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Education

Pennsylvania State University (PSU), USA

Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics. 2026

Dissertation: *How online opinion leaders (de)mobilize public dissent in autocracies and beyond*

- Committee: Joseph Wright (Chair), Bruce Desmarais (Co-chair), Daniel Tavana, and Charles Seguin

Major Field: Comparative Politics and Social Data Analytics

Minor Field: Quantitative Methods

University of Warwick, UK

M.A. (Distinction – highest honor), International Political Economy, 2016

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Hong Kong

B.S.Sc. (Second Class Honor, upper Division ~ Magna Cum Laude in the US) in Government and Public Administration (GPAD), minor in Sociology, Philosophy, and German, 2015

Research Interests

Substantive: Political Communication, Authoritarian Politics, Contentious Politics, Politics of East Asia

Methodological: Text as Data, Social Media Analytics, Machine Learning, LLMs, Archival studies

Publication

Peer-reviewed Journal Article

1. Liu, Jingping, and **Fong, Chi Shun**. (2026). Discursive channeling: evidence from newspaper responses to anti-waste incineration protests in China. *The Chinese Journal of Communication*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17544750.2026.2711048>. (SSCI Q1)
2. Ho, Lawrence Ka-Ki., **Fong, Chi Shun**., and Wan, Trevor T W. (2021). High Level of (Passive) Compliance in a Low-Trust Society: Hong Kong Citizens' Response Towards the COVID-19 Lockdown. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 15(2), 1046–1061. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paaa090> (SSCI Q1).
3. Fung, Chi Keung Charles., and **Fong, Chi Shun**. (2020). The 1967 Riots and Hong Kong's Tortuous Internationalization, *East Asia*, 37(2), 89–105. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12140-020-09328-9> (SSCI Q2).

Book Chapter

1. **Fong, Chi Shun** and Yuen, Samson. (2021). Movement Leadership in an Era of Connective Action: A Study of Hong Kong's Student-Led Umbrella Movement. In Cini Lorenzo, della Porta Donatella, and Guzmán-Concha Cesar (Eds.), *Student Movements in Late Neoliberalism* (pp. 133 – 155). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-75754-0_6.

Working paper

1. Daniel L. Tavana, Harris, Kevan, **Fong, Chi Shun**, and Farmanesh, Amir. Who Overreports? Regime Support and Preference Falsification in Iran
2. Pollert, Issac, Desmarais, Bruce, Cifci, Muhammed, **Fong, Chi Shun**, and Gopal, Ishita. Fraud, Fairness, and Framing: How State Legislators Tweet about Elections (presented at **APSA 2023** and **SPPC 2025, R&R at Journal of Information, Technology and Politics**).
3. **Fong, Chi Shun**, and Fu, King-wa. A Replicable Visual LLM Workflow for Emotion Coding in Political Events: Evidence from the 2019 Hong Kong Protests (presented at **PolMeth 2025** and abstract accepted by **Computational Communication Research** – offer rejected).
4. **Fong, Chi Shun**. Borrowing Credibility to Shape Public Opinion: Western Influencers as Chinese

Government Foreign Defenders (presented at **MPSA 2025, APSA 2025, TPSA 2025**).

5. **Fong, Chi Shun**. Reflecting the Crowd: How the Presumed Influence of Online Opinion Leaders Addresses Coordination Failures in Autocracies.
6. Liu, Jingping, **Fong, Chi Shun**, and Hu, Yuhang. Implementation Matters: Discursive Strategies of Authoritarian States to Prevent Upwards Scale-shift of Social Protests (presented at **APSA 2025**).
7. **Fong, Chi Shun**, and Yuen, Samson. Disaggregating Repression: A Study on the Individual Effects of Repression in Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition Bill Protests (presented at **MPSA 2022**).

Invited Presentations

1. "Social Media in Social Movement: Studying Collective Actions in a Computational Approach," The Hong Kong Studies Initiative of the University of British Columbia, Apr 9, 2021 (with Elgar Teo).
2. "Introducing the ANTI-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Research Data Archive," Analytic Approaches for International Studies (IS 830 G100), Simon Fraser University, Dec 3, 2020 (with Elgar Teo).
3. "How Financial Ties Developed between Hong Kong and China," Labour Studies Network of the City University of Hong Kong, Sept 28, 2016.

Teaching Experience

Instructorship

- PSU: Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG level, Summer 2025)
- The Hang Seng University: Introduction to Social Data Analytics for Public Affairs (UG/PG level, Fall 2023)
- Hong Kong Community College: China in the Era of Globalization (UG level, Fall 2019)
- University of Wollongong College Hong Kong: Understanding Contemporary World (UG level, Fall 2019)
- Open University of Hong Kong: Government and Politics of Hong Kong (UG level, 2017, 2019)

Teaching Assistantship (UG level)

- PSU: Political Ideologies (Fall 2021), International Relations (Fall 2022)
- The University of Hong Kong (HKU): Media in the Age of Globalization (Fall 2020, 2024, 2025, 2026)
- CUHK: Government Reforms (Fall 2017, Fall 2018), Public Human Resources Management (Fall 2017, Spring 2019), Fundamentals of Public Administration (Fall 2017, Spring 2019), Political of Space (Spring 2018, Spring 2019), Issues of Political Philosophy (Spring 2018, Spring 2019), Fundamentals of Government (Fall 2017, Fall 2018), Politics of Culture (Fall 2018), Democratization (Spring 2018), Seminar on Hong Kong studies (Spring 2018)

Training and award

- Course in College Teaching, Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, PSU
- Exemplary Teaching Assistant Award, CUHK (Spring 2018)

Research Experience

Research Assistant (Academic)

- Prof. Daniel L. Tavana, PSU (Summer & Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Prof. Bruce Desmarais, PSU (Spring & Summer 2022, Spring 2024)
- Prof. Ming Sing, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Summer 2021)
- Prof. Xun Cao, PSU (Spring & Summer 2021)
- Prof. Lawrence Kai-Ki Ho, The Education University of Hong Kong (Summer 2020)
- Prof. King-Wa Fu, HKU (Spring, Summer, Fall 2020)
- Prof. Ching Kwan Lee, UCLA (Summer 2019)
- Prof. Ngok Ma, CUHK (Summer 2012)

Policy Research Job (Non-academic)

- Research Officer, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) (Oct 2016 – Aug 2017)
- Part-Time Researcher, HKCSS (Apr 2020 – Aug 2020)

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- Travel Award (\$200), APSA (2025)
- Graduate Research Support Program (GA duty relief, ~\$7500), College of the Liberal Arts, PSU (Fall 2025)
- Travel Award (\$500), The Society for Political Methodology (Summer 2025)
- Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Research Grant (\$900), Department of Political Science, PSU (Spring 2025)
- PiCP Fellowship (GA duty relief, ~7,500), Department of Political Science, PSU (Spring 2025)
- Graduate Research Support Program (\$2000), College of the Liberal Arts, PSU (Spring 2025)
- PiCP Research Grant (\$2,400), Department of Political Science, PSU (Fall 2024)
- PiCP Research Grant (\$1,200), Department of Political Science, PSU (Spring 2024)
- Research Grant, Department of Applied Social Sciences (100,000 HKD, with Jingping Liu), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2023-2025)
- First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant (\$300), APSA (2022)
- Research in Democracy Support Grant, The McCourtney Institute for Democracy (\$3,500, with Ka-ming Chan), PSU (Summer 2022)
- Graduate Research Support Program (\$1,700), Department of Political Science, PSU (Summer 2022)
- PiCP Research Grant (\$3,000), Department of Political Science, PSU (Summer 2022)
- Admission Scholarship (5,000 HKD), CUHK (Fall 2011)

Service

- Organizing Committee Member, The Global Research Association of Politics in Hong Kong (2023)
- Undergraduate panel, GPAD, CUHK (Aug 2018 – Aug 2019)
- Editorial Board, *Civilitas* (the student journal of GPAD), CUHK (Jan 2012 – Dec 2014)

Skills and Additional Training

Computation

Stata, SAS, ArcGIS, R (Quantitative Text-Analysis I & II, IPSA-NUS Methods school, Summer 2021), Python

Language

Cantonese (native), Mandarin (proficient), English (proficient), German (intermediate, summer immersion in Heidelberg, Germany, 2013), Russian (elementary), Latin (elementary, summer intensive course provided by Centre for Catholic Studies, CUHK, 2013)

Referee

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