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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

- 2026- Associate Professor of Social Science Education, Division of Social Science and Division of Public Policy
- 2022- Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Science and Program Director, B.Sc. in Global China Studies
- 2020-25 Assistant Professor of Social Science Education, Division of Social Science and Division of Public Policy
- 2017-19 Research Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science and Division of Public Policy
- 2017-19 Junior Fellow, HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study
- 2015-17 Visiting Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science
- 2014-15 Lecturer II, Division of Social Science

HKSAR GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT

- 2023- Member, CDC-HKEAA Committee on Citizenship and Social Development, Curriculum Development Council

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2013 Ph.D. in Government, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2010 PGCert in Higher Education, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2006 M.Sc. in Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2005 B.S.Sc. in Government and Public Administration, Chinese University of Hong Kong (with first-class honors)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

- 2025 Certified Career Services Provider (CCSP), National Career Development Association, United States
- 2011 Fellow (FHEA), Advance HE, United Kingdom

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Fellow, The Academy of Education Excellence, HKUST
- 2023 HKUST Common Core Teaching Excellence Award
- 2021 Best Teaching Award, School of Humanities and Social Science, HKUST

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE @ HKUST

School-level/Division-level Committees

- 2025- Member, Career Development Advisory Board, School of Humanities and Social Science
- 2022- Chair, School Academic Committee, School of Humanities and Social Science
- 2022 Member, Selection Committee for School Teaching Award in Humanities and Social Science
- 2021- Chair (2022-) and Member (2021-22), Undergraduate Committee, School of Humanities and Social Science

- 2021-23 Chair (2021-22) and Member (2022-23), Undergraduate and Curriculum Committee, Division of Social Science
- 2020-21 Member, Seminar Series Committee, Division of Social Science
- 2017-18 Member, Postgraduate Studies Committee, Division of Public Policy

University-level Committees

- 2025- Member, HKUST AI and Education Steering Committee
- 2024-25 Member, HKUST 35th Anniversary Student Engagement Events Sub-Committee
- 2024 Member, Selection Committee for 2023 Common Core Teaching Excellence Award
- 2022-24 Member, Committee on Student Affairs
- 2022- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies
- 2022- Member, Undergraduate Admissions Sub-Committee
- 2022-23 Member, Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Studies Committee
- 2021-23 Member, Common Core Course Review Panel (Humanities and Arts)
- 2019-23 Member, Committee on Faculty Diversity and Early Career Support, Office of the Provost
- 2019-22 Member, Working Group on Sustainability Education, Hong Kong Sustainable Campus Consortium
- 2017-21 Member, HKUST Sustainability Education Advisory Group

EDUCATION @ HKUST

Pedagogical Innovations

- 2017- Leader, Case Development Program, Division of Public Policy
- 2026- Project Member, Large Teaching and Learning Innovation Project – “Growing ACTR for Cross-Disciplinary Experiential Learning and Research” (collaboration with Prof. Stephen Nason and Prof. Thomas Bradford Bitterly)
- 2025-26 Project Leader, Teaching Development Project Grant – “Shaping Critical Thinking Skills through Generative AI: Practical Applications and Strategies” (HKD99,451)
- 2023-24 Project Leader, HKUST Education and Generative Artificial Intelligence Fund – “Case Teaching and Learning in the Age of Generative AI” (HKD248,166)
- 2023-24 Project Leader, HKUST Teaching and Learning Innovation Project Grant – “Developing and Implementing a Blended Learning Course – Ethics and Public Affairs” (HKD249,444)
- 2022-23 Project Leader, Strategic Project Grant – “Normative Case Teaching Through Role Playing and Blended Learning – Ethics, Emerging Technologies, and Public Policy” (HKD249,783)
- 2021-22 Project Leader, HKUST Teaching and Learning Innovation Project Grant – “Developing and Implementing a Blended Learning Course – Environmental Politics and Policy” (HKD249,444)
- 2019-21 Project Leader, HKUST Teaching and Learning Innovation Project Grant – “Case Teaching and Learning for Sustainability Education” (HKD245,457)
- 2018-19 Project Co-Leader, HKUST Teaching Development Grant – “Case Teaching and Learning for Social Science and Public Policy Education” (HKD98,640)

Course Leadership

- 2022- Course Leader of Undergraduate Common Core Course, “Behavioral Foundations of University Education: Habits, Mindsets, and Wellness” for School of Humanities and Social Science

Event Leadership

- 2025-26 Chair, Organizing Committee of HKUST Inter-University Case Analysis x AI Competition

- 2024-25 Member, Organizing Committee of 2nd EduHK-HKUST International Conference on AI and Education
- 2019-24 Chair, Organizing Committee of HKUST Inter-University Public Policy Case Competition (2018-19, 2020-21, 2023-24)
- 2019-20 Chair, Organizing Committee of HKUST Public Policy Case Writing Competition

Course Development

- 2022-24 Designed and developed two undergraduate courses, “Ethics, Emerging Technologies and Public Policy” and “Ethics and Public Affairs”
- 2021-22 Designed and developed a new undergraduate (blended learning) and postgraduate course, “Environmental Politics and Policy”
- 2019-20 Designed and developed a new postgraduate course, “Ethics and Public Policy”
- 2014-15 Designed and developed 3 new undergraduate courses, “Comparative Public Policy”, “Environmental Politics”, and “China in the Global Political Economy”

Project Supervision

- 2021- Postgraduate Capstone Projects – 3 completed on environmental policy, 2 completed on technological innovation and public policy, 1 completed on education policy, 1 completed on cultural management and public policy, 1 completed on environmental psychology and public policy
- 2021-22 Undergraduate Independent Studies – 1 (12 students) completed on car parking and campus sustainability, 1 (5 students) completed on the perception of humanities and social science education
- 2014- Undergraduate Capstone Projects, Honor Theses, and Honors Research – 15+ completed on Hong Kong politics and society, 10+ completed on Chinese politics and political economy, 6 completed on environmental politics and policy, 3 completed on politics and psychology
- 2016-20 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program – 10+ completed on the politics of science, environment, and sustainability, 3 completed on the politics and policy of mental health

Large-class Teaching

- 2015-22 “The World of Politics” (up to 200 students)

Other Courses Offered

- 2017-22 “First-year Seminar”
- 2013-23 “Understanding Comparative Politics”

SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Jun 2025 International Conference on Deliberative Democracy and Governance Innovation in Global Democracy Crisis, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei (invited)
Paris Conference on AI and Digital Ethics, Sorbonne University, Paris (invited)
- Feb 2025 Beyond Co-Creation in Teaching and Learning: Sustaining Student-Teacher Collaboration Symposium, The University of Hong Kong (invited)
- Jun 2024 Paris Conference on AI and Digital Ethics, Sciences Po, Paris
- Nov 2023 Colloquium on Liberal Arts Education in the Era of AI: Challenges and Opportunities, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, Ulsan, South Korea (invited)
- Aug 2023 International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Region Conference, Tokyo
- Oct 2021 Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy, City University of Hong Kong (invited)

- Jul 2020 Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group, Political Studies Association (invited)
- Mar 2020 Policy Dialogue Series, HKUST and Education University of Hong Kong (invited)
- Jul 2019 International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference, Singapore
- Jun 2019 Society for Hong Kong Studies Annual Meeting, Hong Kong
- Oct 2018 International Conference on Developmental Citizenships in China, Seoul National University (invited)
- Jul 2018 International Political Science Association World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane Center for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra (invited) Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference, Sydney
- Mar 2018 Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Cardiff
- Dec 2017 International Conference on Environmental Movements in Southeast Asia, Academia Sinica, Taipei
- Apr 2017 Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Glasgow
- Mar 2016 Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Brighton
- Aug 2015 European Consortium for Political Research Conference, Montreal

PUBLICATIONS

- “Democratizing Value Alignment: From Authoritarian to Democratic AI Ethics” (with Gleb Papyshv and Linus Huang), *AI and Ethics*, 5 (2025): 11-18. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-024-00624-1>.
- “Review Essay: Deepening Deliberative Democracy – Experimentation vs. Naturalization,” *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, 18(1) (2022): 1-6. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16997/jdd.1282>.
- “Environmental Movements in Post-handover Hong Kong: Between Managerialism and Radicalism” (with Alvin Y. So), in Paul Jobin, Ming-sho Ho and Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao (eds.) *Environmental Movements and Politics of the Asian Anthropocene*, Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 2021.
- “The Remaking of Developmental Citizenship in Post-Handover Hong Kong” (with Alvin Y. So), *Citizenship Studies*, 24(7) (2020): 934-949. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13621025.2020.1812958>.
- “Epistemic Approaches to Deliberative Democracy” (with John B. Min), *Philosophy Compass*, 13(6) (2018). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12497>.
- “A Dilemma of Green Democracy,” *Political Studies*, 64(1S) (2016): 136-155. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9248.12189>.
- “‘Mini-publics’, Competence and Reliable Decisions,” in Mikko Rask and Richard Worthington (eds.) *Governing Biodiversity through Democratic Deliberation*, New York: Routledge, 2015.
- “Collective Choice”, “Decision Theory,” and “Formal Political Theory”, in Michael Gibbons, Diana Coole, Elisabeth Ellis and Kennan Ferguson (eds.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- “Evolution of Science in Political Science,” in John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Handbook*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010.

Other Publications

- “The ‘Science of Democracy’ is More than Just Falsification,” *The Loop: ECPR’s Political Science Blog* (July 2022).

“Book Reviews – Alvin Y. So and Yin-wah Chu, *The Global Rise of China* (Cambridge, UK: Polity, 2016),” *Global Media and China* (March 4, 2021). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2059436421996895>.

“If Democracy Is Failing, Why Do So Many Lay Claim to It?” *The Conversations* (February 7, 2018).

“Environmentalism for Democracy: Catalyst or Inhibitor?” *Political Reflection Quarterly* 3(4) (2012): 41-45.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

2022- Project Team Member, “Toward an Inclusive Community: COVID-19, Mental Well-being, and Mitigation Strategies for a Multicultural Elderly Population in Hong Kong” (Principal Investigator: Prof. Naubahar Sharif)

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2025- Affiliated Faculty, Center for Aging Science, HKUST

2009-10 Visiting Scholar, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, Australian National University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024-25 Member, Scientific Committee, Paris Conference on AI and Digital Ethics (2025 Edition)

2020- Member, Editorial Board, *SN Social Science*

2017-21 Associate Editor, *China Policy Journal*

2016-19 Anonymous referee for the following textbooks (Palgrave Macmillan): *Cases in Comparative Government and Politics*, *Comparative Government and Politics*, *Comparative Politics in a Globalized World*, *Environmental Politics*, and *Politics*

2015- Anonymous referee for the following journals: *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Journal of Political Science*, *Asian Politics and Policy*, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, *Business and Politics*, *Chinese Political Science Review*, *Environmental Science and Policy*, *Environmental Values*, *Politics and Governance*, *Political Studies*, *Ratio Juris*, *SN Social Sciences*, and *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025-26 Oxford Winter Neuroethics School, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford

2025- Professional Certificate Programme in Career Development Facilitation, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (on-going)

2025 Trainer Certification Program, Designing Your Life, Designing Your Life Institute, Singapore

2022 Lumina Learning Practitioner Program, Lumina Learning Global

2016 Case Writing and Case Teaching, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

2014 Mental Health First-aid, Mental Health Association of Hong Kong

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native speaker of Cantonese. Fluent in English. Good mastery of Putonghua. Intermediate knowledge of Japanese (Japanese Language Proficiency Test N3) and French.

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