

# Natalie Lau

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My research interests include nationalism, political communication, East Asian politics, and public opinion. I employ an eclectic approach to methods, selecting them based on their appropriateness for answering particular research questions. I am a Canadian raised in Hong Kong and academically trained in Edinburgh.

## EDUCATION

2021-present	PhD in Politics (Full-time)	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Working Title of Thesis: <i>A National Dream for All? The Framing and Impact of the China Dream Discourse in Hong Kong</i>
2018-19	MSc in Applied Linguistics (Full-time)	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Dissertation: <i>Adopting the Myth of National Rejuvenation as a Legitimation Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the China Dream Discourse</i>
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies; Minored in Translation Studies (Full-time)	<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>  Dissertation: <i>The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges</i>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Jan 2024-present	Research Assistant (Part-time)	<b>The University of Edinburgh</b>  Collect and code data for Dr Karlo Basta's "Business of Nations" research project, which mainly examines the role of private enterprises in national independence contests in Scotland, Quebec, West Australia, Catalonia, 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 (Full-time)	<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 (Full-time)	<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 (Full-time)	<b>Saint Francis University, Hong Kong (Formerly known as Caritas Institute of Higher Education)</b>  Managed the institute's public relations and strategic planning.

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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

Sept 2024 (forthcoming)	Author/ Presenter	Author and present "Not My China Dream": Framing Effects of the China Dream Discourse in Hong Kong at the 2024 American Political Science Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, USA (panel details: TBC)
1 Sept 2023	Author/ Presenter	Authored and presented <i>Framing Nationalism: The China Dream Discourse in the Context of Hong Kong</i> at the 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Conference in Los Angeles, USA (panel details: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/27afeek2">https://tinyurl.com/27afeek2</a> )
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 (panel details: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2aos8lbc">https://tinyurl.com/2aos8lbc</a> )
3 Oct 2015	Author/ Presenter	Authored and presented <i>Language and Politics: From the Perspectives of Orwell and Lakoff</i> at the "Sociolinguistics: Today and Tomorrow" academic conference, organised by The University of Hong Kong ( <a href="https://english.hku.hk/events/stt2015/poster.jpg">https://english.hku.hk/events/stt2015/poster.jpg</a> )

## OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

4 Apr 2023	Guest Lecturer	Guest lectured on political communication at the City University of Hong Kong (Course: <a href="#">COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication</a> )
Oct 2022- present	Reviewer	Reviewer for <a href="#">Politics, Groups, and Identities</a> , an official journal for the Western Political Science Association

## 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 (competitive)
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 (competitive)
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 (competitive)
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

27-29 Sept 2023	<b>University of Oxford</b>  Large language models workshop for social scientists (details: <a href="https://www.llmsforsocialscienc.de.v/posts/programme/">https://www.llmsforsocialscienc.de.v/posts/programme/</a> )
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## SKILLS

Language	English: Native Cantonese: Native Mandarin Chinese: Proficient
Computer	Stata: Proficient NVivo: Proficient Sketch Engine: Proficient Python: Beginner