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PROFILE

A final year PhD candidate in International Relations at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University Singapore. My main research interest is the interplay between emotions and confidence in wartime judgment and decision-making. My PhD thesis, tentatively titled, *Confident Leaders, Trusted Advisors and Assessments of Adversaries: Truman, Mao and the Onset of the Korean War*, examines how variation in leaders and advisors' confidence systematically shapes the advisory process and influences their assessments of adversaries in war.

ACADEMIC POSITION

2024 – 2025
(upcoming) **Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow**
Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame

EDUCATION

May 2024 – Jun 2024
(upcoming) **National Taiwan University (Taipei, Taiwan)**
Program: Visiting PhD Candidate under National Taiwan University Research Visiting Program
Objectives: Conduct research with faculty
 Conduct archival research for dissertation in Taiwan National Archives and Academia Historica (Foreign Ministry Archives)
Adviser: Associate Professor Mandy Liao Hsiao-chuan

Mar 2023 – Mar 2024 **University of Washington (Seattle, Washington)**
Program: Visiting PhD Candidate under UW VISIT program
Objectives: Conduct research with faculty
 Participate in public seminars (i.e., University of Washington International Security Colloquium)
 Conduct archival research for dissertation in Truman and Eisenhower Presidential Libraries; Library of Congress; Hoover Institution Library & Archives at Stanford University
Advisers: Professor Jonathan Mercer;
 Professor David Bachman

Jul 2021 – Present **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Nanyang Technological University Singapore)**
Course of Study: PhD (International Relations)
Dissertation Title: *Confident Leaders, Trusted Advisors and Assessments of Adversaries: Truman, Mao and the Onset of the Korean War*
Awards: NTU Research Scholarship;
 RSIS PhD Fieldwork Award
CGPA: 5.0
Supervisor: Professor Pascal Vennesson
Thesis Advisory Committee: Professor Khong Yuen Foong
 Professor Jonathan Mercer
 Professor Elizabeth Kier

- Jul 2018 – Jun 2020** **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Nanyang Technological University Singapore)**
 Course of Study: Master of Science (International Relations)
 Master thesis: *Rhetorical contestation and the Mediterranean migration crisis, 2013 – 2018* / Grade: A
 Award: Singapore Technologies Engineering Gold Medal (Award for top International Relations student in the 2019/2020 cohort)
 CGPA: 4.93
 Master Thesis Supervisor: Professor Pascal Vennesson
- Jan 2008 – Dec 2008** **National Institute of Education (Nanyang Technological University Singapore)**
 Course of Study: Postgraduate Diploma in Education
 Teaching Practice Credit
 Classification:
 CGPA: 3.92
- Jul 2003 – Jun 2007** **National University of Singapore (NUS, Singapore)**
 Course of Study: Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) in History
 Honours Thesis: *The Struggle for Youth: The Institutional Contest Between the Italian Church and Fascist State*
 Awards: Dean's List (2005 – 2006)
 CGPA: 4.0

PUBLICATIONS

- Peer-Reviewed Articles & Research Notes** “Getting Inside the Head of Leaders and Advisers: A Data Collection Strategy for Historical Case Studies” (with Pascal Vennesson) in *Foreign Policy Analysis* (Research note under review).
- “Naming and Shaming China: America’s Strategy of Rhetorical Coercion in the South China Sea” (with Haridas Ramasamy) in *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 42, No. 3 (2020), pp.317-345; DOI: [10.1355/cs42-3a](https://doi.org/10.1355/cs42-3a)
- Opinion & Commentary** “HMS Queen Elizabeth’s Indo-Pacific Deployment” (with Ben Ho), *Proceedings*, 1 March 2020; <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2021/march/hms-queen-elizabeths-indo-pacific-deployment>
- “Coping with COVID-19 the ASEAN way” (with Haridas Ramasamy), *East Asia Forum*, 10 July 2020; <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/07/10/coping-with-covid-19-the-asean-way/>
- “The ‘Crisis’ in Coronavirus Crisis Communications: Southeast Asia and the Contest of Narratives” (with Ian Li Huiyuan), *RUSI Commentary*, 28 May 2020; <https://rusi.org/commentary/crisis-coronavirus-crisis-communications-southeast-asia-and-contest-narratives>

“‘The Battle of Narratives’: Coronavirus and the EU Infodemic”, *RUSI Commentary*, 11 May 2020; <https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/battle-narratives-coronavirus-and-eu-infodemic>

“‘NATO is Brain-Dead’: Time for EU Military Force?”, *RSIS Commentary*, 21 November 2019; <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/nato-is-brain-dead-time-for-eu-military-force/#.X8H-cBMza3I>

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention, “Confident Leaders, Trusted Advisors and Assessments of Adversaries: Truman, Mao and the Onset of the Korean War,” in “*Leaders and War*” panel, April 3, 2024. (upcoming)

International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention, “Getting Inside the Head of Leaders and Advisers: A Data Collection Strategy for Historical Case Studies” (with Pascal Vennesson), in “*Cognition, Groupthink, and Personality in Foreign Policy(-Making)*” panel, April 5, 2024. (upcoming)

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society 2023 Biennial International Conference, “Getting Inside the Head of War Leaders: A Data Collection Strategy for Historical Case Studies”, in “*Military Cognitive Skills and Decision-Making*” panel, October 13, 2023.

Invited Appearances

University of Washington Qualitative Multi-Method Program, “Getting Inside the Head of Leaders and Advisers: A Data Collection Strategy for Historical Case Studies” in “*From Data to Decision-Making Speaker Series*”, February 13, 2024.

University of Washington International Security Colloquium, “Confident Leaders, Trusted Advisors and Misjudgments in War: Truman’s assessment of Chinese intentions in the Korean War”, December 1, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oct 2019 – Present

(On leave for PhD studies from Jul 2021 - Jul 2025)

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, (NTU, Singapore) – Senior Analyst, Military Studies Programme (MSP)

Conducts research and publishes peer-reviewed articles on European Union security, disinformation and the COVID-19 infodemic; ASEAN regionalism and organizational structure; crisis communications and organisational decision-making processes.

Develops and conducts Professional Military Education (PME) for the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) which includes conducting lectures for 100+ military officers at each lecture and facilitating smaller group syndicate discussion on matters relating to geopolitical issues, international and regional security challenges.

Organises conferences and seminars, as well as performs administrative support related to RSIS and MSP events (Performed the role of SAF Day Webinar "Q and A" moderator).

Carried out note-taking duties for RSIS Seminar Series and 23rd ASEAN Regional Forum Heads of Defense Universities / Colleges / Institutions Meeting (ARF HDUCIM).

Jul 2016 – Aug 2019

**Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT, Singapore) –
Manager, Centre for Career Readiness**

Oversaw the development of strategic plans to target and engage with organizations at the local and international level for systems engineering and intelligent transportation degree programmes.

Developed curriculum for the division's conduct of workshops and trainings for undergraduates across all degree programmes.

Represented institution in the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) conference in Florida (June 2019).

Jan 2009 – Jun 2016

**Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE, Singapore) -
Subject Head of Department, Teacher in Pre-Tertiary Education
Institution**

Overall in charge of school's Values-in-Action projects through establishing partnerships with external organizations.

Spearheaded school's culture building direction and initiated values-driven programmes.

Curriculum subjects: History, Social Studies and English Literature.

Awards

Academic

NTU Research Scholarship (2021 – Present)

RSIS Fieldwork Award (2022 – Present)

Singapore Technologies Engineering Gold Medal in Academic Year 2019/2020 (awarded for top Master of Science, International Relations student in cohort)

Service

Chief Scout Commendation Award 2015 (conferred by President of Singapore, Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam)

Long Service Award 2015 (conferred by Singapore Scout Association)

Cluster West 8 Best Suggestion 2015 – 21st Century CCE Hub & CCE Mobile Classroom

Excellent Service Award 2014 – Silver Award (conferred by Public Service Division, Prime Minister’s Office)

The Caring Teacher Award 2014 (conferred by NIE, NTU & Exxon Mobil)

Languages

English	Competent (IELTS Test Score: 8.0)
Mandarin Chinese	Competent (O Levels: A1; A Levels: B3)
German	Basic (Attained proficiency in German Language 1 in NUS; Attained proficiency in German Language A1.2 of the Common European Framework of Reference in Goethe-Institute Singapore)

References

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