Natalie Lau

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My research interests include political communication, nationalism, East Asian politics (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan), and public opinion. I employ an eclectic approach to methods, selecting them based on their appropriateness for answering specific research questions. I am a Canadian raised in Hong Kong and academically trained in Edinburgh.

EDUCATION

2021-present	PhD in Politics	**The University of Edinburgh** Working Title of Thesis: *"One Country, One Nation": Framing Nationalism and the Responses to Ontological Insecurity*
2018-19	MSc in Applied Linguistics	**The University of Edinburgh** Dissertation: *Adopting the Myth of National Rejuvenation as a Legitimisation Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the China Dream Discourse*
2012-14	MA in Language Studies (Part-time)	**Hong Kong Baptist University**
2008-11	BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Studies; Minored in Translation Studies	**Hong Kong Baptist University** Dissertation: *The Democratisation of China: Conditions and Challenges*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Jan-July 2024	Research Assistant (Part-time)	**The University of Edinburgh** Collected and coded data for Dr Karlo Basta's *Business of Nations* research project, which examines the role of private enterprises in national independence debates in Scotland, Quebec, Catalonia, West Australia, etc.
Aug 2022-Aug 2023	Research Associate (Part-time)	**Type Ventures, London, UK** Conducted desk research and coded interview transcripts for science and technology reports published in MIT Technology Review, The Economist, Sifted, etc.
Jan 2020-Aug 2021	Teaching-track Lecturer	**Hong Kong Baptist University** Taught courses for the Division of Communication, College of International Education: CCPN1400 The Art of Persuasion FREL1401 Interpersonal Communication

Nov 2014- Jul 2018	Instructional Assistant	**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology** Designed teaching materials and conducted workshops on communication subjects
Jul 2011- Oct 2014	Administrative Officer	**Saint Francis University, Hong Kong** **(Formerly known as Caritas Institute of Higher Education)** Managed the institute's public relations and strategic planning

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

May 2023- present	Associate Fellow	**University of Surrey** Hong Kong Studies Hub, Department of Politics

WORKING PAPERS

Solo Author	*Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Nationalism in Authoritarian States*
Solo Author	*"One Country, One Nation": Framing the Responses to Ontological Insecurity*
Co-author	*Counting on the Courage to Come Forward: How Taiwanese Legislators Frame #MeToo in their Legal Reform against Sexual Violence*
Co-author	*"Not My China Dream": The Backlash of State-building Nationalism in Peripheral Territories*

CONFERENCES

15 Apr 2025 (Forthcoming)	Solo Author/ Presenter	**Political Studies Association Annual Conference** Author and present *Hong Kong's China Dream: Framing Majority Nationalism in Authoritarian Multinational States* in Birmingham, UK
14 Apr 2025 (Forthcoming)	Co-Author/ Presenter	**Political Studies Association Annual Conference** Co-author and present *Counting on Women's Courage to Come Forward: How Taiwanese Legislators Frame #MeToo in their Legal Reform against Sexual Violence* in Birmingham, UK
1 Sept 2023	Solo Author/ Presenter	**American Political Science Association Annual Conference** Authored and presented *Framing Nationalism: The China Dream Discourse in the Context of Hong Kong* in Los Angeles, USA
31 Aug 2023	Chair	**American Political Science Association Annual Conference** Chaired the panel session of (Social) Media Ownership and Governance in Los Angeles, USA

3 Oct 2015	Solo Author/ Presenter	**Sociolinguistics: Today and Tomorrow Conference, The University of Hong Kong** Authored and presented *Language and Politics: From the Perspectives of Orwell and Lakoff*

TALKS & PEER REVIEW

24 Jun 2024	Guest Speaker	**Centre of Taiwan Studies, SOAS, University of London** Presented co-authored paper on Taiwan's #MeToo Movement at the centre's workshop for fellow scholars
4 Apr 2023	Guest Speaker	**City University of Hong Kong** Conducted a guest lecture on political communication for the course COM3107 Fundamentals of Persuasive Communication
2022-present	Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals	*Politics, Groups and Identities*; *Nations and Nationalism*

AWARDS & GRANTS

2023	Travel Grant	**University of Oxford** Travel grant for attending the university's large language models workshop for social scientists in Oxford, UK
2023	Travel Grant	**Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association** Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	Travel Grant	**First Generation Scholars in the Profession, American Political Science Association** Travel grant for attending the association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2023	PGR Research Support Grant	**The University of Edinburgh** Grant for attending the American Political Science Association's annual conference in Los Angeles, USA
2021	College of International Education Appreciation for Quality Teaching	**Hong Kong Baptist University** Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2020-21)
2020	Dean's Recognition for Teaching Achievement	**Hong Kong Baptist University** Average score in teaching evaluation: 4.5/5 (AY 2019-20)

RESEARCH TRAINING

24-25 June 2024 **SOAS, University of London**

Taiwan Studies Workshop

25-28 June 2024 **SOAS, University of London**

Taiwan Studies Summer School

27-29 Sept 2023 **University of Oxford**

Large language models workshop for social scientists

Feb-April 2022 **The University of Edinburgh**

PG Course: Research Design (Audit)

Feb-April 2022 **The University of Edinburgh**

PG Course: Analysing Qualitative Data (Audit)

Sept-Nov 2021 **The University of Edinburgh**

PG Course: Core Quantitative Data Analysis 1 and 2 (Audit)

Sept-Nov 2021 **The University of Edinburgh**

PG Course:
Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection (Audit)

SKILLS

Language
English: Native
Cantonese: Native
Mandarin Chinese: Proficient

Research Methods
Corpus Analysis
Critical Discourse Analysis
Content Analysis
Survey Experiment
Interviews

Computer
Stata: Proficient
NVivo: Proficient
Sketch Engine: Proficient
#LancsBox X: Proficient
Python: Beginner