Claus Kao-Chu Soong

EDUCATION

Graduate Student in Political Science, University of Delaware, 2021-Present, (3.7/4.0)

- Concentrates on International Relations (primary field) and Comparative Politics (secondary field).
- Focus on Sino-US Relations, East Asia, Grand Strategy, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Qualitative Method.

Master of Laws, National Chengchi University, 2020 (4.07/4.3)

- Concentrated on Public International Law with thesis titled "The implications of the 2016 Arbitration on geopolitics in the South China Sea: the interaction Between International Law and International Relations".

M.Sc. Global Affairs, Tsinghua University/Schwarzman Scholar, 2017

- Studies focused on Chinese politics, economy, and foreign policy with GPA (3.57/4.0).
- Initiated and co-lead for Deep-Dive Groups in Taiwan and Singapore for meeting senior politicians (including one former head of state), organized the International Relations Discussion Seminars.

Bachelor of Laws, National Chengchi University, 2015

- Major in Law and minor in Diplomacy with GPA (3.75/4.0).
- Selected as the Member of Residential College of International Development, an elite program only accepts 2% of students from the whole university (16000+).

Associate Student, International Relations, SOAS, University of London 2014

- Studies focused on international relations, critical theory, and human rights/international laws.

WORKING EXPERIENCES

Summer Research Analyst, Greenmantle LLC, June-August 2022 (New York City)

- Conducted research and analysis on politics and economies of Greater China.

Research Assistant to Professor Chris Miller of Tufts University, May-August 2021 (Taipei/Remotely)

- Conducted research and analysis on Chinese/Taiwanese semiconductor policies.

Research Assistant, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, February - May 2021 (Taipei)

- Assisted the principal researchers to research on clean energy regulations and policies in Taiwan and China.

Independent Researcher/ Contractor, Ocean Affairs Council, Taiwan, March-December 2020 (Taipei)

- Designed and conducted research on China's political and legal position over the South China Sea through interviews and literature comparisons with sources from different countries.

Researcher, North East Asia, International Crisis Group, November 2018- February 2019 (Hong Kong)

- Jointly prepared/reviewed the research questions about the South China Sea, prepared comments and observation on Taiwanese election, and interviewing candidates for the position of research interns.

Director of Cooperation, Center for China and Globalization, October 2017- August 2018 (Hong Kong)

- Provided political analysis to governments and the business sector through researching China's economic policies and politics.
- Operated the Center's presence in Hong Kong by events planning, relations management and fund-raising.

Intern Researcher, Save the Children China, April-June, 2017 (Beijing)

- Provided strategic advice and memo for Save the Children China to join the Belt and Road Initiative and other Chinese overseas programs through researching materials/regulations/policies in Chinese and English.

Research Assistant, National Taipei Education University/ Ministry of Culture, July 2015- June 2016 (Taipei)

- Assisted the principal researcher to research on aboriginal cultural heritage conservation law by comparing foreign and international laws and by conducting interviews to the affected aboriginal communities.

Intern, Department of North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, September to December 2014 (Taipei)

- Prepared policy memo by monitoring news and regulations update.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Fellowship, National Policy Foundation (USD\$ 24,000, Taiwan/United States, 2022-2023)
 - One of the oldest elite scholarships since 1960 to support Taiwanese graduate students to pursue advanced degree in the United States.
 - Awarded for conducting research on US-Taiwan relations.

Raffles Dialogue Fellow (SGD \$1500, Singapore, 2017)

- Awarded as one of the 15 international fellows to attend the Raffles Dialogue at National University of Singapore with a poster exhibition titled "Innovation as a Challenge or Stimulation to Governance".

Schwarzman Scholar (USD \$60,000 China, 2016-2017)

- Awarded to join the inaugural class of 110 scholars from 3000+ global applicants for a fully-funded program on leadership and cultural exchange in Tsinghua University, Beijing.

Scholarship Program Social Science Student to Study Abroad (TWD \$1,000,000, London/Taipei 2013-2014)

- Awarded as one of the 20 recipients from 500+ applicants for a prestigious fully-funded scholarship program to study at SOAS, University of London with the endorsement from the Taiwanese Government.

International Affairs Leadership Program for Young Talents (TWD \$145,000, Baltimore/Taipei 2012)

- Awarded as one of the 25 from 500+ applicants with a scholarship to study at Johns Hopkins University and to participate in leadership training held by Taiwanese Representative Office in Washington DC.

RESEARCH GRANTS/PROJECTS

Ocean Affairs Council Research Grant (NTD \$80,000, Taiwan, 2020)

- Awarded with research grant contract to investigate the legal positions and maritime policy of Vietnam and the Philippines on the South China Sea issues after the 2016 China-Filipino Arbitration.

Ministry of Science and Technology Research Grant (NTD\$ 47,000 Taiwan, 2013-2014)

- Awarded with sponsorship to study the legal nature of claims in the territorial disputes in the South China Sea with a focus on the territorial titles.
- Researched through employing historical archives in Academia Sinica to study the formation of Chinese/ Taiwanese claims in the South China Sea and its legal basis.

INVITED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at National Conferences

'To Keep the Economy Growth: Why China Should Adapt a liberal market economy and why it can't'

- 2022 Markets & Society Conference, Mercatus Center, October 2022.
- 'Will American Strategic Ambiguity over Taiwan Last? A View from Grand Strategies'
 - American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, September 2022.
- 'Sino-U.S. Tech War in Semiconductor and Rare Earth: American Foreign Policy Options and China's Goals'
 - 79th Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, April 2022.

Presentations at Regional Conferences

- 'China and the international rules-based system'
 - 2018 NCCU Kyoto Seminar Agenda, Kyoto University, May 2018.
- 'A yet shifted world order in Eurasia: Geopolitical analysis of One Belt, One Road'
 - Beyond Globalisation: Prospects for Eurasia, Cambridge Journal of Eurasian Studies, University of Cambridge, May 2017.
- "The Chinese Political Thought "Tainxia" and the South China Sea'
 - British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies Annual Conference, King's College London, June 2016.

LANGUAGES AND QUANTITATIVE/RESEARCH SKILLS

- Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Beginner).
- STATA; R; Bloomberg; WIND.