

**Natalie Lau**

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My research interests include political communication, nationalism, East Asian politics (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan), and public opinion. I employ an eclectic approach to methods, selecting them based on their appropriateness for answering specific research questions. 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>Hong Kong's China Dream: The Framing and Impact of State Nationalism in Multinational States</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>
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies; Minored in Translation Studies	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Dissertation: <i>The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges</i>

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Jan-July 2024	Research Assistant (Part-time)	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Collect and code data for Dr Karlo Basta's "Business of Nations" project, which examines the role of private enterprises in national independence debates in Scotland, Quebec, etc.
Aug 2022-Aug 2023	Research Associate (Part-time)	<b>Type Ventures, London, UK</b>  Conducted research for science and technology reports published in MIT Technology Review, The Economist, Sifted, etc.
Jan 2020-Aug 2021	Lecturer	<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>  Conducted workshops and designed training materials on communication subjects

Jul 2011-  
Oct 2014

Administrative Officer

**Saint Francis University, Hong Kong**  
**(Formerly known as Caritas Institute of Higher Education)**

Managed the institute's public relations and strategic planning.

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

May 2023-  
present

Associate Fellow

**University of Surrey**

Hong Kong Studies Hub, Department of Politics

## WORKING PAPERS

Solo Author

*Hong Kong's China Dream: Inculcating State-building Nationalism in Peripheral Territories*

Co-author

*Counting on the Courage to Come Forward: How Taiwanese Legislators Frame #MeToo in their Legal Reform against Sexual Violence*

## CONFERENCES

1 Sept 2023

Author/ Presenter

Authored and presented *Framing Nationalism: The China Dream Discourse in the Context of Hong Kong* at the 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Conference in Los Angeles, USA

31 Aug 2023

Chair

Chaired the panel session of (Social) Media Ownership and Governance at the 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Conference in Los Angeles, USA

## TALKS & PEER REVIEW

24 Jun 2024

Guest Speaker

Presented co-authored paper on Taiwan's #MeToo Movement at the SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies Workshop

4 Apr 2023

Guest Speaker

Guest lectured on political communication at the City University of Hong Kong, for the course COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication

Oct 2022-  
present

Reviewer

Reviewer for *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, an official journal of the Western Political Science Association

## AWARDS & GRANTS

2023

Travel Grant

**University of Oxford**

Travel grant for attending the university's large language models workshop for social scientists in Oxford

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)

## TRAINING

25-28 June 2024	<b>SOAS, University of London</b>
	Taiwan Studies Summer School
27-29 Sept 2023	<b>University of Oxford</b>
	Large language models workshop for social scientists

## SKILLS

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