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Welcome

Organised under the auspices of the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the School will bring together an international team of academics and practitioners to train and instruct a group of 15 MA/PhD researchers, practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy. Sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the National Chengchi University, the Taiwan Research Hub, the University of Nottingham-Malaysia, the OSCE Academy, Asian Political and International Studies Association, the Asia Research Institute and the Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy we look forward to our 4th edition of this year's Summer School

The main aims of the Summer School include:

- to provide instruction and discussion on a wider range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy;
- to develop a multinational forum for both junior scholars and practitioners to critically discuss their research projects and the development of the subfield;
- to assist PhD/MA researchers to develop their dissertation projects at the cutting edge of the field, contributing to innovation in conceptualisation, measurement, analysis and theory;
- to prepare PhD/MA researchers for the requirements and criteria of international academic publishing, and to encourage them to submit their work to academic journals;
- to help practitioners to understand the main academic findings regarding party politics and democracy promotion;
- to build on the most recent developments and challenges of political party development and democracy promotion presented by the “Global Agenda for the Renewal of Representation” (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/395219>);
- to stimulate international collaboration in the field of parties, party systems, elections and democracy and to encourage PhD/MA researchers and practitioners to take part in such collaboration.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday *20th May*

09:30 - 10:00 Welcome by KAS-Asia Director, NCCU Head of School, OSCE Academy Director, ARI Director, TRH director and APISA President

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome by the Summer School co-directors

10:15 - 10:30 Tour de table

Topic: “Democracy Backsliding and Populism”

Speakers: Prof. Larry Diamond (Stanford University) and Chean Chung Lee (People’s Justice Party MP)

Guest Expert: Dr Chun-Yi Lee (UNUK)

10:30 - 11:30 Speaker’s presentation

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:45 - 13:15 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

13:15 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:30 “Rise of Populism in Kyrgyzstan” (Tolgonai Elemanova)
Discussant: Aaron Deivasagayam

15:30 - 15:45 Break

15:45 - 16:45 “Taiwan’s Party Negotiation Mechanism and the Guardrail Norms of Democracy” (Lee Chi-En)
Discussant: Marina Sari

16:45 - 17:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

17:30 - 19:00 Welcome dinner

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Tuesday *21th May*

Topic: "Political Party (System) Institutionalization"

Speakers: Prof. Herbert Kitschelt (Duke University) and Dr.

Sanghoon Kim-Leffingwell (Johns Hopkins University)

Guest Expert: Dr Don Lee (Sungkyunkwan University)

- 10:00 - 11:00** Speaker's presentation
- 11:00 - 11:15** Break
- 11:15 - 12:45** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 12:45 - 14:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00 - 15:00** "The Influence of the Cleavage Structure in Ending Party
Dominance in Malaysia" (Aaron Deivasagayam)
Discussant: Naveen Kori
- 15:00 - 15:15** Break
- 15:15 - 16:15** "Faces and Phases of Democracies and Indigeneity" (Yasmin
Mangotara)
Discussant: Catherine Setiawan
- 16:15 - 17:15** "Transitional Justice and Authoritarian Successor Parties" (Paula
Romero)
Discussant: DaHyeon Jeong
- 17:15 - 17:30** Wrap up and next session preparation
- 19:00** Free and Easy Diner (own arrangement)

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Wednesday *22nd May*

Topic: "Elections and Election Campaigning"

Speakers: Dr Christian Schafferer (APISA) and

Roger Do (AutoPolitic)

Guest Expert: Dr Chia-Hung Tsai (NCCU)

9:30 - 10:30

Speaker's presentation

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:30

"Secretive Foreign Policy and the Impact of Party Rhetoric on Public Opinion" (DaHyeon Jeong)

Discussant: Teena Teena

14:30 - 14:45

Break

14:45 - 15:45

"Institutions, Voters, and the Boundaries of Islamist Party Success" (Mohamed Salihin Subhan)

Discussant: Yasmin Mangotara

16:00 - 18:00

Roundtable

Moderator: Prof. Yves Tiberghien (University of British Columbia)

Discussant: Dr Francis F. Lukhele (University of Swaziland)

18:00 - 20:00

Small reception

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Thursday *23rd May*

Topic: "Political Parties, Social Movements and New Technologies"

Speakers: Prof. Julio Teehankee (De La Salle University, Philippines) and Chen I-Hsin (former legislator, KMT)

Guest Expert: Dr Julian Roknifard (University of Nottingham-Malaysia)

- 09:30 - 10:30** Speaker's presentation
- 10:30 - 10:45** Break
- 10:45 - 12:15** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 12:15 - 13:30** Lunch Break
- 13:30 - 14:30** "Ethical AI for Inclusive Democracy in Southeast Asia" (Catherine Setiawan)
Discussant: Hanh-Linh Tran
- 14:30 - 14:45** Break
- 14:45 - 15:45** "Electoral Reform in Indonesia" (Tri Astuti)
Discussant: Po-Chun Wu
- 15:45 - 16:00** Break
- 16:00 - 18:00** Official book launch: "Rethinking Parties in Democratizing Asia" (Julio Teehankee and Christian Echle)
- 18:00 - 20:00** Small Reception

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Friday *24th May*

Topic: “Political Parties and Representation – Women, Youth, and Inclusive Policies”

Speakers: Dr Charles McClean (Yale University) and Yen-jong Lee (Director of DPP’s Gender Equality Department, Attorney-at-law)

Guest Expert: Dr Bridget Welsh (University of Nottingham-Malaysia)

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| 10:00 - 11:00 | Speaker’s presentation |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Break |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:45 - 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | “Women Leadership in India: Current Challenges” (Teena Teena)
Discussant: Mohamed Salihin Subhan |
| 15:00 - 15:15 | Break |
| 15:15 - 16:15 | “Youth and the 2024 Indonesian Election” (Marina Sari)
Discussant: Tolgonai Elemeanova |
| 16:15 - 17:15 | “Strategies for Enhancing Women’s Political Participation” (Naveen Kori)
Discussant: Oudom Oum |
| 17:15 - 17:30 | Wrap up and next session preparation |
| 19:00 | Free and Easy Diner (own arrangement) |

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Saturday *25th May*

Topic: "Party Funding and Corruption"

Speakers: Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
and Dr Marcin Walecki (National Democratic Institute)

Guest Expert: Dr. Yen-Pin Su (NCCU)

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | Speaker's presentation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:15 - 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | "Cambodia's Authoritarianism in Progress" (Oudom Oum)
Discussant: Tri Astuti |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 - 15:45 | Special Session: "How to Get Published?" with Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (co-editor of the Routledge Book Series on "Political Parties, Party Systems and Elections") |
| 15:45-16:00 | Wrap up and next session preparation |
| 19:00 | Free and Easy Diner (own arrangement) |

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Sunday *26th May*

Topic: "Democracy Promotion: Pros and Cons"

Speakers: Dr Bann Seng Tan (Ashoka University, India) and Prof. Chang Ling Huang (National Taiwan University)

Guest Expert: Dr Riccardo Pelizzo (Nazarbayev University)

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| 9:30 - 10:30 | Speaker's presentation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:15 - 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | "Advocating Human Rights in Elections" (Hanh-Linh Tran)
Discussant: Paula Romero |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 - 15:45 | "Does Committee Heterogeneity Affect the Prioritization of Legislative Bills in Taiwan?" (Po-Chun Wu)
Discussant: Lee Chi-En |
| 15:45 - 16:15 | Farewell speeches |
| 18.30 | Farewell Dinner (leaving the Campus around 17.30) |

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday *27th May*

9:30 - 18:00 *NCCU Cultural program*

Tuesday *28th May*

All Day Departure of Guests

BIOGRAPHIES *Directors*



FERNANDO CASAL BÉRTOA
Associate Professor,
School of Politics and Int. Relations,
University of Nottingham (UK)

Fernando Casal Bértoa is an Associate Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom). He is member of the OSCE/ODIHR “Core Group of Political Party Experts”. He is also co-director of REPRESENT: Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy. His work has been published in *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization*, *European Political Science Review*, among others. He was awarded the 2017 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize, the 2017 AECPA Prize for the Best Article and the 2018 Vice-Chancellor Medal of the University of Nottingham for “exceptional achievements”. His latest book, titled *Party System Closure: Party Alliances, Government Alternatives and Democracy in Europe* (Oxford University Press., 2021) was awarded the AECPA (Spanish Political Science Association) Best Book Price and an Honourable Mention for the ECPR Stein Rokkan Prize.



ANDREAS KLEIN
Director,
Regional Programme,
Political Dialogue Asia,
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
Singapore

Andreas Michael Klein has more than 20 years of working experience for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) since February 2000 as director of the newly established country office in Skopje/Macedonia (2000-04), as desk officer at the Department for International Cooperation in Berlin/Germany (2004-06) as well as director of the KAS’ offices in Dusseldorf/Germany (2006/07), Riga/Latvia (2007-12), Hamburg/Germany (2012-16) and Santiago de Chile (2016-22). Since April 2022, Andreas is the Director of KAS’ Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia. He has studied Political Science, Modern History and Spanish at the University of Bonn/Germany (1993-1999), of which he holds a MA degree in Political Science, and Intercultural Communication at the University of Jyväskylä/Finland.



MORITZ FINK
Policy Officer & Deputy Head
Regional Programme,
Political Dialogue Asia,
KAS Singapore

Moritz Fink is fulfilling his 2 year Director-in-Training programme with KAS Singapore in the Political Dialogue Asia office. Before this, Moritz was responsible for the area of Global Health in the HQ of the foundation as a consultant in the main department Analysis & Consulting since February 2022. He already brings substantial points of contact with the Asian region. Moritz was part of the “EU-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue Series” supervised by KAS Singapore as well as a fellow under the “EU-ASEAN Young Leaders”. He studied International Business and Culture (B.A.) with a focus on Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Passau. As part of this, he completed a semester abroad at the Universiti Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and worked for seven months with the colleagues at the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Yangon, Myanmar. In addition to his Master’s degree in Public Policy (MPP), Moritz gained valuable work experience for almost two years as an Associate at a Berlin political consultancy in the field of healthcare and life sciences.

BIOGRAPHIES



CHUN-YI LEE

Associate Professor
School of Politics and Int. Relations
& Director,
Taiwan Research Hub
UNUK

Chun-Yi Lee is Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham. She is also the director of Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham. Chun-Yi's first book was published by Routledge in 2011: *Taiwanese Business or Chinese Security Asset*. The book is under Leiden Series in Modern East Asia History and Politics. Chun-Yi applied from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) with Prof. Andreas Bieler on the project, 'Globalisation, national transformation and workers' rights: An analysis of Chinese labour within the global economy' in 2010. This project successfully received the funding from the ESRC and started to operate from October 2011 till September 2014. In viewing the Chinese labour facing the challenge of industrial upgrading, Chun-yi applied a research project funded by Chiang-Ching-kuo (CCK) Foundation in Taiwan in relation to 'Chinese Investment in Taiwan: Challenge or Opportunity for Taiwan's Industrial Development'. This project has finished in December 2016. Currently, Chun-yi is working on a public policy research project, to compare Taiwan and UK government's strategies to counter Covid-19. Meanwhile Chun-yi is working her second monograph on the topic of 'China's New Normal: The Impact of China's Rise on the Global Political Economy'.



PHILIP LIU HSIAO-PONG

Professor at the Graduate Institute of
Development Studies
National Chengchi University Taiwan

Philip Liu Hsiao-pong is a distinguished professor at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies and holds the esteemed position of director of the International Master's Programme in Asia-Pacific Studies at National Chengchi University in Taiwan. With his wealth of experience and expertise, Professor Liu plays a crucial role in shaping the academic landscape and nurturing intellectual growth within the university community. His dedication to both research and education underscores his commitment to excellence and innovation in the field of Asian-Pacific studies.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



CHRISTIAN SCHAFFERER

Associate Professor, Department of International Trade, Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan

Christian Schafferer is Associate Professor at the Department of International Trade, Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan. He has served as President of the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), President of the Austrian Association of East Asian Studies, and founding Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia (JCEA). His research interests embrace political and economic studies with special reference to East Asian societies; current research projects deal with the impact of social media on electoral campaigns and democratization in Asia.



ROGER DO

CEO & Founder, AutoPolitic

Roger Do is the CEO and founder of AutoPolitic, an Artificial Intelligence election management system that helps the campaign manager run the campaign. He studied Philosophy at UC Berkeley, an MBA and degree in cloud computation. He got interested in the art of election in high school, promoted social causes in college, and ran a non-profit for immigrant children.

After returning to Asia, he formed AutoPolitic which has so far been part of over 92 campaigns, while winning 75% of the time, operating at both strategic and tactical levels. He is currently working with Ukrainian volunteers through their embassies to combat Russian disinformation and influence across ASEAN.



CHEAN CHUNG LEE

MP, State Assemblyman of Semambu, Pahang, People's Justice Party, Malaysia

Chean Chung, Lee (MP) is a State Assemblyman of Semambu, Pahang, Malaysia. He was elected National Central Committee of People's Justice Party (KEADILAN) before being appointed as National Communication Director. He was also the National Treasurer General (2018-2022) and Youth Wing's National Information Chief (2014-2018) of the party. Chean Chung holds a Master in Public Administration from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). Earlier, he graduated from Malaysia University of Science and Technology (MUST) in MSc. Transportation & Logistics and Bach. (Hons) Electronics Engineering (majoring in computer) from MMU.

In 2019, Chean Chung co-founded Centre of Regional Strategic Studies (CROSS), a progressive think-tank focusing on regional cooperation, economic development, poverty alleviation and sustainability issues. In 2022, he founded #ScamVictimSupport, a mutual-help group that empowers and assists victims of scamming and financial frauds.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



Sanghoon Kim-Leffingwell
Assistant Director and a senior
lecturer at John Hopkins
University

At Johns Hopkins, **Sanghoon Kim-Leffingwell** is the Assistant Director and a senior lecturer for the MS in Data Analytics and Policy program.

His research focuses on authoritarian nostalgia and related political behavior in post-authoritarian democracies, especially East Asian countries. His dissertation investigated why individual voters feel nostalgic for an authoritarian past and vote for political parties that are linked to the past. His research has been supported by various sources, including a Taiwan Fellowship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan and a Doctoral Fellowship from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange.



JULIO C. TEEHANKEE
Professor of Political Science and
International Studies at De La Salle
University, Philippines

Julio C. Teehankee is an educator, researcher, and political consultant with a wide experience in electoral and political party related activities since 1984. He has continuously worked to bridge theory and practice in academic and other professional endeavors. He has written and published extensively on elections and political parties in the Philippines and Asia. He has participated in several election campaigns in the Philippines and has served as adviser to presidential candidates. Currently, he is a Professor of Political Science and International Studies at De La Salle University where he served as Chair of the Political Science Department (1994-2007); Chair of the International Studies Department (2008-2013); and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (2013-2017).



Herbert Kitschelt
George V. Allen Distinguished
Professor of International Relations at
Duke University

Herbert Kitschelt is a Professor of Political Science, specializes in comparative political parties and elections in established and new democracies, comparative public policy/political economy, and 20th century social theory. In the 1980s and 1990s, he authored three books in German about comparative industrial and technology policy and related social movements, with condensed English journal articles summarizing some of the findings.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



YVES TIBERGHIE

Professor,
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Yves Tiberghien is a Professor of Political Science and Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, Canada. He is also Director Emeritus of the Institute of Asian Research, and Director of the Center for Japanese Research.

Yves is Distinguished Fellow at the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada and a Senior Fellow at the University of Alberta's China Institute. He is an International Steering Committee Member at Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD). In November 2017, he was made a Chevalier de l'ordre national du mérite by the French President.



Larry Diamond

Senior Fellow at the Hoover
Institution and Professor of
Sociology and of Political Science

Larry Diamond is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University. He also chairs the Hoover Institution Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region and is the principal investigator of the Global Digital Policy Incubator, part of Stanford's Cyber Policy Center. For more than six years, he directed FSI's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, where he now leads its Program on Arab Reform and Democracy. During 2017–18, he cochaired, with Orville Schell, a working group formed of researchers from Hoover and from the Asia Society Center on US-China Relations, culminating in the report *China's Influence and American Interests: Promoting Constructing Vigilance* (published by the Hoover Institution Press in 2019). He is the founding coeditor of the *Journal of Democracy* and also serves as senior consultant at the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



MARCIN WALECKI

Senior Resident Country Director for the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Ukraine

Marcin Walecki has over 25 years of democratic governance, elections, rule of law, anti-corruption, academic and management experience working in more than 50 countries around the world. Former Head of Democratization Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, one of the world's principal regional human rights bodies and the first Executive Director of the European Partnership for Democracy (www.epd.eu). Consulted on, and conducted Council of Europe, USAID, EU, DFID, IDEA, OECD, UNODC and UNDEF democratization programmes. He has written for numerous publications on democratisation, political corruption, elections, women political participation and political parties. Polish citizen holds a DPhil in Politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a Master's in Law (Hons, Class I) from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw.



BANN SENG TAN

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Ashoka University, India

Bann Seng Tan is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Ashoka University, India. Before Ashoka, he was an Assistant Professor at Bogazici University, Turkey and has taught at the College of William and Mary, at Queens College (CUNY) and at Hunter College (CUNY). He received his PhD in Political Science from the Graduate Center at the City University New York (CUNY). He was also a senior research scholar at New York University and is part of the AidData Research Consortium at William and Mary. He does research on the causes and effects of democratization. His dissertation was on the effects of democratization on interstate conflict behavior (the democratic peace). His first book, *International Aid and Democracy Promotion: Liberalization at the Margins*, articulates a way to promote political reforms despite the pushback by recipients and the relative indifference of Western donors.



CHANG LING HUANG

Professor for Political Science National Taiwan University

Chang-Ling Huang is Professor of Political Science at the National Taiwan University. She is currently working on a comparative study of quota politics in East Asia and serves as Director of the Global Asia Research Center at the NTU. She has works that have appeared in various Chinese and English academic journals and recently has authored chapters on gender politics in two handbooks. Huang received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award and Outstanding Social Service Award from the National Taiwan University. Besides teaching and research, Huang has been involved in Taiwan's feminist movement. She was a board member and president of the Awakening Foundation, the earliest established feminist organization in post-war Taiwan, and a member of various government gender commissions.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



CHARLES MCLEAN

*Japan Foundation Postdoctoral Associate, Incoming Assistant Professor of Political Science
Yale University*

***Charles McClean** is a incoming Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University. He brings a wealth of expertise in comparative politics, with a specialized focus on the politics of age and Japan. His groundbreaking research, published in esteemed journals such as the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *Political Behavior*, has earned him recognition within the academic community and beyond. Charles's work has been featured in prominent news outlets including the *Asahi Shimbun*, *Nikkei Shimbun*, *National Public Radio*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.*



Yen-jong Lee

Director of DPP's Gender Equality Department, Attorney-at-law

***Yen-jong Lee** is the Director of the Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) Gender Equality Department. As a seasoned attorney-at-law, she brings a wealth of legal expertise and advocacy experience. With a strong commitment to advancing gender equality and social justice, she plays a pivotal role in shaping policies and initiatives within the DPP to promote gender equity and empower marginalized communities*



CHEN I-HSIN

Former spokesperson for the Kuomintang

***Chen I-Hsin** (former legislator, MP, KMT) served as the spokesperson for the Kuomintang, but left the position to return to SOAS and pursue doctoral studies in economics. By 2014, Chen had resumed his spokesperson duties, while also working for the Kuomintang's Culture and Communication Committee. In February 2015, he was named a spokesman for the Office of the President, serving until 2016, when Ma Ying-jeou concluded his second term as president.*

BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



JULIA ROKNIFARD
Assistant Professor
Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Julia Roknifard joined the University of Nottingham Malaysia in September 2019. Prior to that, she has been the Director for Foreign Policy at EMIR research, a Kuala Lumpur based think-tank. She has served as a Research Fellow at the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" in 2010-2019 and is currently a Consultant with the PIR Center, Moscow-based think-tank specialized on international security and nuclear non-proliferation.

Julia is specialized on Iranian and Middle Eastern Studies, matters surrounding Iran's nuclear program, Iran's domestic politics and foreign policy. Her research interests lie with international security, including its non-traditional aspects, interweaving of religion and politics, evolution of Islamism, and counter-terrorism. She also teaches security courses (International Security - UG; Human Security and Contemporary Security Challenges - PGT) and Politics and International Relations of the Middle East (UG)



DR. DON S. LEE
Assistant Professor, Graduate School
of Governance at Sungkyunkwan
University, South Korea

Don S. Lee is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Governance at Sungkyunkwan University. He received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego. His research interests lie at the intersection of the political economy of institutions and public administration/policy. His research has been published or is forthcoming in *Comparative Political Studies*, *Governance*, *Oxford Handbook*, *Policy & Politics*, *Public Administration Review*, and among others.



HIA-HUNG TSAI
Professor at the Graduate Institute of
East Asian Studies at National
Chengchi University

Chia-hung Tsai is research fellow of the Election Study Center and professor at the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at National Chengchi University. His project, "Identity, Self-interest, and International Relations: Evidences from Taiwan and Japan," explores public preferences of "bandwagoning" and "balancing" foreign policy strategies through case studies in Taiwan and Japan.

BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



YEN-PIN SU
Professor

Department of Political Science
National Chengchi University,
Taiwan

***Yen-Pin Su** is a prominent scholar whose research spans party politics, social movements, electoral institutions, democratization, and human rights politics in Latin America, with a growing focus on Taiwan's international relations. His work has been published in prestigious journals such as *Comparative Politics*, *International Political Science Review*, and others. With extensive field research in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Peru, and Mexico, he has interviewed legislators, party officials, and activists, enriching his understanding of political dynamics. Prior to joining National Chengchi University, he taught at Washington & Jefferson College and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh after completing his studies at National Taiwan University.*



RICCARDO PELIZZO

Professor & Vice Dean for Academic
Affairs
Nazarbayev University

***Riccardo Pelizzo** is an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Public Policy at Nazarbayev University. Dr Pelizzo is an internationally recognized political development specialist. Dr Pelizzo's research focuses on issues of political development, institutional reform and institutional performance in developing countries. After designing measures and benchmarks for assessing parliaments' capacity and performance, he is currently devising several diagnostic tools to measure political stability and other dimensions of good governance.*

*Dr Pelizzo is the Associate Editor of *Politics and Policy*. He is the recipient of several fellowships, scholarships, competitive grants and awards. In addition to editing 3 volumes, Dr Pelizzo has authored 7 monographs and more than 50 peer reviewed articles. His studies have appeared or been translated into 11 languages (Arabic, Bahasa, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Kazakh and Vietnamese).*

In addition to keeping an active research agenda, he has engaged academic and non-academic audiences in 25 countries and has provided expert opinion to constitutional drafters, institutional reformers, and legislatures in developing countries from Africa, Asia and the Pacific region.



BRIDGET WELSH

Honorary Research Associate
with the University of Nottingham
Asia Research Institute Malaysia

***Bridget Welsh** is currently Honorary Research Associate with the University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute Malaysia (UoNARI-M) based in Kuala Lumpur. She is also a Senior Research Associate of the Hu Feng Center for East Asia Democratic Studies of National Taiwan University and a Senior Associate Fellow of The Habibie Center. She specializes in Southeast Asian politics, with a focus on Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Indonesia. She is committed to fostering engagement, mutual understanding and empowerment.*

BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



PO-CHUN WU
PhD Student at NCCU

Po-Chun Wu is a PhD student in the Department of Political Science at National Chengchi University (NCCU) in Taiwan. His research primarily focuses on legislative studies, voting behavior, and political participation. His master's thesis examines the legislative behavior differences among legislators who aspire to higher positions.



TRAN, HANH LINH
PhD Student at Emory University

Linh Hanh Tran is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Political Science at Emory University. Her research interests include public opinion, political communication, and elections under authoritarian regimes. She uses quantitative methods and design-based causal inference to understand how political attitude and behavior are shaped. Her ongoing data collection project gathers and systematizes information on candidates in Vietnamese elections. Prior to joining Emory University, she had received a M.A. in Political Science from the Central European University and a B.A. from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.



CATHERINE SETIAWAN
Researcher on AI Policy, Cornell University MPA

Catherine Setiawan is a Researcher on AI Policy at the Digital Futures Lab. Previously served as a Project Coordinator for AI and Gender initiatives at the International Telecommunication Union. She holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from Cornell University, USA, supported by a full scholarship from USAID Prestasi, and a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Pelita Harapan (UPH), Indonesia. She furthered her expertise with short courses in E-government and Big Data at Maastricht University, Netherlands, sponsored by StuNed. In her leisure, she finds joy in traveling, reading, yoga, and meditation.



MOHAMED SALIHIN SUBHAN
PhD Student at University of British Columbia

Salihin Subhan Mohamed is a PhD student in the Political Science department at the University of British Columbia. His current research focuses on Islamist politics and he focuses on Southeast Asia, specifically Malaysia.

BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



ERNIE LEE

International Relations Scholar and Political Analyst with Diplomatic Experience

Ernie Lee is a Master's Student at National Chengchi University researching International Relations and Democratization. He spent his bachelor years focusing on the study of great power politics and diplomacy. He has published one journal article that mapped out the current landscape of Democratic backsliding research and has attended several major seminars—most notably the Annual Conference of the Taiwan Political Science Association. Beyond the academic pursuit, Ernie applied his skills in numerous politics-related projects or part-time positions. Including serving as the Youth Ambassador of MOFA in 2019, and working as a host at an Executive Yuan-organized technology exhibition



MARINA IKA SARI

ASEAN Security Researcher and Defense Diplomacy Expert

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The **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung** (Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia) is a political foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany. Founded in 1964, it was named after the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer. KAS offers political and social training activities, conducts research, grants scholarships to students, and supports and encourages international understanding and economic development. In addition to the activities of the local KAS offices in many Asian countries, the regional programme "Political Dialogue Asia" organises and sponsors international conferences and seminars. Its numerous events and diverse projects focus on political and social development, political parties and civil society, social market economy, regional security, international cooperation and Asia-Europe relations, see <https://www.kas.de/en/web/politikdialog-asien>



The **College of Social Sciences of National Chengchi University** is proud to offer the International Master's Program in Asia-Pacific Studies (IMAS) in response to this global trend. Originally founded in 2003 as the International Master's Program in Taiwan Studies and the International Master's Program in China Studies, the International Master's Program in Asia-Pacific Studies (IMAS) was the first English-taught program of its kind in Taiwan. The International Master's Program in Asia-Pacific Studies (IMAS) curriculum improves students' knowledge of the region, broadens their horizons, and connects them with local and regional students and professors in a multicultural environment. IMAS' ideal candidates are social science undergraduates with research or work experience in both the public and the private sector.



The **Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy (REPRESENT)** is a collaboration between the University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham. It brings together and drives innovative and interdisciplinary research on the falling social penetration of established parties, the rise of populism, and the effectiveness of aid to support democracy. REPRESENT provides a 'hub' for knowledge exchange between academic researchers, policy-makers and practitioners from Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia. For more information, see www.represent-research.org



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*The mission of the University of Nottingham's Asia Research Institute is to bring together the University of Nottingham's world-leading research and expertise on Asia and to link up researchers working across interdisciplinary boundaries across all three of the University of Nottingham's campuses. The Institute enjoys a generous bequest from the late Sir Stanley and Lady Tomlinson and has been headed by Professor Katharine Adeney since 2013. It produces *Asia Dialogue*, producing contemporary analysis of the entire Asia region.*

It organises the annual Tomlinson Lecture, as well as a research seminar series on a wide range of topics. The institute also aims to support and co-ordinate postgraduate teaching to enhance understanding of the Asia and Pacific region. In response to colleague's feedback we have moved our later afternoon seminars to a lunchtime slot to enable those with childcare commitments to attend. The region that UoNARI focuses on naturally includes scholars and students from a range of diverse backgrounds, something that we are very proud of. Our ARI management board is also diverse.

We have offered PGRs funding for their fieldwork in previous years, although it will not be possible to do so this year because of the Covid travel restrictions. We include PGRs in our seminars, and encourage them to present their work. Many of our seminars this year are focusing on work in progress and grant applications, and this gives PGRs an opportunity to participate in, and learn from, the grant capture process.



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The Taiwan Research Hub brings together researchers from different disciplines and career stages to improve our understanding of Taiwan. We look at the fields of politics, history, culture, society, international relations, and economy.

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Asian Political & International Studies Association - In November 2001, 30 academics from research institutes, think tanks, and universities introduced the idea of launching an Asian-based academic organization dedicated to the advancement of political and international studies. It was the general consensus of the meeting that Asian scholars had been marginalized from the decision-making processes of the Western-based associations of a similar nature. Asian schools of thought had been stifled as a consequence of the American hegemony in the social sciences, and that the state of Asian studies in general was underdeveloped. In the light of these concerns, APISA was established and held its founding congress in Singapore in 2003.

Patterned after academic institutions in North America and Western Europe, the organization seeks to promote theoretically informed comparative scholarships, based on the Asian experience in the fields of conflict and peace, democracy and governance, development, and area studies.

The **OSCE Academy** in Bishkek promotes regional cooperation, conflict prevention and good governance in Central Asia through offering post-graduate education, professional training and intellectual exchange. The Academy pursues its mission through particular set of activities, including: Providing expert training and education in human rights, media development, conflict prevention, management, resolution, post-conflict rehabilitation, and in economics, governance and development; Conducting demand-driven and practice-oriented research on relevant Central Asian topics aiming at local, national and regional security-building; Supporting the exchange of information and scientific co-operation among Central Asian academic institutions and their international partner organizations and Establishing and developing a regional network of professionals and researchers, see <http://www.osce-academy.net/en/>

