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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of California, San Diego (Aug. 2019 – present)
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute (Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019)

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D., Department of Politics, June 2018

Dissertation: The Wages of Containment: Foreign Aid, American Grand Strategy, and the Origins of the Developmental State

Committee: Thomas Christensen (co-chair), Christina Davis (co-chair), Atul Kohli, Helen Milner

M.A., Department of Politics, Nov. 2014

University of California, San Diego

B.A., International Studies – Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*), June 2012

Research Interests

International Relations (Political Economy of National Security)

U.S. Grand Strategy (Europe and East Asia)

Emerging Technologies

Cold War

Thucydides

Publications

Lee, James. 2020. "US Grand Strategy and the Origins of the Developmental State." *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 43(5): 737-761. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402390.2019.1579713>.

Lee, James. 2020. "American Diplomacy and Export-Oriented Industrialization on Taiwan." *Journal of East Asian Studies*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/jea.2020.9>.

Lee, James. 2019. "Did Thucydides Believe in Thucydides' Trap? The *History of the Peloponnesian War* and Its Relevance to U.S.-China Relations." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 24(1): 67-86. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11366-019-09607-0>.

Working Papers

“Foreign Aid, Development, and U.S. Strategic Interests in the Cold War” (under review)

“5G and U.S. National Security Policy”

“The Geo-Economics of Great Power Competition in the Taiwan Strait”

Works in Progress

“Wealth, Technology, and Power in Thucydides”

“Dual Containment in Europe and East Asia and the Creation of Regional Orders”

Book Manuscript (In Progress)

The Wages of Containment: State-Building, American Grand Strategy, and the Cold War in Europe and East Asia

Policy Publications

“The Taiwan Question in US-China Relations and Its Implications for the European Union.” 2019. *Cadmus Research Repository, European University Institute*. <<https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/62566>>

“Principles versus policies in cross-Strait relations.” 11 November 2017. *East Asia Forum*. <<http://www.easiaforum.org/2017/11/11/principles-versus-policies-in-cross-strait-relations/>>

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute (Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019)

Graduate Fellow, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (Sep. 2017 – June 2018)

Fellow, Center for International Security Studies, Princeton University (July 2017 – May 2018)

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship (2015 – 2017)

Language study fellowship, East Asian Studies Program, Princeton University (June – Aug. 2012, June – Aug. 2013, June – Aug. 2015)

Language study fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (June – Aug. 2015)

Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, San Diego (2012)

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, International Relations of East Asia (2016), Professor Thomas Christensen, Princeton University

Teaching Assistant, Rise of Asia: Political Economy of Development (2015), Professor Atul Kohli, Princeton University

Teaching Assistant, China's Foreign Relations (2014), Professor Thomas Christensen, Princeton University

Professional Experience

Senior Editor, Taiwan Security Research (Jan. 2017 – Oct. 2020)

Assistant Editor, Taiwan Security Research (May 2016 – Dec. 2016)

Research Assistant for Professor Christina Davis (June 2015 – July 2015, Sep. 2016 – Jan. 2017)

Research Assistant for Professor Thomas Christensen (Oct. 2015 – Jan. 2016)

Research Assistant for Dr. Sophie Meunier (Mar. 2013 – May 2013)

Invited Talks

“U.S.-China Rivalry and the Origins of Taiwan's Developmental State”
Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (Oct. 2017)

Conference Presentations (Selected)

- “Foreign Aid, American Grand Strategy, and the Cold War in Europe and East Asia”
ISSS-IS Annual Joint Conference, University of Denver (Oct. 2019)
U.S.-China University Think Tank Dialogue, University of California, San Diego (Oct. 2019)
- “U.S. Grand Strategy and the Origins of the Developmental State”
Max Weber Fellows June Conference, European University Institute (June 2019)
Pacific International Politics Conference, Yonsei University (Jul. 2017)
MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago (Apr. 2017)
Five University Conference on East Asian Security, University of Tokyo (Dec. 2016)
ISA – Asia Pacific, City University of Hong Kong (June 2016)
- “Economic Aid and U.S. Strategic Interests in the Cold War”
EPSA Annual Meeting, Vienna (June 2018)
MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago (Apr. 2018)
APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Sep. 2017)
ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore (Feb. 2017)
IPES Annual Meeting, Duke University (Nov. 2016)
- “American Diplomacy and Export-Oriented Industrialization on Taiwan”
ISA – Asia Pacific, University of Hong Kong (June 2017)
Taiwan in the Realm of East Asia, Wake Forest University (Oct. 2016)

Professional Service

Reviewer, *The Pacific Review*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *International History Review*, *East Asia Forum*

Languages (selected)

Mandarin Chinese (native speaker), German (advanced), French (intermediate), Italian (intermediate), Ancient Greek (proficient), Latin (proficient), Classical Chinese (proficient)

International Experience

Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute, Florence (Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019)
 Chinese Language Program, National Taiwan University, Taipei (June – Aug. 2015)
 Chinese Language Program, Tsinghua University, Beijing (June – Aug. 2013)
 Chinese Language Program, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei (June – Aug. 2012)
 UC Education Abroad Program, Free University of Berlin, Berlin (Aug. – Dec. 2010)
 UC Education Abroad Program, National University of Singapore, Singapore (Aug. – Dec. 2009)

Other Skills and Experience

R, Stata, LaTeX
 Certificate of Training, “5G – The Path to the Next Generation” (accredited by the United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy), GSMA Capacity Building (June 2020)
 Certificate of Training, “Spectrum Management for Mobile Telecommunications” (accredited by the United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy), GSMA Capacity Building (June 2020)
 Participant, Summer Training Course, “The Geo-Economic and Geostrategic Dimension of Great Power Competition in the 21st Century,” UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California, San Diego (Aug. 2019)
 Participant, Executive Training Seminar, “Does Europe Need a Grand Strategy? Exploring Competing Visions for the EU’s Role in the World,” Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (May 2019)
 Participant, Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin (July 2018)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
 European Political Science Association
 International Studies Association
 Association for Asian Studies
 American Historical Association
 Classical Association

References

Thomas Christensen (tjc2175@columbia.edu)
Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Christina Davis (cldavis@harvard.edu)
Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Professor at the Radcliffe Institute and Professor of Government, Harvard University

Atul Kohli (kohli@princeton.edu)
David K.E. Bruce Professor of International Affairs, Princeton University

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B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

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Professor, Chair in International Relations, European University Institute