

# Jonathan A. Chu

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## Academic Employment & Education

Current. Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

- Presidential Young Professor, 2022 – current
- Assistant Professor in International Affairs, 2021 – current
- Chair, Master in International Affairs (MIA) programme, 2022 – current
- Faculty Associate: Center on Asia and Globalization (2021 – current); Institute for Environment and Sustainability (2023 – current).

2020 - 21. Lecturer, Stanford University. Affiliations: Bill Lane Center; Survey Lab (as Lab Manager).

2018 - 20. Postdoctoral Fellow, Perry World House/Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania. Affiliations: Penn Identity and Conflict Lab; Center for the Study of Contemporary China; Browne Center for International Politics.

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

2010. B.A., 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 political norms, psychology, and opinion affect the domestic politics of democracy & war.

## Academic Publications

[Respect the Process: The Public Cost of Unilateral Action in Comparative Perspective](#). With S. Williamson. Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*.

[Race, Religion, and Public Support for Humanitarian Intervention](#). With C. Lee. Forthcoming at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. (Weber Best Paper Award, Religion & Politics Section, American Political Science Association. TESS Young Investigator Winner.)

2023. [Malicious Motives or Innocent Intentions? How Moral Reactions to “Collateral Damage” 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](#). With S. Recchia. *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (4): 919-928. (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.
2021. [American Law Enforcement Responses to COVID-19](#). *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 111: 19-31. With M. Kugler, M. Oliver, and N. Lee. (Referenced in *The Crime Report*.)
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.
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.

### Complete manuscripts

[Social Cues: How the Liberal Community Legitimizes Humanitarian War](#). This book manuscript contains the following two working papers:

- [Social Cues by International Organizations](#). (Finkelstein Paper Award, International Organization Section, International Studies Association.)
- [Winning Foreign Approval through International Organizations](#).

People Consistently View Elections and Civil Liberties as Key Components of Democracy. With S. Williamson and E. Yeung.

Paris Agreement Polarizes U.S. Local Policymakers on Climate Action. With JL. Tan.

### Policy and Other Writing

2022. [What Americans \(Really\) Believe about Chemical Weapons](#). *Political Violence at a Glance*. With J. Schwartz and C. Blair.
2021. [UN and African Union key to public support for French military operations in Africa](#). *The Conversation*. With S. Recchia and J. Rogers de Waal.

2020. [The Local Government Perspective on COVID-19](#). *CivicPulse* public report series. With E. Katz and N. Lee. (Referenced in *Governing*.)
2019. [What do leaders in local government think about the budget?](#) *CivicPulse* public report. With E. Katz.
2018. [USAID Democracy and Governance Primer Series](#). With L. Diamond.

## Teaching

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);
- Various seminars for executive education (topics covering geopolitics and 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).

Writing Coach, Philadelphia Futures (volunteer position to support low-income, POC, and first-generation students preparing for college), 2019-20.

## Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

2024. Humanities & Social Science Faculty Research Fellowship, National University of Singapore (university-level award for a one-semester release).
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.
- 2022-26. Presidential Young Professorship, National University of Singapore (university-level appointment that carries 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 receiving 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.

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 & Presentations

### Invited participation

2024. American Chamber of Commerce, book talk by Chun Han Wong (role: moderator), Singapore;  
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;  
International Relations Workshop, Government Department, Harvard University (scheduled);  
Tower Center National Security Program, Southern Methodist University (scheduled);  
Mershon Center, The Ohio State University (scheduled);  
Department of Political Science, Brown University (scheduled);  
Department of Government, Dartmouth College (scheduled);  
Waseda University (scheduled).

2023. Eurasian Peace Science Conference, NYU Abu Dhabi;  
Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore;  
MIT International Security Working Group;  
Book workshop (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;  
Political Psychology and East Asia, City University of Hong Kong (postponed).

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;  
Institutional Coordination in the Asia-Pacific, UC Berkeley.

2017. Government Department, Wesleyan University;  
West Coast IR of Asia Meeting, University of Southern California;  
School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University.

2016. Juku on Political Economy, Stanford University;  
Department of Political Science, UC Merced;  
Military interventions workshop, Carleton University.

### Other participation

Regular/Semi-regular attendance: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association Conference, Pacific International Politics Conference.

2024. Junior International Organization Scholars Working Group, Online.

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.

2017. Harvard International Security Conference;  
European Political Science Association Conference, Milan, Italy;  
Harvard Experimental Working Group.

2016. West Coast Experiments Conference;  
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University;  
Harvard Experimental Working Group.

International Relations of East Asia Online Colloquium: 2017, 2020.

Peace Science Society Conference: 2016, 2019.

China and International Relations Workshop, University of Pennsylvania: 2017, 2018, 2019.

### Service

## To the Discipline

Editorial board member:

*International Studies Quarterly*, 2024-current;  
*Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 2024-current.

Peer reviewer for academic journals and grants:

*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*, *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*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Society*, *International Interactions*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *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 Psychology*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Science 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*.

Conference paper discussant or panel chair:

American Political Science Association Conference (multiple),  
International Studies Association Conference (multiple),  
Borders and Boundaries Conference 2023,  
Society for Political Methodology Conference - Asia 2022,  
Asian Politics Online Speaker Series 2021,  
Pacific International Political Conference Online Seminar Series (2020, 2023),  
Int'l Institutions and Governance Workshop (Temple University, 2019),  
China in International Relations Workshop, (University of Pennsylvania 2018, 2019),  
Institutional Coordination in the Asia Pacific (UC Berkeley, 2018),  
Stanford Summer Juku on Political Economy 2016,  
Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Workshop (2014, 2015).

Advisory Council Member, Global Youth Leaders's Summit (a nonprofit youth society bridging academia and practice in the pipeline of global affairs leaders), Singapore, 2024-Current.

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

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

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.

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

### To Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

Master in International Affairs (MIA) Programme:

Programme Chair (Acting Chair 2022), Chair 2023 - 2025,  
Admissions committee, 2022-Present,  
Thesis examiner & reader. 2022-Present.

Other:

Political Behavior in International Affairs Seminar Series (organizer), 2023-24,  
Student recruitment, 2023,  
Search Committee, Public Admin, Management, & Policy Junior Faculty Position, 2022-23,  
Festival of Ideas (FOI) organizing committee, 2022.

### Mentorship

Jing Ling Tan, NUS undergraduate student and research assistant, placement: University of Wisconsin, Madison, Lafayette School, 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, NUS master's thesis advisee (international affairs), placement: Cambridge, PhD Sociology.

Andrea Low, NUS 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.