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Current Appointment

Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, 2023–Present.

Research Interests

Comparative Authoritarianism, Political Economy, Political Communication, Survey Research, Cross-Strait Relations.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2012.

M.A., Political Science, National Chengchi University, 2007.

M.A., European Politics and Policies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 2006.

B.A., Journalism and Political Science, National Chengchi University, 2002.

Professional Experiences

Academic Appointments:

- **Associate Research Fellow**, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, 2020–2023.
- **Assistant Research Fellow**, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, 2014–2020.
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Asian Barometer Survey, National Taiwan University, 2013–2014.

Visiting Positions:

- **Lenore Annenberg and Wallis Annenberg Fellow in Communication**, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2025–2026.
- **Visiting Scholar**, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 2019–2020.

Adjunct Teaching Faculty:

- Humanities and Social Sciences Camp for High School Students: Classics Reading Course, National Science and Technology Council, 2025–2026.
- Taipei School of Economics and Political Science, National Tsing Hua University, 2025.
- Humanities Core Courses, Academia Sinica, 2024.
- Autumn School on Taiwan and East Asia, University of Zagreb, 2024.
- Department of Journalism, National Defense University, 2021–2024.
- Taiwan Research Academy, University of Texas at Dallas, 2024, 2026.
- M.A. Program in Human Rights, Soochow University, 2023.
- Interdisciplinary Program of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Tsing Hua University, 2022–2023.
- College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University, 2018–2019.
- Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University, 2015.

Others:

- **Principal Investigator**, Institute of Social Science Methodology, 2022–2026.

Publications

- **Journal Articles**

Lai, Ding-Yi, Chu-Ling Tseng, Wen-Cheng Fu, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2026. "Lost in Words: Framing Effects on Public Willingness to Fight." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 90(2): 478–517.

Lin, Wen-Cheng, Ding-Yi Lai, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2025. "Chinese Foreign Aid and the Erosion of Media Freedom." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 25(3): lcaf011.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2025. "Distributive Unfairness, National Pride, and Willingness to Fight: Evidence from Taiwan." *Journal of Asian and African Studies.* 60(1): 137–156.

Wu, Chien-Huei, Howard Jyun-Syun Li, Mao-Wei Lo, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2024. "Long Arm of the Regime: Who Signs Extradition Agreements with China?" *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific.* 24(1): 101–129.

Sheen, Greg Chih-Hsin , Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2024. "Tell me the Truth? Dictatorship and the Commitment to Media Freedom." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 36(1): 37–63.

Wu, Wen-Chin, Mao-Chia Sun, Wen-Cheng Fu, and Wen-Jian Huang. 2023. "Taiwanese Public Opinion on Chinese and US Military Presence in the Taiwan Strait." *China Quarterly.* 256: 1085–1098.

Chong, Ja Ian, David W. F. Huang, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023. "'Stand Up Like a Taiwanese!': PRC Coercion and Public Preferences for Resistance." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 24(2): 208–229.

Sheen, Greg Chih-Hsin, Hans H. Tung, Chien-Huei Wu and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023 "WHO Approves? Relative Trust, the WHO, and China's COVID-19 Vaccines." *Review of International Organizations.* 18: 499-521.

Barceló, Joan, Greg Chih-Hsin Sheen, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023. "Experts or Politicians? Citizen Responses to Vaccine Endorsements across 5 OECD Countries." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87(1): 142–155.

Barceló, Joan, Greg Chih-Hsin Sheen, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2022. "Vaccine Nationalism among the Public: A Cross-country Experimental Evidence of Own-country Bias towards COVID-19 Vaccination." *Social Science & Medicine* 310: 115278.

Kagotani, Koji, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2022. "When do Diplomatic Protests Boomerang? Foreign Protests against US Arms Sales and Domestic Public Support in Taiwan" *International Studies Quarterly* 66(3): sqac043.

Chang, Eric C. C., and Wen-Chin Wu. 2022. "Autocracy and Human Capital." *World Development* 157: 105929.

Lai, Ding-yi, Wen-Chin Wu, and Jen-Der Lue. 2022. "Personalization of Power and Social Welfare Spending under Dictatorships: A Cross-Country Analysis." *International Journal of Social Work and Social Welfare* 1(1): 1–31. (Inaugural issue)

Sheen, Greg Chih-Hsin, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2022. "Power-Sharing and Media Freedom under Dictatorships?" *Political Communication* 39(2): 202–221.

– Top Prize for the Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year awarded by the Political Communication Division of the International Communication Association.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2022. "Partisanship, Ideology, Constituent Interest, and Trade Politics in American Congress: The Case of the TPP" *EurAmerica* 52(1): 1–41. (In Chinese)

Tung, Hans H., and Wen-Chin Wu. 2021. "What Can Comparative Authoritarianism Tell Us About China under Xi Jinping (and Vice Versa)?" *Issues & Studies*

57(4): 2150013. (Reprinted in *Political and Social Control in China: The Consolidation of Authoritarian Rule under Xi Jinping*, eds. Benjamin Hillman and Chien-wen Kou, 53–70. Canberra: Australian National University Press. 2024.)

Lai, Ding-yi, Jen-Der Lue, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2021. "Intergenerational Mobility and Preference for Redistribution: Evidence from East Asia." *Journal of Asian Public Policy* 14(1): 45–62.

Wu, Wen-Chin, and Fangjin Ye. 2020. "Preferential Trade Agreements, Democracy, and the Risk of Coups d'état." *Social Science Quarterly* 101(5): 1834–1849.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2020. "Rethinking Coalition Size and Trade Policies in Authoritarian Regimes: Are Single-Party Dictatorships Less Protectionist?" *Party Politics* 26(2): 143–153.

Pan, Hsin-Hsin, Wen-Chin Wu, Yu-Tzung Chang. 2020. "Does cross-Strait Tourism Induce Peace? Evidence from Survey Data on Chinese Tourists and non-Tourists." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 20(1): 149–181.

Wen-Chin Wu, and Yu-Tzung Chang. 2019. "Income Inequality, Distributive Unfairness, and Support for Democracy: Evidence from East Asia and Latin America." *Democratization* 26(8): 1475–1492.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2019. "Big Government Sentiment and Support for Protectionism in East Asia." *International Political Science Review* 40(1): 79–89.

Pan, Hsin-Hsin, Wen-Chin Wu, and Yu-Tzung Chang. 2017. "How do Chinese Citizens Perceive the Cross-Strait Relations: Survey Results in 10 Major Cities of China." *Journal of Contemporary China* 26(106): 616–631.

Wu, Wen-Chin, Yu-Tzung Chang, and Hsin-Hsin Pan. 2017. "Does China's Middle Class Prefer (Liberal) Democracy?" *Democratization* 24(2): 347–366.

Chang, Eric, C. C., and Wen-Chin Wu. 2016. "Preferential Trade Agreements, Income Inequality, and Authoritarian Survival." *Political Research Quarterly* 69(2) 281–294.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2015. "When do Dictators Decide to Liberalize Trade Regimes? Inequality and Trade Openness in Authoritarian Countries." *International Studies Quarterly* 59(4): 790–801.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2015 "Strategic Interaction and Empirical Models: An Application of Statistical Backward Induction to the US Special 301 Report." *Taiwanese Political Science Review* 19(1): 99–145. (In Chinese)

– Best Paper in Political Methodology in the Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Political Science Association (2012).

- **Book Chapters**

Lai, Ding-Yi, Wen-Cheng Lin, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2024. "The Perils of Chinese Foreign Aid." In *Switching Diplomatic Recognition Between Taiwan and China: Economic and Social Impact*, ed. Chien-Huei Wu, 50–69. London: Routledge.

Sheen, Chih-Hsin, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2024. "Commitment and Information Problems in Authoritarian Regimes." In *Research Handbook on Authoritarianism*, eds. Natasha Lindstaedt, and Jeroen J. J. Van den Bosch, 153–165. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Wu, Wen-Chin, and Hans H. Tung. 2023. "Development and Prospects of Studies on Comparative Authoritarianism in Taiwan," In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, eds. Chung-li Wu, Wen-Chin Wu, and Nien-Chung Chang-Liao, 1–16 Taipei: Wu-Nan. (In Chinese)

Chu, Yun-han, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023. "Sources of Regime Legitimacy in Asian Societies: Evidence from the Fifth Wave of the Asian Barometer Survey." In *How Asians View Democratic Legitimacy*, eds. Yun-han Chu, Yu-tzung Chang, Min-hua Huang, and Kai-Ping Huang, 67–80. Taipei: National Taiwan University Press.

Wu, Wen-Chin, Yun-han Chu, and Eric C. C. Chang. 2023. "Inequality and Regime Support: Evidence from East Asia." In *How Asians View Democratic Legitimacy*, eds. Yun-han Chu, Yu-tzung Chang, Min-hua Huang, and Kai-Ping Huang, 44–56. Taipei: National Taiwan University Press.

Huang, David Wei-Feng, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023. "Taking Sides with the US Against China?—An Analysis of the Taiwanese Choice." In *China-US Competition: Impact on Small and Middle Powers' Strategic Choices*, eds. Simona A. Grano and David Wei-Feng Huang, 275–305. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Fu, Ronan Tse-min, Hsin-Hsin Pan, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2021. "Nationalism, Generalized Trust, and Chinese Citizens' Attitude toward US Influence." In *China's New Foreign Policy: Comparative Perspectives from Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea*, eds. Rumi Aoyama, Suk Hee Han, and Tung-chieh Tsai, 101–124. Taipei: Wu-Nan. (In Chinese)

Chang, Eric C. C., Yun-han Chu, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2014. "Consenting to Lose or Expecting to Win? Inter-temporal Changes in Voters' Winner-loser Status and Satisfaction with Democracy." In *Elections and Democracy: Representation and Accountability*, ed. Jacques Thomassen, 232–253. New York: Oxford University Press.

- **Edited Book**

Wu, Chung-li, Wen-Chin Wu, and Nien-Chung Chang-Liao, eds. 2023. *Political*

Science: The State of the Discipline. Taipei: Wu-Nan. (In Chinese)

Leng, Tse-Kang, Wen-Chin Wu, Yu-Shan Wu, and Chin-en Wu, eds. 2019. *Sense and Sensitivity of Political Science: Selected Works of Jih-wen Lin*. Taipei: Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica. (In Chinese)

- **Other Publications**

Kuo, Yen-Lien, Wen-Chin Wu, Daigee Shaw, Bin-Tzong Chie, Yu-Tzung Chang, Yi-Lun Chuang, Yen-Ling Liu, Chun-Ta Fan. 2026."The Impact of Imaginary Future Generations on the Preference for Carbon Tax Schemes" *PLoS One* 21(4): e0346904.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2023. "International Trade and Finance." In *International Relations*, eds. Ya-chung Chang and Teng-chi Chang, 341–372. Taipei: Yang-Chih. (In Chinese)

Sheen, Greg Chih-Hsin, Hans H. Tung, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2021. "Citizen Journalism Reduces the Credibility Deficit of Authoritarian Government in Risk Communication amid COVID-19 Outbreaks." *PLOS ONE* 16(12): e0260961.

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2021. "Information Transparency and Effectiveness of Disease Control Measures." In *Reflections on COVID-19*, eds. Paul R. Katz, and Hsi-yuan Chen, 261-274. Taipei: Academia Sinica. (In Chinese)

Wu, Wen-Chin, and Tse-Kang Leng. 2019. "Jih-wen Lin's Research on cross-Strait Relations." In *Sense and Sensibility of Political Science: Selected Works of Jih-wen Lin*, eds. Tse-Kang Leng, Wen-Chin Wu, Yu-Shan Wu, and Chien-en Wu, 351–359. Taipei: Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica. (In Chinese)

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2006. "Review Essay: Breaking the BRICs: On the Local Foundations and Externality of Economic Development in China." *Political Science Quarterly Book Review* 10: 13–20. (In Chinese)

- **Policy Writings**

Wu, Wen-Chin. 2026. "The Real Reason Taiwan' s Defense Procurement Is Stalling." *The Diplomat*. Available at https://bit.ly/4w0hpv3.

Wu, Wen-Chin, and Hsin-Hsin Pan. 2025. "Taiwan's Youth Are Not Defeatist — and The Data Proves It." *The Diplomat*. Available at https://bit.ly/4lOVAdg.

Lee, James, Ja Ian Chong, Hsin-Hsin Pan, Chien-Huei Wu, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2023. "The Risks of Ambiguity: Taiwanese Public Opinion, US Credibility, and Effective Deterrence" *Le Rubicon*. (English version; French version)

Kagotani, Koji, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2022. "China's Anger Over Pelosi Visit Will Further Alienate Taiwanese." *The Diplomat*. Available at https://bit.ly/3SjVafI.

Pan, Hsin-Hsin, Wen-Chin Wu, and Chien-Huei Wu. 2022. "No Room to Move: Public Opinion in Taiwan Offers Few Options on China." *Global Asia* 17(3): 26–41.

Chu, Yu-han, Hsin-Hsin Pan, and Wen-Chin Wu. 2015. "Regime Legitimacy in East Asia: Why Non-Democratic States Fare Better than Democracies?" *Global Asia* 10(3): 98–105.

- **Scholarly Communications**

Wu, Wen-Chin. "Those Checkpoints on the Academic Star Map." *Humanities and Social Sciences Newsletter Quarterly* 23(3): 104–106. (In Chinese)

Wu, Wen-Chin. "Those Checkpoints on the Academic Star Map." *Humanities and Social Sciences Newsletter Quarterly* 22(1): 117–117. (In Chinese)

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Leonore Annenberg and Wallis Annenberg Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University, 2025–2026.

Outstanding Talent Award, Chung Hwa Rotary Educational Foundation, 2024.

Wang Shih-Chieh Memorial Chair Professorship, Academia Sinica, 2024.

Presidential Scholar Award, Academia Sinica, 2024.

Top Prize for the Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year, International Communication Association, 2023.

Outstanding Research Award, National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan, 2022.

Ta-You Wu Memorial Award, National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan, 2020.

Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Harvard-Yenching Institute, 2019–2020.

Junior Research Investigators Award, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2017.

Postdoc Academic Publication Award, National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan, 2015.

Best Paper in Political Methodology, Taiwanese Political Science Association, 2012.

Research Grants

- **Academia Sinica**

Grant for Investigator Project, 2025–2029. (Also selected as Academia Sinica Award Project)

Grant for Sustainability Science Research Projects, 2021–2023; 2024–2026.

Grant for Humanity and Social Sciences Research Projects, 2020.

- **National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan:**

Grant for Organizing the Institute of Social Science Methodology, 2023–2026.

Grant for Organizing the Institute of Political Methodology, 2022–2023.

Grant for International Outstanding Young Scholars, 2022–2025.

Grant for Ta-You Wu Memorial Award Research Projects, 2021–2025.

Grant for Excellent Junior Research Investigators, 2018–2021.

Grant for Research Projects, 2017–2018.

Grant for Junior Scholars, 2015–2017.

Grant for Attending International Conferences, NSTC, 2013, 2014, 2015.

- **Others**

Grant for Overseas Visit and Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan, 2025.

Grant for Attending International Conferences, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, 2025.

Grant for Cross-national Interdisciplinary Research, Harvard-Yenching Institute, 2022–2023.

Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2012.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2012.

Summer Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2008.

Studying Abroad Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Taiwan, 2007–2009.

Fellowship, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 2005–2006.

Scholarship, Tel Aviv University Overseas Summer Program, 2005.

Supervision

- **Postdoc**

Ding-Yi Lai (In progress).

Min-hao Liu (2024).

Rung-yi Chen (2021).

- **Ph.D.**

Nara Kang (In progress, co-chair with Eric C. C. Chang)

Wen-Cheng Lin (2023, co-chair with Thong-hong Lin).

Ding-Yi Lai (2022, co-chair with Jen-Der Lue).

- **M.A.**

Yu-Jung Chen (In progress, co-chair with Yi-feng Tao).

Yu-Chi Wang (2026, co-chair with Chien-Chih Lin).

Yi-Kai Wang (2025, co-chair with Ping-Kuei Chen).

Hsuan Fu (2023).

Chun-Chieh Yang (2021, co-chair with Gillan Chi-Lun Huang).

Ying-Ru Lu (2021, co-chair with Chien-Fu Chen).

Pauline Joyce M. Gonzalvo (M.A. 2019).

Yu-Min Wang-Hsu (2018, co-chair with Chelsea Chou, 2018).

- **B.A.** (*NSTC College Student Research Scholarship)

Rachel Jo-Chiao Wu (2025).

Yi-Chu Wang (2025).

Tse-Han Chen (2024).

Phuan Cheng Yeen* (2024).

Ying-Ru Lu* (2019).

Professional Services

- **Organizer**

Workshop on Critical Issues of Political Science, 2026.

Workshop on Time-Series Analysis, 2025.

Academia Sinica–Hankuk University–Korea University Joint Conference on Frontier Issues in Political Science, 2025

Workshop on Teaching and Research of Data Science, 2025.

Symposium on the First 100 Days of Trump 2.0, 2025.

Workshop on Big Data Visualization, 2024.

Workshop on ChatGPT and Statistical Learning, 2024.

Workshop on Non-Democratic Politics, 2024.

Academia Sinca-Yonsei University Joint Conference on Frontier Issues in Political Science, 2024.

Workshop on Frontier Issues of Political Economy and Political Institutions, 2024.

Workshop on Frontier Issues of Survey Experiments and Political Economy, 2023.

Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, American Political Science Association, 2023, 2024.

Summer Program of Institute for Social Science Methodology, 2023, 2024.

Conference on the 20th Anniversary of Institute for Political Methodology, 2023.

Workshop on Teaching Social Science Statistics, 2023.

Workshop on International Datasets of Social Sciences, 2022.

Summer Program of Institute for Political Methodology, 2022.

IPSAS Seminar Series, 2021–2022.

Workshop on US-China Engagement, 2020.

Pacific International Politics Conference, 2019.

Workshop on Political and Economic Development in Asia, 2019.

Workshop on Corruption, Inequality, and Political Attitudes, 2017.

Workshop on Authoritarian Political Economy, 2017.

Workshop on Rational Choice and Politics, 2016.

- **Committee**

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Institute of European and American Studies at Academia Sinica, 2026–Present.

Executive Member, Central Academic Advisory Council, Academia Sinica, 2024–2025.

- **Executive Editor**

Chinese Political Science Review, 2022–2023.

- **Reviewer**

American Journal of Political Science; *American Political Science Review*; *Asian Survey*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *China: An International Journal*; *China Journal*; *Chinese Journal of Communication*; *Chinese Political Science Review*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Communication and*

Society; *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Contemporary Politics*; *Democratization*; *Economics & Politics*; *East Asia Studies*; *Fu Hsing Kang Academic Journal*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Governance*;2 *International Interactions*; *International Journal of Taiwan Studies International Organization*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Issues & Studies*; *International Security*; *Journal of Asian and African Studies*; *Journal of Contemporary China*; *Journal of East Asian Studies*; *Journal of National Development Studies*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Administration & Policy*; *Journal of Social Sciences and Philosophy*; *Mass Communication Research*; *Pacific Focus*; *Pacific Review*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Prospect Quarterly*; *Review of International Political Economy*; *Sage Open*; *SN: Business & Politics*; *Social Justice Research*; *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*; *Taiwan Journal of Communication Research*; *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*; *Taiwanese Journal of Political Science*; *Taiwanese Political Science Review*; *Theory, Culture & Society*; *Wenti Yu Yanjiu*; *World Politics*.

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