

Jonathan A. Chu

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Academic Employment & Education

2021-Current. Presidential Young Professor (Assistant Professor), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, **National University of Singapore**. Affiliations: Center for Asia and Globalization.

2020-21. Thinking Matters Fellow (lecturer), **Stanford University**. Affiliations: Bill Lane Center; Survey Lab (as Lab Manager).

2018-20. Global Order Postdoctoral Fellow, **University of Pennsylvania**. Affiliations: Perry World House (primary); Department of Political Science; Identity & Conflict Lab; Center for the Study of Contemporary China; Browne Center for International Politics.

Ph.D., 2018, Political Science, **Stanford University**. National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, 2012-15. Lab Manager, Stanford Survey Lab, 2016-17.

B.A., 2010, Political Science, **University of California, San Diego**. Graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and Muir Scholar (top 3 in college).

Research

I research how humanitarian and liberal democratic institutions, norms & identity, and political opinion affect international affairs, especially in areas of war and conflict.

Academic Publications

2025. [Social Cues: How the Liberal Community Legitimizes Humanitarian War](#). **Cambridge University Press**, Elements in International Relations series.

- Developed from the working paper, [Social Cues by International Organizations](#), Finkelstein Paper Award winner, International Organization Section, International Studies Association.
- Reviewed by Joseph Grieco in *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*.

2025. [Respect the Process: The Public Cost of Unilateral Action in Comparative Perspective](#). **Journal of Politics** 87 (1): 216-30. With S. Williamson.

2024. [Race, Religion, and Public Support for Humanitarian Intervention](#). **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 68 (10): 2076-100. With C. Lee.

- Weber Best Paper Award, Religion & Politics Section, American Political Science Association
- Young Investigator Award, Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.

2024. [People Consistently View Elections and Civil Liberties as Key Components of Democracy](#). **Science** 386 (6719): 291-296. With S. Williamson and E. Yeung. (Interviewed for Science Podcast. Covered in Science Magazine – Policy Forum; Cosmos; The Conversation; Veja; Folha de S. Paulo.)

2023. [Malicious Motives or Innocent Intentions? How Moral Reactions \[...\] Shape Perceptions of Intent in Wartime Conduct](#). **Foreign Policy Analysis** 19 (4). With D. Traven and M. Holmes.
2022. [Does Public Opinion affect the Preferences of Foreign Policy Leaders? Experimental Evidence from the UK Parliament](#). **Journal of Politics** 84 (3): 1874-1877. With S. Recchia.
2022. [The Two Faces of Opposition to Chemical Weapons: Sincere Versus Insincere Norm-Holders](#). **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 66 (4-5): 677-703. With C. Blair and J. Schwartz. (Covered in Political Violence at a Glance.)
2021. [Liberal Ideology and Foreign Opinion on China](#). **International Studies Quarterly** 65 (4): 960-72.
2021. [Validating Threat: IO Approval and Public Support for Joining Military Coalitions](#). **International Studies Quarterly** 65 (4): 919-928. With S. Recchia. (Covered in *The Conversation*.)
2021. [The Impact of Political Apologies on Public Opinion](#). **World Politics** 73 (3): 441-81. With R. Kitagawa.
2021. [Commanding Support: Values and Interests in the Rhetoric of Alliance Politics](#). **International Interactions** 47 (3): 477-503. With J. Ko and A. Liu.
2020. [Local Elected Officials' Receptivity to Refugee Resettlement in the United States](#). **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 117 (50): 31722-28. With R. Shaffer, L. Pinson, and B. Simmons. (Cited in The Washington Post and by the Migration Policy Institute.)
2020. [Inferring Intentions from Consequences: How Moral Judgments Shape Citizen Perceptions of Wartime Conduct](#). **Journal of Experimental Political Science** 8 (2):203-7. With M. Holmes and D. Traven.
2019. [A Clash of Norms? How Reciprocity and International Humanitarian Law affect American Opinion on the treatment of POWs](#). **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 63 (5): 1140-64. (Best Poster, Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences.)
2013. [Autocracies of the World, 1950-2012](#). Dataset, Stanford University. With B. Magaloni and E. Min.

Working Papers

- [Are People Willing to Trade Away Democracy for Desirable Outcomes? Experimental Evidence from Six Diverse Countries](#). With S. Williamson and E. Yeung. R&R at **Comparative Political Studies**.
- Crisis Performance, Hegemonic Preferences, and Support for Democracy. With R. Singh and S. Williamson. R&R at **International Studies Quarterly**. (Please request via email for working paper.)
- [Paris Agreement Polarizes U.S. Local Policymakers on Climate Action](#). With JL. Tan.
- [Firm Nationality and Local Government Preferences for Foreign Direct Investment](#). With F. Chen.

Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

2025-26. Leonard Davis Genocide Prevention Fellow, Simon-Skodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

2025-26. Visiting Research Fellow (remote), Institute for Interdisciplinary Unification Studies, Korea University.

2024. Carnegie Corporation Grant, Understanding the Forces Shaping the Global Order, 500,000 USD, (as co-investigator for SE Asia region with S. Ho; with PIs A. Matanock, S. Cambell, and N. Barma; hosted by UC Berkeley's Center for Effective Global Action).

2024. Humanities & Social Science Faculty Research Fellowship, National University of Singapore (university-level award taken to be a visiting scholar at MIT Security Studies Program).

2024. Enriching Education Experience Grant, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (funding for innovative pedagogy for my course, Social Surveys for Researchers & Decisionmakers).

2023. International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap, Washington D.C.

2022-present. Presidential Young Professorship, National University of Singapore (university-level appointment carrying a S\$1 million/~740,000 USD grant and white space funding).

2022. Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (2017 Nobel Peace Prize recipient organization). With J. Schwartz and C. Blair.

2020-21. Thinking Matters Fellowship, Stanford University.

2020. Junior/Senior Intramural Grant, California State-Fullerton. With D. Traven (PI) and M. Holmes.

2020. Colin Powell Faculty Grant, Tower Center for Public Policy and International Affairs. With S. Recchia.

2019. Weber Best Paper Award, Religion & Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

2018-20. Postdoctoral Fellowship, Perry World House & Political Science, University of Pennsylvania.

2018. U.S. National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Young Investigators Award. With C. Lee.

2017. Finkelstein Best Paper Award, International Organization Section, International Studies Association.

2016. Best graduate Student Poster, Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences.

2012-2018. External grants during doctoral program: Research Seed Grant, U.S. Air War College/Dept. of Defense. With C. Lee, 2017; International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2017; American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2016; Behavioral Research Grant, Qualtrics. With K. Bansak, 2015; U.S. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012-15; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Burmese), U.S. Department of Education, 2012.

2014-17. Internal grants during doctoral program at Stanford University: Freeman Spogli Institute Global Policy Fellow, 2017; Modern British History and Culture Research Opportunity, 2015; Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), 2014; Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society grant, with A. Blackman, L. Lamboy, and G. Liu, 2014.

2010. Lakoff Award, best undergraduate thesis, political science, UC San Diego. Advised by P. Gourevitch.
2010. AmeriCorps public service award, U.S. Department of Education.

Talks, Workshops, & Conferences

Invited participation

2025. Department of Political Science, Waseda University;
Democratic and Authoritarian Politics Workshop, University of Oxford;
Global Policy Institute, Durham University,
Experimental Political Science Research Group, Yonsei University,
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (scheduled).

2024. Political Science Workshop, Singapore Management University;
Asian Barometer Survey Methodology Working Group, Taipei;
Workshop on Asia and the Discipline, City University of Hong Kong;
Workshop on Political Psychology in East Asia, Chinese University of Hong Kong;
Security Studies Program Seminar, MIT;
International Relations Workshop, Government Department, Harvard University;
Tower Center National Security Program, Southern Methodist University (public lecture);
Mershon Center, The Ohio State University (public lecture);
Security Seminar, Watson Institute, Brown University;
“Survey Experiments in IR,” Department of Government, Dartmouth College;
International Relations Workshop, University of British Columbia;
Experiment-based IR Research Workshop, Institute of Peace Science, Waseda University.

2023. Eurasian Peace Science Conference, NYU Abu Dhabi;
Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore;
MIT International Security Working Group;
Book workshop (invited discussant), Stefano Recchia, Dartmouth;
“Domestic Politics in the Shadow of Int’l Competition Workshop,” University of Chicago;
Global Scholar Lecture Series, Political Science & Diplomacy, Sungkyunkwan University;
Frontiers of Experimental Political Science, Seoul National University;
Jeonbuk National University (keynote public lecture);
International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, Washington DC;
NUS Students' Political Association Chancellor's Challenge Shield (lecture & panel discussion);
School of International Public Policy, Osaka University (special lecture & research seminar);
School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University;
Global Youth Leaders’ Summit, Singapore (keynote lecture);
Academia Sinica, Republic of China-Taiwan.

2022. Nuclear Ethics Revisited workshop, CISAC, Stanford University;
 Tower Center for Public Policy, Southern Methodist University;
 East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore;
 ICAN Nuclear Ban Forum (led workshop for practitioners), Vienna;
 Meeting of the States' Parties, UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, Vienna;
 Political Behaviour Group, University of Toronto;
 Roundtable on Republic of Korea and Regional Order with Minister of Foreign Affairs, ROK
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore;
 Department of Political Science, Emory University;
 Soodang Colloquium, Peace and Democracy Institute, Korea University;
 Causal inference in survey research, guest lecture, Seoul National University.
2021. Human Rights on the Edge, (NSF #2029490), Arizona State University;
 Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict, Oxford University;
 Department of Political Science, University of Toronto;
 Immigration Policy Lab, Stanford University.
2020. Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series, Online;
 Atomic Experiments Workshop, CISAC, Stanford University.
2019. International Institutions and Global Governance, Temple University;
 China Forum, Yale University;
 Security Studies Colloquium, Princeton University.
2018. China and the World Order, Perry World House, Beijing, China;
 Penn Program on Identity & Conflict, University of Pennsylvania;
 National Taichung University;
 Artic Issues in the Near Future, Canadian Trade Office in Taipei;
 Government Department, Wesleyan University;
 Institutional Coordination in the Asia-Pacific, UC Berkeley.
- Pre-2018: West Coast IR of Asia Meeting, University of Southern California; School of Social Sciences,
 Singapore Management University; Juku on Political Economy, Stanford University; Department
 of Political Science, UC Merced; Military interventions workshop, Carleton University.

Other participation

- Regular attendance: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association Conference,
 Pacific International Politics Conference, Midwestern Political Science Association (virtual).
2025. International Political Science Association (scheduled).
2024. Junior International Organization Scholars Working Group, Online;
 American Chamber of Commerce, book talk by Chun Han Wong (role: moderator), Singapore.

2023. Society for Political Methodology Conference – Asia Conference;
 “Democracy: What do the people think?” (public lecture), Bangkok, Thailand;
 Borders & Boundaries Conference, University of Pennsylvania.

2022. International Relations workshop, Center for Asia and Globalization, LKY School of Public Policy;
 Festival of Ideas, domestic politics of US-China competition (panel), LKY School of Public Policy.

2020. International Political Economy Society conference, Ohio State University;
 Bill Lane Center, Stanford University;
 Perry World House Seminar, University of Pennsylvania;
 Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group, Harvard University;
 Browne Center Workshop, University of Pennsylvania.

2019. Norms and Behavior Change Workshop, University of Pennsylvania;
 APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference Poster, Georgetown University; Northeast Workshop
 in Japanese Politics, Dartmouth College.

2018. Project on the Future of China, Penn-Wharton China Center;
 China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University.

Pre-2018: Harvard International Security Conference; European Political Science Association
 Conference, Milan, Italy; Harvard Experimental Working Group (x2); West Coast Experiments
 Conference; Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University; International
 Relations of East Asia Online Colloquium; Peace Science Society Conference (x2); China and
 International Relations Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (x2).

Service

To the Discipline

Editorial board member

International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, 2024-current;
International Studies Quarterly, 2024-current;
Journal of Experimental Political Science, 2024-current;
Journal of Politics, 2025-current.

Peer reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Social Psychology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *China Quarterly*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Czech Science Foundation*, *Economic and Political Studies*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of International Security*, *European Security*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Policy*, *Global Society*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Public Opinion*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*,

International Organization, International Politics, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Contemporary Southeast Asian Studies, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Science Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly, U.S. National Science Foundation – Accountable Institutes and Behavior (AIB), U.S. National Science Foundation – Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), Research and Politics, Review of International Organization, World Politics.

Discussant or panel chair roles: Many.

Award committee: Best Paper Award (2019, Religion and Politics Section, APSA).

Co-investigator, Singapore team, [Asian Barometer Survey](#), 2023 – present. Committees: Core Questionnaire (2023-24); Survey Methodology (2023-24).

Co-founder and Director of Research, [CivicPulse](#), a nonprofit organization improving local governance in part by facilitating quality, policy-relevant survey research of their leaders, 2019 – 21.

Writing Coach, Philadelphia Futures (to support underrepresented high school students), 2019-20.

To NUS/Singapore

Master in International Affairs (MIA) Programme, LKY School: Chair/Co-Chair 2022 – present; Admissions committee, 2022 – present.

Other, LKY School: Junior Faculty Search Committees, 2022-23, 2025-26; Student recruitment, 2023; Festival of Ideas (FOI) organizing committee, 2022.

Advisory Board Member, [Global Youth Leaders' Summit](#) (a nonprofit youth society bridging academia and practice in the pipeline of global affairs leaders), Singapore, 2024 – Current.

Co-founding organizer, Singapore Quantitative Political Science Seminar, 2022 – 23.

Founding organizer, Behavioral International Affairs Workshop Series, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, 2023 – Present.

Courses taught

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore:

US-China Relations and Great Power Policy Making (2022, 23);

International Relations Theory and Practice (2022, 2023);

Introduction to Social Surveys for Researchers and Decisionmakers (2024, 2025, 2026);

Master in International Affairs Senior Essay Seminar (2025-26);

Executive education (various topics covering international affairs).

Stanford University: Preventing Human Extinction (2021); Rules of War (2021); Spirit of Democracy (2020); Humanizing War (2018); Undergraduate Honors Thesis Seminar (2017); Politics of Human Rights (2016, with R. Kitagawa).

University of Pennsylvania: Humanizing War (Spring 2020); Advisor for Perry World House Fellows Program (2018-19).

Mentorship

Arthur Shin, master's thesis advisee (international affairs) and research assistant (2025-26).

Hirokazu Omatsu, LKYSPP student and research assistant.

Amy (Eunsoo) Lee, NUS undergraduate and research assistant (2023-25), placement: University of Wisconsin, Madison, PhD Political Science.

Liam Hoo, Yale-NUS and LKYSPP dual degree and research assistant.

Jing Ling Tan, NUS undergraduate student and research assistant, placement: University of Wisconsin, Madison, MA Environmental Public Policy, followed by Harvard, PhD Government.

Jack Stewart, University of Western Australia undergraduate/Stanford Summer program, placement: UC San Diego, PhD Political Science.

Jinnan Guo, master's thesis advisee (international affairs), placement: Cambridge, PhD Sociology.

Andrea Low, master's thesis advisee (applied statistics) and research assistant, placement: UCLA Anderson School of Business, PhD Behavioral Decisionmaking.

Max Wongveerasin, LKYSPP/Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, placement: SAIS Johns Hopkins, Doctor of International Affairs.