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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, USA.

Fields: Comparative Politics and American Politics

Research Interest: Comparative institution, legislative behaviors, political behavior, Asian politics, comparative election, public opinion, and democratization

Dissertation: The Legislative Consequences of Electoral Reform: Adoption of the Mixed-Member System in Taiwan

Committee: Dr. Eduardo Alemán (Chair), Dr. Francisco Cantu, Dr. Jennifer H. Clark, and Dr. Mi-son Kim

Master in Art, Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taiwan, June 2013.

Thesis: “Citizen Congress Watch” and Legislative Politics.

Advisor: Dr. Shing-Yuan Sheng

Bachelor in Education, Department of Education Policy and Administration; Bachelor in Law, Department of Public Policy and Administration, National Chi Nan University (NCNU), Taiwan, June 2010.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATION

● Journal Articles

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2022. “Party Leadership, Electoral Reform and Mandate-divide.”

Japanese Journal of Political Science 23(3): 209-230.

doi: 10.1017/S1468109922000111 (SSCI, SCOPUS).

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2019. “Book Review: Taiwan’s Social Movements under Ma Ying-Jeou: From the Wild Strawberries to the Sunflowers.”

American Journal of Chinese Studies 26(2): 155-158.

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2015. "The Effect of 'Legislator-Evaluation' on Legislative Behaviors: An Exploratory Analysis." [=「立委評鑑」對立委立法行為的影響：一個探索性的研究] *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* [=台灣民主季刊] 12(1): 115-174. (TSSCI)

● **Working papers**

"Legislative Particularism and Mandate-divide Under the Mixed-member System: Case Study of Taiwan."

"The Electoral Reform and The Recruitment of Party-list Candidates in Taiwan."

"Parliamentary Party Behavior in Mixed-member Majoritarian Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Taiwan and South Korea." With Mi-son Kim (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley).

"Political Dynasties and Their Electoral Advantages in Different Electoral Systems: Analysis of Congressional and Council Elections in Taiwan." (with Jou-Fei Huang)

"Measuring Party Cohesion on Parliamentary Question Keywords," (with Yen-Chieh)

● **Conference presentation**

■ **Doctoral student**

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2021. "Electoral Reform and Legislators' Roll-call Behaviors in Taiwan." Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS). Denver, October 15-16.

Liao, Yu-Ceng, and Jou-Fei Huang. 2021. "Political Dynasties, Electoral Systems, and Electoral Advantages." Paper presented at 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Seattle, September 30- October 3.

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2019. "Electoral Reform and Changes of Legislative Behaviors: Case Study of Taiwan." Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, April 4-7.

Kim, Mi-son, and **Yu-Ceng Liao.** 2019. "Parliamentary Party Behavior in Mixed-Member Majoritarian Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Taiwan and South Korea." Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, April 4-7.

- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2019. "The Electoral Reform and The Recruitment of Party-list Candidates in Taiwan." Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA). Austin, January 10-12.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2018. "Critical Citizens, Democratic Satisfaction, and Support in Asian Democracies." Paper presented at 2018 Taiwan Conference—Taiwan and the World in Transition: Opportunities and Challenges. Atlanta, November 9-11.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2018. "The Legislative Consequences Before and After the Reform of Mixed-Member Electoral System in Taiwan, 1999-2016." Paper presented at 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, April 5-8.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2017. "Political Trust in Institutions and Democratic Evaluation: Analysis of East Asian Democracies." Paper presented at 2017 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA). New Orleans, January 12-14.
- **Master student** (all written in Mandarin Chinese)
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2012. "Too Many Monks for a Little Congee: How Seat-Downsizing Affects the 2010 Municipality Council Elections?" Paper presented at 2012 Taiwanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting and International Conference. Taipei: National Taiwan Normal University, December 8-9.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2012. "Political Party, Reelection and Image: Analysis of Attitudes on the 'Legislator-evaluation' by Legislators." Paper presented at the 2012 Chinese Association of Political Science Annual Meeting and International Conference. Taipei: Soochow University, December 17-18.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2012. "The Cross-Strait Factors in Taiwan's Presidential Elections: Analysis before and after the Second Party Turnover." Paper presented at International Conference on the Maturing of Taiwan Democracy: Findings and Insights from the 2012 TEDS Survey. Taipei: National Taiwan University, November 3-4.
- Sheng, Shing-Yuan, and **Yu-Ceng Liao.** 2012. "The Impact of Party and Constituency on the Lawmaking of Legislators: The Act Governing Relations between Peoples Cross-Straits." Paper presented at Conference on Congress: The Interactions between Executive and Congress under the Global Crisis. Taipei: Soochow University, May 25-26.
- Liao, Yu-Ceng.** 2012. "The Critical Half: Analysis of the 2010 Taichung and Kaohsiung Mayor Elections after Merger between City and County." Paper presented at the Seminar of Public Affairs for Graduate. Taichung: Tunghai University, March 24.

Liao, Yu-Ceng. 2011. "A Survey of Viewpoints on the Acknowledgement of Mainland China Diplomas: Taiwanese College Students' Reflections and Their Disparities." Paper presented at the 2011 Taiwanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting and International Conference. Taipei: National Chengchi University, November 11-13.

■ **Undergraduate student** (written in Mandarin Chinese)

Liao, Yu-Ceng, and Chih-Chun Wu. 2009. "From the Perspective of Undergraduates to Look at the Effectiveness of Unemployment Saving Policies." Paper presented at the 2009 International Conference of Social and Public Affairs. Taipei: University of Taipei, November 19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Fall 2020 POLS 1336: U.S. and Texas Constitution and Politics

Fall 2020 POLS 3311: Introduction to Comparative Politics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Asian Government and Politics

Comparative Election

Comparative Political Institution

Democratization

Legislative Behavior

Public Opinion

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCES

Spring 2021 NSF research assistant for Patrick Shea

Fall 2020 Instructor

Summer 2020 Teaching assistant for Kelly Littlepage

Spring 2020 Teaching assistant for Kelly Littlepage

Fall 2019 Teaching assistant for Jennifer H. Clark

Spring 2019 Teaching assistant for Alex Badas

Fall 2018 Teaching assistant for Alex Badas

Spring 2018 Teaching assistant for Jeffrey Cole & Cyrus Contractor

Fall 2017 Teaching assistant for Jeffrey Cole & Cyrus Contractor

Spring 2016 Teaching assistant for Tanya Bagashka

Fall 2015 Teaching assistant for Tanya Bagashka

2015.01-2015.06 Full-time research assistant. Institute of Continuing Education, NCNU, Taiwan.

2011.08-2013.06 Research assistant. "Constituency Service and Law-making: Comparison Before and After Electoral System Change" Program

- (2011~2014), Directed by Prof. Shing-yuan Sheng. (sponsored by National Science Council, Taiwan. Research Project NO.: NSC 100-2410-004-096-MY2).
- 2012.02-2013.06 Teaching assistant, Service-Learning — Assistance of Development Program for Middle School Students, in Center of General Education, NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012.09-2013.06 Teaching assistant, The Methodology of Political Science, in Department of Political Science, NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012.09-2013.01 Teaching assistant, Introduction to Taiwan Politics, in the Center of General Education, NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012.08.01-30 Intern, in Citizen Congress Watch (NGO), Taiwan.
- 2011.07-2011.09 Area supervisor and interviewer, the National Science Council survey project: Elections of Municipal Mayors and Councilmen, 2010 (Taiwan Elections and Democratization Study, TEDS 2010C, Project NO.: NSC99-2420-H-031-002).
- 2010.08-2011.07 Research assistant, Election Study Center, National Chengchi University.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2021 Ph.D. Excellence Fellowship, rewarded by the Department of Political Science, University of Houston, U.S.A.
- 2020 Dissertation Fellowship for ROC Students Abroad, rewarded by Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, ROC (Taiwan).
- 2020 Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant, rewarded by Graduate School, University of Houston, U.S.A.
- 2018 Dissertation Improvement Grant, rewarded by the Department of Political Science, University of Houston, U.S.A.
- 2015-20 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Houston, U.S.A.
- 2013 Outstanding Entry in the Taipei Civil Education Foundation's 2013 Annual Master Thesis Contest in Political Science.
- 2012 Prof. Huang Chi Research Scholarship, rewarded by Department of Political Science, NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012 Graduate Student Scholarship, rewarded by Department of Political Science, NCCU, Taiwan.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2018 Institute for Political Methodology (IPM) (July 11 to July 27), sponsored by the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
- 2017 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) workshop) (June 3 to

- 14), sponsored by Hobby School, University of Houston.
- 2016* Summer Math Camp, sponsored by Department of Political Science, University of Houston.
- 2012* Teaching Chinese as a Second Language: Summer Program (held from June 25 to July 13 for a total of 90 hours), sponsored by Mandarin Training Center (MTC), National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), Taiwan.
- 2011* Quantitative Method Camp of Political Science (July 20 to August 5), sponsored by Election Study Center, National Chengchi University, and Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

■ Conference

Chair, Southern Politics Science Association, Austin, 2019.

■ Journal Review

Critique, Illinois State University, 2018

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

SPSS, Stata, R, Latex, Python (beginner).

REFEREES

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