

SAMUEL LIU

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EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ph.D. Government

- Field: International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)
- Dissertation: "Three Essays on International Security in Cross-Strait Public Opinion"
- Committee: Jessica Chen Weiss (Chair), Sarah Kreps, Thomas Pepinsky

In progress

Ithaca, NY

Cornell University

M.A. Government

2023

Ithaca, NY

University College London

MSc. Security Studies, Merit

2019

London, UK

University of Hong Kong

BSocSc. Politics and Public Administration, First Class Hon.

2018

Hong Kong

PUBLICATIONS

1. Dafoe, Allan, Samuel Liu, Brian O'Keefe, and Jessica Chen Weiss. 2022. "Provocation, Public Opinion, and International Disputes: Evidence from China." *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (2): sqac006.
2. Zenobia T. Chan, Samuel Liu, and Kai Quek. 2021. "Audience Costs and the Credibility of Commitments." In *Oxford Bibliographies (International Relations)*. Oxford University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Defend or Deny: National Strategic Assets, Wartime Strategy, and Public Support in Taiwan (with Avishai Melamed and Sarah Kreps)"
2. "Why Threats Alone Don't Stick: Threats, Assurances, and Public Willingness to Concede"
3. "Domestic Costs of Threats and Assurances in Taiwan"
4. "US Credibility After Ukraine: Experimental Evidence from Taiwan"
5. "Tactical Shift and Violence Perception" (with Polly Chan)

TEACHING

Course Instructor

GOVT1101 Politics of Dissent in Hong Kong (Writing seminar).

Syllabus available upon request.

Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

GOVT3837 The Cold War (Writing seminar with Matthew Evangelista)

Spring 2023

GOVT2897 Human Rights At War (Writing seminar with Matthew Evangelista)

Spring 2022

GOVT3121 Crime and Punishment (with Joseph Margulies)

Fall 2021

GOVT3443 Southeast Asian Politics (with Thomas Pepinsky)

Spring 2021

GOVT3557 Exceptionalism Questioned: America and Europe

(Writing seminar with Peter Katzenstein)

Fall 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

to Jessica Chen Weiss

Cornell University

2020–2021

to Kai Quek

University of Hong Kong

2017–18

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

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| Expense Support, Institute for Humane Studies (\$1,500) | 2026 |
| World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation (\$10,000 in 2025–26; \$7,500 in 2024–25) | 2024–2026 |
| Doctoral Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (one-year fellowship) | 2024–25 |
| China-U.S. Scholars Program Conference Grant, Institute of International Education (\$4,000) | 2024 |
| U.S. Foreign Policy Dissertation Grant, Stand Together Trust (\$5,000) | 2023 |

Internal

(Only competitive awards listed)

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| Lee Teng-hui Fellowship, East Asia Program | 2025–26 |
| Research Travel Grant, Graduate School (\$1,600) | 2025 |
| Lee Teng-hui Fellowship, East Asia Program (<i>declined</i>) | 2024–25 |
| Andrew Kohut Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research | Summer 2024 |
| Small Research Grant, Qualitative & Interpretive Research Institute (\$1,150) | 2023 |

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science: 2026.
International Security and Public Opinion Workshop, Academia Sinica: 2025.
Empirical Studies on Conflict (ESOC): 2025.
American Political Science Association (APSA): 2019, 2024, 2025.
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2018, 2024, 2025, 2026 (accepted).
International Studies Association (ISA): 2020 (cancelled), 2026.
Lecture Series at Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica: 2025 March, October.

SERVICE

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of East Asian Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis*

SKILLS

Languages: Cantonese (native) and Mandarin (fluent)
Software: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Git/Github
Fieldwork: Taiwan (2023–24)