." (with Yang-Sook Kim) *International Journal of Korean History*, Vol 26, Issue 2, p.11-38.
- 2020 "Culture or context? Comparing recent trajectories of eldercare development in China and Taiwan." (with Alex Payette) *Asian Journal of Social Science*, Vol 48, Issue 3/4, pp. 227-249
- 2018 "The Struggle for Recognition: The Politics of Migrant Care Worker Policies in Taiwan," *Critical Sociology*, Vol 44, Issue 7/8, 2018. pp. 1147–1161
- 2017 "The Making of 'Skilled' Overseas Koreans: Transformation of Visa Policies for Co-Ethnic Migrants in South Korea," (with Sohoon Lee), *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Vol. 43, Issue 13, pp.

2193-2210.

In French

2021 “Le care pour les personnes âgées en République populaire de Chine et à Taiwan: une question de culture?” (with Alex Payette) *Asiatische Studien/Études Asiatiques*, Vol 74, Issue 4, pp. 853-608

Book Chapters

Forthcoming “Care Migration in Taiwan and South Korea.” In the *Handbook on Migration in Asia*, edited by Nana Oishi, Maria Asis and Binod Khadra, Edward Elgar Publishing

2025 “Migrant Care Worker Policies in Taiwan and South Korea.” in *Migration and Citizenship: Political Science, Policies and Research in Global Comparative Perspective*, edited by Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Mireille Paquet, and Ethel Tungohan, McGill-Queens University Press

2025 “Korean-Chinese, Ethnic Nationalism and the Politics of Identity in South Korea,” with Yang-Sook Kim In *South Korea and the Politics of Ethnic Nationalism*, edited by Timothy C. Lim, Lynne Rienner Publishers.

2018 “Not all in the same family: Diverging approaches to family policy in East Asia” with Ito Peng, in *Handbook of Child and Family Policy*, edited by Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard, Edward Elgar Publishing.

Edited Volume

2017 *Emotions, Community, Citizenship: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives*, co-edited with Rebecca Kingston, Kiran Banerjee, James McKee and Constantine Christos Vassiliou, University of Toronto Press.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2023-2026 **The Developmental Migration State: A Comparative Study of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan**

The Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan
Principal investigator (PI)

2020-2023 **Care and International Migration: A Comparative Study of the Migrant Care Worker Policies in East Asia**

The Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan
Principal investigator (PI)

2016 **Rights to Settle? Comparing Migrant Care Worker Policies in Taiwan and South Korea** Doctoral Fellowship, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Taipei, Taiwan

2015 **Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research**

2014 **Asiatic Research Institute Fellowship for Northeast Asian Studies**
Research Fellow, Korea University, South Korea

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020/ 2021 Excellent Teaching Award for Undergraduate Core Course in English: Comparative Government

2019 Dr. Lincoln M. Alexander Award by the Cambridge Society, Canada

2017-2018 China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholar Award

2016 Doctoral Associate Fellowship, Centre for Global Social Policy, University of Toronto
2015-2016 Doctoral Completion Award, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto
2010-2015 University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship

INVITED TALKS

2024 “Care Citizenship? The Development of Migrant Care Worker Policies in East Asia” Duke University
2020 “Care and International Migration: Comparing Migrant Care Worker Politics in Taiwan and South Korea” Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University
2019 “Rights to Settle? Comparing Migrant Care Worker Policies in Korea.” University of Ottawa, Canada
2018 “The Politics of Migrant Care Worker Policy in Taiwan” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
2017 “Co-ethnic Eldercare Workers in South Korea” Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
2016 “Taiwanese Youth” Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
2015 “Rights to Settle? Comparing Migrant Care Worker Policies in Korea.” Korea University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Care Citizenship? Migrant Care Worker Policies in East Asia” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2025, Vancouver, BC, Canada
2025 “Migrant Workers or Future Citizens? Taiwan’s Foreign Mid-Skilled Workers Program”. International Political Science Association, Seoul, South Korea
2024 “Deciphering Migrant Worker Policy Divergence in Taiwan and South Korea” (with Guan-Jie Chen) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2024, Philadelphia, PA, USA
2023 “The Middle-Skilled Migrant Workers and the Developmental Migration State in Taiwan” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2023, Los Angeles, USA
2022 “Care and Citizenship: Migrant Care Worker policies in Taiwan and South Korea” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022, Montreal Canada

MEMBERSHIP

- APSA Migration and Citizenship Section
- 2019-2023 APSA Working Group on “Inequality and Social Policy in East Asia” Steering Committee

