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Education

Ph. D. in Sociology, National Taiwan University (2000)

BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University (1995)

Academic Honors/Services

Australian National University Centre on China in the World Visiting Fellow (2026)

Rikkyo University, Visiting Researcher (2025)

Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, Visiting Researcher (2025)

Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, National Science and
Technology Council, Director (2021-2023)

Eduard B. Vermeer Prize for the Best Article (China Information, 2022)

Sumitomo Foundation Grant (2020)

Academia Sinica Scholarly Monograph Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences
(Academia Sinica, Taiwan) (2019)

NATPA Prof. Liao Memorial Award Fund (2019)

Harvard-Yenching Visiting Scholar Grant (2018-2019)

Outstanding Research Award (Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan) (2015,
2021)

Dr. Wu Ta-yu's Award for Young Scholars (National Science Council, Taiwan) (2008)

Fulbright Postdoctoral Grant (2004-2005)

Ministry of Education's Grant for International Study (2004-2005)

The Best Ph. D. Dissertation Award, Taiwan's Sociological Association (2001)

Ph. D. Candidate Support Grant, Academia Sinica (1999-2000)

Visiting Scholar Grant, Chinese University of Hong Kong (1998)

Research Interests

Political sociology, social movements, sociology of labor, environmental sociology

Teaching Experience

Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University (2009-now)

Graduate Institute of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University (2008-2009)

Department of Applied Sociology, Nanhua University (2001-2008)

Publications

Journal articles in English

2025, with Wei An Chen, "Tactical Choices of Diaspora Movements: Comparing Hongkonger, Thai, Burmese, and Ukrainian Mobilizations in Taiwan." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 48(16): 3222-3244.

2025, with Chun-hao Huang, Yun-chung Ting, and Thung-Hong Lin, "Reactivating a Movement Legacy: Taiwan's Political Protests from Sunflowers to Bluebirds." *Social Movement Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/14742837.2025.2481049.

2025, "From Mobilization to Aftercare: Movement Trauma and Care Work for Exiled Hongkongers." *Journal of Civil Society*, DOI: 10.1080/17448689.2025.2500358.

2024, "Movement Meaning of Money: Monetary Mobilization in Hong Kong's Prodemocracy Movement." *Sociological Review* 72(2): 432-450.

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2023, with Yun-Chung Ting, "Contentious Institutionalization of Protests under Democracy: The Evidence from Taiwan, 1986-2016." *Government and Opposition* 59(3): 825-844.

2023, "Hongkongers' International Front: The Diaspora Activism During and After the 2019 Anti-Extradition Protest." *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 54(2): 238-259.

2022, with Yao-Tai Li, "'I became a Taiwanese after I left Taiwan': Identity Shift among Young Immigrants in the United States." *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 30(2): 237-256.

2022, "Desinicizing Taiwan: The Making of a Democratic National Identity." *Current History* 121 (836): 211-217.

2021, with Wai Ki Wan, "Universities as an Arena of Contentious Politics: Mobilization and Control in Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition Movement of 2019." *International Studies in Sociology of Education* 32(2): 313-336.

2021, "Aiming for Achilles' Heel: A Relational Explanation of the Ascendancy of

- Pro-Nuclear Activism in Taiwan, 2013-2020.” *Social Movement Studies* 22(5-6): 628-647.
- 2020, “Changing Memory of Tiananmen Incident in Taiwan: From Patriotism to Universal Values (1989-2019).” *China Information* 36(1): 90-111.
- 2020, “How Protesters Evolve: Hong Kong’s Anti-Extradition Movement Learned the Lesson of the Umbrella Movement.” *Mobilization: An International Journal* 25 (SI): 711-728.
- 2020, “From Unionism to Youth Activism: Taiwan’s Politics of Working Hours.” *China Information* 34(3): 406-426.
- 2019, “Taiwan’s Road to Marriage Equality: Politics of Legalizing Same-sex Marriage.” *China Quarterly* 238: 482-503.
- 2018, “The Historical Breakthroughs of Taiwan’s Anti-Nuclear Movement: The Making of a Militant Citizen Movement.” *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 48(3): 445-464.
- 2018, “From Mobilization to Improvisation: The Lessons from Taiwan’s 2014 Sunflower Movement.” *Social Movement Studies* 17(2): 189-202.
- 2018, with Chun-Hao Huang and Chun-Ta Juan, “The Institutionalization of Social Movement Study in Taiwan: A State-of-the-field Report.” *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* 1(1): 115-140.
- 2017, with Chunhao Huang, “Movement Parties in Taiwan (1987-2016): A Political Opportunity Explanation.” *Asian Survey* 57(2): 343-367.
- 2016, “Making an Opportunity: Strategic Bipartisanship in Taiwan’s Environmental Movement.” *Sociological Perspectives* 59(3): 543-560.
- 2015, “The Dialectic of Institutional and Extra-Institutional Tactics: Explaining the Trajectory of Taiwan’s Labor Movement.” *Development and Society* 44(2): 247-274.
- 2015, “Occupy Congress in Taiwan: Political Opportunity, Threat and the Sunflower Movement,” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 15(1): 69-97.
- 2014, “The Fukushima Effect: Explaining the Recent Resurgence of the Anti-Nuclear Movement in Taiwan.” *Environmental Politics* 23(6): 965-983.
- 2014, “Resisting Naphtha Crackers: A Historical Survey of Environmental Politics in Taiwan.” *China Perspectives* 2014/3: 5-14.
- 2014, “From Resistance to Accommodation: Taiwanese Working Class in the Early Postwar Era (1945-1955).” *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 44(3): 479-499.
- 2012, “Beyond Tokenism: Institutional Conversion of Party-controlled Labor Unions in Taiwan’s State-owned Enterprises (1951-1986).” *China Quarterly* 212: 1019-1039.
- 2012, with Chen-Shuo Hong, “Challenging New Conservative Regimes in South Korea and Taiwan: A Comparison of the Anti-American Beef Protests.” *Asian Survey* 52(4): 643-665.

- 2012, "Sponsoring Civil Society: State and Community Movement in Taiwan." *Sociological Inquiry* 82(3): 404-423.
- 2011, with Jane Hindley, "The Humanist Challenge in Taiwan's Education: Liberation, Social Justice and Ecology." *Capitalism, Nature and Socialism* 22(1): 76-94.
- 2011, with Jane Hindley, and Hua-Mei Chiu, "Introduction: Neoliberalism, Social Movements and the Environment in Taiwan." *Capitalism, Nature and Socialism* 22(1): 18-21. [A special issue co-edited by the author]
- 2010, "Manufacturing Loyalty: Political Mobilization of Labor in Taiwan (1950-1986)." *Modern China* 36(6): 559-588.
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- 2008, "Contentious Democratization of Environment: Militarism, Conservation and Livelihood in a Taiwanese Community." *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* 36(2): 269-291.
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- 2005, "Taiwan's State and Social Movements under the DPP Government (2000-2004)." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 5: 401-425.
- 2005, "Protest as Community Revival: Folk Religion in a Taiwanese Anti-Pollution Movement." *African and Asian Studies* 4(3) 237-269.
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2021, *Environmental Movements and Politics of the Asian Anthropocene*, co-edited with Paul Jobin and Michael Hsin-huang Hsiao. Singapore: ISEAS.

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2014, *Working-Class Formation in Taiwan: Fractured Solidarity in State-Owned Enterprises, 1945-2012*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book chapters in English

2025, "Taiwan's Labor Movement," in *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Taiwan*, ed. by Gunter Schubert. London: Routledge, pp. 273-291.

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- 2014, “The Political Ambiguity of Middle Class Activism in Taiwan: The Case of Urban Conservationists in Kaohsiung City,” in *Chinese Middle Classes: Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and China*, pp. 215-233, ed. by Hsin-huang Michael Hsiao.

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- under Authoritarianism.*” Melbourne Asia Review, <https://bit.ly/3gt4Ve2>, 2022/11/23.
- 2022, “Exploring Worldwide Democratic Innovations: A Case Study of Taiwan.” A European Democracy Hub case study, <https://bit.ly/3OmmNCD>.
- 2022, “Where Have all the Sunflowers Gone? A Reflection on the Eighth Anniversary of Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement” China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham, <https://bit.ly/3COPVhC>, 2022/3/16.
- 2021, with Wei An Chen, “Peddling the Revolution? How Hong Kong’s Protesters became Online Vendors in Taiwan,” *Made in China Journal* 6(3): 94-99.
- 2021, “‘Dried Mango’: Taiwan’s Fiercely Democratic Young Voters,” *Journal of the European Association for Chinese Studies* 2: 197-203.
- 2021, “Is Taiwan Ready to Go Net Zero by 2050?” Taiwan Insight, University of Nottingham, Taiwan Study Programme, <https://bit.ly/2Yjgnjx>, 2021/11/4.
- 2021, “Review of Politics and Cultural Nativism in 1970s Taiwan Youth, Narrative, and Nationalism.” *International Journal of Asian Studies*, doi:10.1017/S1479591421000620.
- 2021, with Carnegie Civic Research Network, *Civil Society and the Global Pandemic: Building Back Different?*, <https://bit.ly/3menJwH>.
- 2021, “Review of Dafydd Fell’s Taiwan’s Green Parties: Alternative Politics in Taiwan.” *China Quarterly* 247: 921-923.
- 2021, “Mountain Hiking as Taiwan New National Pastime.” Taiwan Insight, University of Nottingham, Taiwan Study Programme, <https://cutt.ly/vQiDwtt>, 2021/7/28.
- 2021, “The Last Green Mile: Is Taiwan’s Antinuclear Movement Gearing for a Final Confrontation.” Taiwan Insight, University of Nottingham, Taiwan Study Programme, <https://cutt.ly/rQiDi7i>, 2020/3/23.
- 2021, “Taiwan’s West Berlin moment.” *Mekong Review*, 2021/6/24, <https://bit.ly/3gZ5oAT>.
- 2020, “Why Do Taiwan’s Environmentalists Oppose Renewable Energy Facilities?” China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham, <https://bit.ly/3fsqg1B>, 2018/7/13.
- 2019, with Dana Triff, “‘Restore Hong Kong, Revolution of Our Times’: Pro-democracy Protests Are Once again ‘occupying’ Hong Kong.” *Eastern Focus* 3: 74-81
- 2019, “Why Was the Sunflower Movement Successful?” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 19(3): 309-311.
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- 2018, “How the Grassroots Initiatives Will Shape Taiwan’s Environmental Future.”

- China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham, <https://reurl.cc/A1qbaj>, 2018/4/25.
- 2018, "The New Anti-Air Pollution Movement: Social Construction in Taiwan." Taiwan Insight, University of Nottingham, <https://goo.gl/CKifjX>, 2018/1/2.
- 2017, "Review of Simona A Grano's *Environmental Governance in Taiwan: A New Generation of Activists and Stakeholders*." *Asiatische Studien* 70(4): 144-1452.
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- 2015, "Review of Chinese Workers in Comparative Perspective, ed. by Anita Chan." *China Perspectives* 2015/4: 73-74.
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