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Education

University of Maryland, College Park

August 2024 – *present*

Ph. D. in Government and Politics

- International Relations & Comparative Politics
- Advisor: Todd Allee

University of Macau

August 2021 – June 2023

M. Soc. Sci. in International Relations and Public Policy

- Thesis: “Japan’s FOIP Concept and Its Evolving Hedging Pathway”
- Defense committee: Xiangning Wu (*advisor*), Daina Chiba

University of Toronto, St. George’s

September 2015 – June 2019

B. A. (Hons.) in Economics & Philosophy

Conferences & Workshops

1. “Japan’s FOIP Concept and Its Evolving Hedging Pathway.” Paper presented at the DGPA PhD and MSS Students Research Symposium (*poster session*), University of Macau, Macao SAR, March 15, 2023

Research Experience

Research Assistant to **Professor Todd Allee**

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- *2024 Fall* This project examines why some tariff exclusion requests submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in 2019 were approved while the majority of them was denied. Relevant work included data collection and coding primary explanatory variables.
- *2025 Spring* This project examines how populist leaders approach international organizations. (*more details to be briefed on a later date*)

Grants

AY2024-25 Graduate Assistantship, the Department of Government and Politics Doctoral Program, University of Maryland, College Park (US\$28,311/9.5-month appointment)

Research Interests

- domestic political institutions & actors and foreign policy decision-making;
- electoral politics (*with a country-specific interest in Japan*); global authoritarianism;

Skills

Languages spoken: Chinese/Mandarin (*native*); English (*proficient*); Japanese (*elementary*)

Statistical package: R/RStudio, GitHub, LaTeX

Professional Membership & Honors

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (2025-)