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## Academic Positions

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Assistant Research Fellow (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica 中央研究院 (Taiwan), Aug. 2022 – present  
Affiliated Researcher, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Aug. 2019 – present  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of California, San Diego, Aug. 2019 – July 2022  
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute, Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019

## Education

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Princeton University  
Ph.D., Department of Politics, June 2018; M.A., Department of Politics, Nov. 2014  
*PhD. 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  
  
University of California, San Diego  
B.A., International Studies – Economics (with specialization in East Asia; *Magna Cum Laude*), June 2012

## Research Interests

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Areas of Research: U.S. Grand Strategy (Europe and East Asia); U.S.-Taiwan Relations; Geoeconomics and Economic Statecraft; Great Power Competition; Thucydides

Historical periods: Contemporary period, Cold War, Ancient Greece and the Peloponnesian War

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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James Lee. “Defining Geoeconomics, Economic Statecraft, and the Political Economy of National Security.” (Forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Geoeconomics and Economic Statecraft*)

James Lee (first and corresponding author) and Richard Maher. 2022. “U.S. Economic Statecraft and Great Power Competition.” *Business and Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/bap.2022.19>

James Lee. “Foreign Aid, Development, and U.S. Strategic Interests in the Cold War.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 66, no. 1 (2022): sqab090. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqab090>

James Lee. “US Grand Strategy and the Origins of the Developmental State.” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 43, no. 5 (2020): 737-761. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402390.2019.1579713>

James Lee. “American Diplomacy and Export-Oriented Industrialization on Taiwan.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 20, no. 3 (2020): 463-483. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jea.2020.9>

James Lee. “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, no. 1 (2019): 67-86. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11366-019-09607-0>

### **Policy Publications (Selected)**

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James Lee. 7 November 2022. "The One-China Policy in Transition." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. <https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2022/11/07/the-one-china-policy-in-transition/>

James Lee. "What the Taiwan Relations Act Really Means for U.S. Policy." *Global Asia* 17, no. 3 (2022). [https://www.globalasia.org/v17no3/cover/what-the-taiwan-relations-act-really-means-for-us-policy\\_james-lee](https://www.globalasia.org/v17no3/cover/what-the-taiwan-relations-act-really-means-for-us-policy_james-lee)

James Lee. 2021. "The One-China Policy: Adapting to Tensions in the Taiwan Strait." *UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation*. [https://igcc.ucsd.edu/files/news/james-lee\\_one-china-policy.pdf](https://igcc.ucsd.edu/files/news/james-lee_one-china-policy.pdf)

James Lee. 2021. "Supply chains critical to Taiwan's security." *East Asia Forum*. <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2021/03/10/geoeconomics-and-the-security-of-taiwan/>

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

### **Book Manuscript (In Progress)**

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

### **Working Papers**

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"Taiwan and the 'New Cold War'"

"The Geoeconomic and Geostrategic Dynamics of Great Power Competition in the Taiwan Strait"

"Thucydides on A2/AD"

"Geoeconomics and Classical Strategic Thought" (with Thomas Mahnken and Andrew Reddie)

"Taiwan and U.S. Grand Strategy" (with Patrick Hulme)

### **Teaching Experience (Selected)**

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Instructor of Record, Special Topics Course: The Taiwan Question in U.S.-China Relations, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD (2022)

Instructor of Record, Economics, Politics, and International Change ("The Taiwan Question in U.S.-China Relations"), International Studies Program, UCSD (2021)

Instructor of Record, Economic Development of East Asia, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD (2021)

### **Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

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

Graduate Fellow, PIIRS, 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, PIIRS, Princeton University (June – Aug. 2015)

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

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## Professional Experience

Project Director (with John Delury and Stephan Haggard). Cover Story: “Taking Taiwan: The Risk, and Costs, of China Choosing Conflict.” *Global Asia* 17, no. 3 (2022).

[https://www.globalasia.org/issue.php?bo\\_table=issues&wr\\_id=9025](https://www.globalasia.org/issue.php?bo_table=issues&wr_id=9025)

U.S.-Taiwan Next Generation Working Group, UC Berkeley (May 2021 – present)

Contributor. “National Security Innovation Forum: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on National Security.” *Silicon Valley Defense Group*. <https://www.siliconvalleydefense.org/current-initiatives/national-security-innovation-forum-the-impact-of-artificial-intelligence-on-national-security>

Contributor. “Unlocking New Sources of Techno-Security Advantage: Fall 2020 Roundtable Insights Paper.” *Silicon Valley Defense Group*. <https://www.siliconvalleydefense.org/current-initiatives/2020rtinsightpaper>

Taiwan Security Research (Senior Editor: Jan. 2017 – Oct. 2020; Assistant Editor: May 2016 – Dec. 2016)

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## Invited Talks

“Taiwan: Is It Key to the Continuing World Order?” The Democracy Forum (July 2022)

“Taiwan and the ‘New Cold War,’” University of Quebec in Montreal (June 2022)

“Is Taiwan the Next Ukraine?” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UCSD Extension (May 2022)

“50 Years after the Nixon-Mao Summit,” East Asia National Resource Center, George Washington University (Apr. 2022)

“New Paths for US-Taiwan Ties: A Conversation with NextGen Scholars,” East Asia National Resource Center, George Washington University (Nov. 2021)

“The Semiconductor Industry and the Security of Taiwan,” Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley (April 2021)

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

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## Conference Presentations (Current Working Papers)

“The Geoeconomic and Geostrategic Dynamics of Great Power Competition in the Taiwan Strait” America in the World Conference (America in the World Consortium), University of Texas at Austin (Mar. 2022)

“Thucydides on A2/AD” ISSS-IS Annual Joint Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington (Nov. 2021)

“Taiwan and U.S. Grand Strategy” (with Patrick Hulme) ISSS-IS Annual Joint Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington (Nov. 2021)

“State-Building, American Grand Strategy, and the Cold War in Europe and East Asia” Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (Sep. 2020)

ISSS-IS Annual Joint Conference, University of Denver (Oct. 2019)

U.S.-China University Think Tank Dialogue, University of California, San Diego (Oct. 2019)

**Professional Service**

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Reviewer for *The Pacific Review*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *International History Review*, *East Asia Forum*, *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, *Business and Politics*, *Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI) Journal*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Canadian Journal of History*, and the *Japanese Journal of Political Science*.

**Languages (selected)**

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Modern: Mandarin 國語 (native speaker), German (advanced), French (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)  
 Classical: Ancient Greek (proficient), Latin (proficient), Classical Chinese 文言文 (proficient)

**References (Ph.D. Research)**

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Thomas Christensen (tjc2175@columbia.edu)  
 James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations, Columbia University

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

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 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

**References (Postdoctoral Research)**

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Ulrich Krotz (ulrich.krotz@eui.eu)  
 Former Supervisor, European University Institute

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 Professor, University of California, San Diego  
 Director, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

Stephan Haggard (shaggard@ucsd.edu)  
 Lawrence and Sallye Krause Professor of Korea-Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego

Vice Admiral Robert Thomas (ret.) (rlt004@ucsd.edu)  
 Professor of Practice, University of California, San Diego  
 Former Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet (2013-2015)