

## Natalie Lau

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My research interests include political communication, authoritarianism, nationalism, East Asian politics (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan), and public opinion. I am a Canadian raised in Hong Kong and academically trained in Edinburgh.

### EDUCATION

2021-present	PhD in Politics	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Working Title of Thesis: <i>Strengthening Authoritarian Resilience through Political Communication: Framing Nationalism and the Responses to Dissent</i>
2018-19	MSc in Applied Linguistics	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Dissertation: <i>Adopting the Myth of National Rejuvenation as a Legitimisation Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the China Dream Discourse</i>
2012-14	MA in Language Studies	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Dissertation: <i>The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges</i>

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Feb 2025-Present; & Jan-July 2024	Research Assistant	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  2025: Conduct desk research on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for the School of Social and Political Science  2024: Collected and coded data for Dr Karlo Basta's <i>Business of Nations</i> research project, which examines the role of private enterprises in national independence debates in Scotland, Quebec, Catalonia, West Australia, etc.
Aug 2022-Aug 2023	Research Associate	<b>Type Ventures, London, UK</b>  Conducted desk research and coded interview transcripts for science and technology reports published in MIT Technology Review, The Economist, Sifted, etc.
Jan 2020-Aug 2021	Lecturer (Teaching-Track)	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Taught courses for the Division of Communication, College of International Education: CCPN1400 The Art of Persuasion FREL1401 Interpersonal Communication

Nov 2014- Jul 2018	Instructional Assistant	<b>The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</b>  Designed teaching materials and conducted workshops on communication subjects
Jul 2011- Oct 2014	Administrative Officer	<b>Saint Francis University, Hong Kong (Formerly known as Caritas Institute of Higher Education)</b>  Managed the university's public relations and strategic planning

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

May 2023- present	Associate Fellow	<b>University of Surrey</b>  Hong Kong Studies Hub, Department of Politics
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## WORKING PAPERS

Solo Author	<i>Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Nationalism in Authoritarian States</i>
Solo Author	<i>"One Country, One Nation": Framing the Responses to Ontological Insecurity</i>
Co-author	<i>Counting on Women's Courage to Come Forward: Changes in how Taiwan Legislators Frame Sexual Assaults since #MeToo</i>
Co-author	<i>Not My China Dream: The Backlash of State-building Nationalism in Peripheral Territories</i>

## CONFERENCES

15 Apr 2025 (Forthcoming)	Solo Author/ Presenter	<b>Political Studies Association, UK</b>  Author and present <i>Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Majority Nationalism in Authoritarian Multinational States</i> in Birmingham, UK
14 Apr 2025 (Forthcoming)	Co-Author/ Presenter	<b>Political Studies Association, UK</b>  Co-author and present <i>Counting on Women's Courage to Come Forward: How Taiwanese Legislators Frame #MeToo in their Legal Reform against Sexual Violence</i> in Birmingham, UK
1 Sept 2023	Solo Author/ Presenter	<b>American Political Science Association</b>  Authored and presented <i>Framing Nationalism: The China Dream Discourse in the Context of Hong Kong</i> in Los Angeles, USA
31 Aug 2023	Chair	<b>American Political Science Association</b> Chaired the panel session of (Social) Media Ownership and Governance in Los Angeles, USA
3 Oct 2015	Solo Author/ Presenter	<b>Sociolinguistics: Today and Tomorrow, The University of Hong Kong</b>  Authored and presented <i>Language and Politics: From the Perspectives of Orwell and Lakoff</i>

## TALKS & PEER REVIEW

24 Jun 2024	Guest Speaker	<b>Centre of Taiwan Studies, SOAS, University of London</b>  Presented co-authored paper on Taiwan's #MeToo Movement at the centre's workshop
4 Apr 2023	Guest Speaker	<b>City University of Hong Kong</b>  Conducted a guest lecture on political communication for the course COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication
2022-present	Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals	<i>Politics, Groups and Identities; Nations and Nationalism</i>

## AWARDS & GRANTS

2023	Travel Grant	<b>University of Oxford</b>  Travel grant for attending the university's large language models workshop for social scientists in Oxford, UK
2023	Travel Grant	<b>Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association</b>  Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	Travel Grant	<b>First Generation Scholars in the Profession, American Political Science Association</b>  Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	PGR Research Support Grant	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Grant for attending the American Political Science Association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2021	College of International Education Appreciation for Quality Teaching	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2020-21)
2020	Dean's Recognition for Teaching Achievement	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2019-20)

## RESEARCH TRAINING

25-28 June 2024	<b>SOAS, University of London</b>  Taiwan Studies Summer School
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24-25 June 2024	<b>SOAS, University of London</b>  Taiwan Studies Workshop
27-29 Sept 2023	<b>University of Oxford</b>  Large language models workshop for social scientists
Feb-April 2022	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  PG Course: Research Design
Feb-April 2022	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  PG Course: Analysing Qualitative Data
Sept-Nov 2021	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  PG Course: Core Quantitative Data Analysis 1 and 2
Sept-Nov 2021	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  PG Course: Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection

## **SKILLS**

Language	English: Native Cantonese: Native Mandarin Chinese: Proficient
Research Methods	Corpus Analysis Critical Discourse Analysis Content Analysis Survey Experiment
Computer	Stata: Proficient NVivo: Proficient Sketch Engine: Proficient #LancsBox X: Proficient Python: Beginner