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Research Interests

Repression, Human Rights, Religion, Southeast Asia

Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Human Rights, International Organizations, Political Violence, Southeast Asian Politics, Research Design

Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Emory University (2027 expected)

Committee: Renard Sexton (Chair), Nahomi Ichino, Luis Martinez

M.A., Political Science, Central European University (2021)

Advisor: Gabor Simonovits

B.A., English for International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (2019)

Working Papers

1. "The Legacy of State Repression on Protests: The Case of Vietnamese Catholics," *Dissertation Chapter*. Presented at ESOC 2026 (scheduled), APSA 2026, ISA 2027 (scheduled), and MPSA 2026.
2. "Human Rights Improvements and Public Support for Security Cooperation with Abusers," *Under Review*.
3. "Family Counts: Decision-Making of South Vietnamese Military Officers," with Linchuan Zhang.
4. "Long-Run Impacts of Autonomy," with Mai Nguyen and Renard Sexton.
5. "International and Domestic Election Observers in Serbian Election," with Sinisa Miric and Anthony DeMattee.
6. "Traditional or Communist Values? Why Traditional Values May Not Explain Support for LGBT Candidates in Single-Party Regimes," with Paul Schuler.

Work in Progress

1. "The Politics of Gray Zone Coercion: The South China Sea Data Initiative (2012–2025)," with Tatsuya Koyama and Renard Sexton.
2. "Mobilization for Immigrant and Refugee Relief in Thailand"
3. "Priests' Advocacy for Migrant Workers' Rights in Taiwan"

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

LGS Competitive PDS Funds, Emory University, \$2100 (2026)

IHS Humane Studies Fellowship, \$3000 (2026)

J-PAL's Governance Initiative Travel/Proposal Development Grant, \$6018 (2024)

SEAREG Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, \$4500 (2023)

LGS PDS Research Funds, Emory University, \$2500 (2024)

Graduate Research Grant, Prudentis Funds, Emory Department of Political Science, \$1200 (2026), \$1200 (2025), \$1295 (2024)

Laney Graduate School Fellowship, Emory University (2022–2027), \$2500/year

Master's Scholarship, Central European University (2020)

Full scholarship for Development Studies 1, Oslo Metropolitan University (2019)

Academic Scholarship, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (2015–2019)

Raymond E. Reamey Memorial Fund Scholarship, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (2018)

LGS PDS Travel Funds, Emory University, \$952 (2026), \$991 (2025), \$480 (2024)

LGSC Travel Grant, Emory University, \$250 (2026)

SEAREG Conference Travel Grant, Southeast Asia Research Group, \$700 (2025), \$500 (2023)

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Empirical Studies of Conflict: 2026 (scheduled), 2025

American Political Science Association: 2026 (scheduled)

International Studies Association: 2027 (scheduled)

Midwest Political Science Association: 2026

Southeast Asia Research Group: 2025 (poster presentation)

Carolinas Conflict Consortium: 2025

New Directions in Civil- Military Research Workshop (Emory University): 2025

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science: 2024 (poster presentation)

4th Asian Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy (National Chengchi University): 2024

Fieldwork

1. Vietnam: Spring 2025 (interview and field survey), Winter 2024 (funded by J-PAL GI), Summer 2024 (National Archives II, with Linchuan Zhang, funded by the Halle Institute), Summer 2023 (funded by SEAREG)
2. Thailand: Summer 2025
3. Taiwan: Summer 2025

Teaching Experience

Co-instructor: International Organizations (Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Political Science (Fall 2026), Research Design & Methods (Spring 2025)

Professional Experience

South China Sea Data Initiative, Research Assistant (2020–present)

Development and Policies Research Center (Hanoi, Vietnam), Researcher (2022)

Mekong Development Research Institute (Hanoi, Vietnam), Research Intern (2019–2020)

Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (Hanoi, Vietnam), Intern (2018–2019)

Service

Co-organizer, Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop (Fall 2026, Spring 2026, Fall 2025)

Program Committee, ESOC 2025 Annual Meeting (October 2025)

Co-founder, European Horizons at CEU (2021)

Skills

Language: English (fluent), Vietnamese (native), French (B2)

Software: R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, QGIS, ODK, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics

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