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ABOUT ME

I am a PhD Candidate at University of California, San Diego majoring in Political Science. I study the foundations of autocratic resilience, with a particular focus on how contemporary autocrats navigate rising global and domestic pressures for democracy by manipulating democratic institutions and norms. My research is geographically centered on East and Southeast Asia, with specialized expertise in Vietnam and China. Additionally, I also study the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region, particularly from a historical perspective. I frequently revisit the region's history to seek for insights that may potentially explain contemporary regional dynamics and developments.

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

San Diego, CA

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts, Political Science

Sept. 2021 – now

- Dissertation Title: **When Autocrats Speak Like Democrats – How autocrats use democratic rhetoric to build resilience**
- Dissertation Committee:
 - * Dr. Christina J. Schneider (Professor, UCSD, Department of Political Science) - Co-Chair
 - * Dr. Nico Ravanilla (Associate Professor, UCSD, School of Global Policy and Strategy) - Co-Chair
 - * Dr. Stephan Haggard (Lawrence and Sallye Krause Distinguished Professor Emeritus, UCSD, School of Global Policy and Strategy) - Member
 - * Dr. Margaret E. Roberts (Professor, UCSD, Department of Political Science) - Member
 - * Dr. Edmund Malesky (Professor, Duke University, Department of Political Science) - Member

Peking University, Yenjing Academy

Beijing, China

Master of Law, Politics and International Relations

September 2019 - July 2021

- GPA 3.96
- Ranked 4th out of 125 scholars.
- The Yenjing program is a prestigious fully funded master program in China studies inspired by Rhodes and Fulbright Scholarships with an extremely competitive acceptance rate of 2.7%.

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Oita, Japan

Bachelor of Social Science, International Relations and Peace Studies

September 2019 - July 2021

- GPA 3.38

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- “ASEAN and the Challenge of Democratic Regress”, *with Stephan Haggard (UC San Diego)*
- “Framing the LGBTQIA Movement: Effects on Public Support in Vietnam”, *with Mai Truong (Marquett University)*

Publications in popular press

- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong, and Mai Truong. “Vietnam’s Bureaucratic ‘Revolution’: Rationales and Challenges.” *The Diplomat*, January 29, 2025.
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong, and Thuy Quynh Truong. “Unveiling the Engines behind E-Government in Vietnam”, *East Asia Forum*, April 15, 2023.

- Truong, Thuy Quynh, and Thi Thuy Duong Pham. “Bittersweet: Vietnam’s Mixed Progress on E-Government During COVID-19.” *The Diplomat*, July 16, 2021.
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong, and Thuy Quynh Truong. “In Vietnam, Many Are Mourning the Downfall of an American Idol.” *The Diplomat*, November 12, 2020
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong. “In Vietnam, an Ancient Town Struggles With a New COVID-19 Outbreak.” *The Diplomat*, July 31, 2020.
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong, and Dickson Agbaji. “China’s Class of COVID-19.” *The Diplomat*, July 7, 2020.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

International Financial Institutions, Autocratic Resilience June - September 2023
Graduate Research Assistant Department of Political Science, UC San Diego

- Under the guidance of Professor Christina J. Schneider
- Conducted case study of authoritarian international financial institutions and their lending to autocratic regimes.

ASEAN and the Challenge of Democratic Regress June - September 2022
Graduate Research Assistant School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

- Under the guidance of Professor Stephan Haggard
- Conducted large-N qualitative case study of ASEAN member states’ response to democratic backsliding episodes.
- Developed a co-authored paper.

South China Sea Data Initiative June - July 2022
Graduate Research Assistant School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

- Under the guidance of Professor Nico Ravanilla
- Collected and cleaned datasets of elite profiles in Southeast Asian countries using Apollo.io

South China Sea Data Initiative January - July 2020 and January - March 2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant Emory University and UC San Diego

- Under the guidance of Professor Renard Sexton (Emory University) and Professor Nico Ravanilla (UC San Diego)
- Geoc-coded conflict events on South China Sea
- Website: <https://www.scsdi.org/>

Youths and Interstate reconciliation in East Asia 2017
Undergraduate Research Assistant Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

- Under the guidance of Professor Heo Emilie Seunghoon
- Designed survey questions and interviews
- Conducted data analysis

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Teaching Assistantship Experience

- GPPS400 International Relations in Asia Pacific, *with Dr. Stephan Haggard (GPS-UCSD)*
- POLI11D Introduction to Comparative Politics, *with Dr. Karen Ferree (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI12D Introduction to International Relations, *with Dr. Erik Garzke (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI11D Introduction to Comparative Politics, *with Dr. Kaare Strom (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI103A California Government and Politics, *with Dr. Thad Kousser (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI160AA Introduction/Policy Analysis, *with Dr. Matthew Bergman (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI142P Crisis Areas in World Politics, *with Dr. Graham Timmins (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI122D Abuse of Power, *with Dr. Kaare Strom (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- POLI143 International Conflict: Cyber, Space, UAVs, *with Dr. Erik Gartzke (Department of Political Science, UCSD)*
- The Rise of China and Change in World Politics, *with Dr. Xu Xin (Peking University)*

- China In Transition 4.0, with *Dr. Xu Xin (Peking University)*
- Women in Contemporary China, with *Dr. Li Yingtao (Peking University)*
- Critical Perspectives on Modern Sino-Foreign Relations, with *Dr. Chen Li (Peking University)*
- Introduction to International Relations (*Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University*)
- Study Skills and Academic Writing (*Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University*)
- Multicultural Cooperative Workshop (*Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University*)
- International Peace Studies and Global Enhancement Competency Program (*Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University*)

Mentoring Experience

- Mentor of Research Apprenticeship Program (Department of Political Science, UCSD)
- Writing Center Tutor Leader (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)

Pedagogical Training

- Introduction to College Teaching, *Certificate of Completion (March 2022)*
- Advanced College Teaching, on-going

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

- **University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC)'s Dissertation Fellowship:** US\$15,000
- **University of California International Institute Travel Award:** US\$1,700
- **SEAREG Pre-Dissertation Fellowship:** US\$5000
- **SEAREG Winter Conference 2023 Travel Grant:** US\$500
- **SEAREG Winter Conference 2022 Travel Grant:** US\$700
- **Yenching Academy Fellowship 2019 - 2020:** full tuition fee, monthly-stipend, and traveling costs to and from China
- **Asian Future Leadership Scholarship Program:** a research grant of 12,000RMB, all costs to participate in a summer camp at Shanghai Jiaotong University, opportunities to participate in research and professional activities at Baixian Asia Institute
- **Yenching Academy Dean's Research Grant:** cancelled due to COVID-19
- **Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University's 100% Tuition Reduction Scholarship:** cover all tuition fee for the undergraduate degree
- **Monbukagakusho Honour Scholarship For Privately-financed International Students (2014-2015):** stipend of 40,000JPY/month
- **Honorable Certificate of Recognition of Contribution, from Consulate General of Vietnam in Fukuoka, Japan**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong (2024, September). *Framing Corruption News under the Authoritarian Shadow: The Case of Vietnam.* **American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA**
- Haggard, Stephan and Thi Thuy Duong Pham (2024, September). *ASEAN and the Challenge of Authoritarian Regress.* **American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA**
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong (2023, December). *Framing Corruption News under the Authoritarian Shadow: The Case of Vietnam.* **SEAREG Winter Conference, Durham, NC**
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong and Thuy Quynh, Truong (2020, April). *The making of the 'China Virus': liberal sentimentalism in public opinion during COVID 19 pandemic and its outcomes for global governance.* **International Studies Association's 2021 Annual Convention** - online poster presentation
- Pham, Thi Thuy Duong (2017, November). *Southeast Asian states' hedging strategy against China against the backdrop of South China Sea dispute.* **15th Asia Pacific Conference. Oita, Japan**

SKILLS

Computational: R, Python, LaTeX, QGIS

Language: Vietnamese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate), Chinese (Basic)

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