

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	The University of Edinburgh Working Title of Thesis: <i>“One Country, One Nation”: Framing Majority and State Nationalism in Multinational States</i>
2018-19	MSc in Applied Linguistics	The University of Edinburgh 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 (Part-time)	Hong Kong Baptist University
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies; Minored in Translation Studies	Hong Kong Baptist University Dissertation: <i>The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Jan-July 2024	Research Assistant (Part-time)	The University of Edinburgh 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 (Part-time)	Type Ventures, London, UK 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	Hong Kong Baptist University 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	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Designed teaching materials and conduct workshops 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
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WORKING PAPERS

Solo Author	<i>Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Majority Nationalism in Multinational States</i>
Solo Author	<i>"One Country, One Nation": Framing State Nationalism in Multinational States</i>
Co-author	<i>Counting on the Courage to Come Forward: How Taiwanese Legislators Frame #MeToo in their Legal Reform against Sexual Violence</i>
Co-author	<i>"Not My China Dream": The Backlash of State-building Nationalism in Peripheral Territories</i>

CONFERENCES

1 Sept 2023	Solo Author/ Presenter	American Political Science Association Annual Conference 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	American Political Science Association Annual Conference Chaired the panel session of (Social) Media Ownership and Governance in Los Angeles, USA
3 Oct 2015	Solo Author/ Presenter	Sociolinguistics: Today and Tomorrow Conference, The University of Hong Kong Authored and presented <i>Language and Politics: From the Perspectives of Orwell and Lakoff</i>

TALKS & PEER REVIEW

24 Jun 2024	Guest Speaker	Centre of Taiwan Studies, SOAS, University of London
		Presented co-authored paper on Taiwan's #MeToo Movement at the centre's workshop for fellow scholars
4 Apr 2023	Guest Speaker	City University of Hong Kong
		Conducted a guest lecture on political communication for the course COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication
Oct 2022-present	Reviewer	Journal of <i>Politics, Groups and Identities</i>, 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	Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association
		Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	Travel Grant	First Generation Scholars in the Profession, American Political Science Association
		Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	PGR Research Support Grant	The University of Edinburgh
		Grant for attending the American Political Science Association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2021	College of International Education Appreciation for Quality Teaching	Hong Kong Baptist University
		Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2020-21)
2020	Dean's Recognition for Teaching Achievement	Hong Kong Baptist University
		Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2019-20)

RESEARCH TRAINING

24-25 June 2024		SOAS, University of London
		Taiwan Studies Workshop

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

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