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PROFILE

I am specialized in the cultural and social history of China and Japan during their economic and political modernisation in the early twentieth century. My research interests include class, race and gender in relation to identity, space, language and the media. My goal is to examine the region's transformation through social and cultural frameworks. Prior to academia, I served as director at several global investment banks in New York and London.

WORK HISTORY

2017 to Present	Korea University <i>Lecturer – Department of History</i> Taught both Korean and international students on cultural and political modernization of East Asia in relation to Western influence; Topics include Confucianism and Christianity, Cultural Identity of Diasporas, Bilingualism and Colonisation, Media and Public Opinion, Traditional values and gender practices; Emphasis was on interdisciplinary approach	Seoul
2004 to 2008	Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International <i>Director – Japanese Equity Division</i> Strategized with Tokyo and London to increase primary and secondary issues Strengthened revenue stream from global funds in London and New York	New York/London
2001 to 2004	Mizuho Securities USA Inc. <i>Director – Japanese Equity Division</i> Involved with management decisions and planned strategic allocation of human resources Taught new MBA recruits on equity pricing and portfolio investment strategy	New York/Tokyo
2000 to 2001	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Securities LLC <i>Director - Japanese Equity Division</i> Actively involved with listed co. management visits with Tokyo headquarters	New York/Tokyo
1999 to 2000	HSBC Securities Inc. <i>Vice President - Japanese Equity Division</i> Created block trading opportunities coordinated with program trading desk	New York
1995 to 1999	Nomura Securities International, Inc. <i>Vice President - Japanese Equity Division</i> Marketed equity research products to mutual, pension and hedge funds Conducted presentations for IPOs and senior management IR activities Delivered speech on banking to Columbia Business School Class of 98	New York
Summer 1994	<i>Intern in Debt Derivatives Product Group, Capital Market Division</i> Participated in intensive training program in currency and swap structuring Priced and marketed yield enhanced over-the-counter structured notes	
1988 to 1993	United Nations Development Corporation <i>International Division Manager</i> Managed government contracts, oversaw protocol, ethics and taught foreign languages. Conducted and translated meetings, and organized international conferences	New York

EDUCATION

- 2011 to 2017 King's College London, London
Lau China Institute, School of Global Affairs
PhD in Chinese Studies, Political Communications Studies in Modernisation
Thesis title is 'from Exclusion to the Inclusive Sphere; a Critical Analysis of Sun Yat-Sen's Emancipatory Communication and China's Modernization'; Advised PhD applicants and Master programme students on dissertation proposals; Conducted seminars on theoretical frameworks on space, gender, modernity and post-modernity; Developed curriculum of East Asian history from 19th Century to the end of WWII
- 2009 to 2010 London School of Economics and Political Science London
MSc. in Globalization, Gender, Development
Dissertation topic was on 'Political Construct of Japanese Historical Heroes'; Researched on Cultural Implications in Modern Asian Advertisements
- 1993 to 1995 Columbia University, Graduate School of Business New York
M.B.A. in Finance and International Business,
Focused on Japanese and Asian Equity Markets and Global Asset Allocation; Researched on Asian consumers' behavioural patterns and credit card usage
- 1986 to 1988 New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science New York
M.A. Slavic Linguistics, Nominated for Department Scholarship
Focused on Slavic Linguistic Development and Modern Russian Cultural Theories
- 1982 to 1986 Korea University, School of Liberal Arts Seoul
B.A. Russian Studies, College Merit Scholarship, Student English newspaper editor

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC WRITINGS, PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

- February 2018 Lectured on the early Spanish and Portuguese influence on China and Japan at Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain
- June 2017 PhD Thesis became permanent collection at Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
- April 2016 Published a chapter titled *Land as a Space for Discursive Loyalty: On the Public Sphere and Geographical Immobility during China's Modernisation* (ISBN978149852). Lexington Books, a Rowan and Littlefield U.S. division
- May 2015 Invited to present at ISSCO International Conference at Seoul National University, Korea on *Tongbao* (同胞) Identity and Active Citizenship of Chinese Overseas citizens
- February 2015 Submitted a chapter titled *On the Body and Race Narratives during China's Modernisation (1866-1925)* for publication by Palgrave.
- November 2014 Lectured at Shanghai University on the Influence of Confucianism and Capitalism during China's Modernisation; Presented at Hunan Normal University on Critical Analysis of Confucian Loyalty and its influence on Class Hierarchy
- June 2014 Presented at Intercultural Conference at University of Helsinki, Finland on Communication between China and the Rest of the World: On the Body and Race Narratives during China's Modernization
- May 2014 Presented at International Conference on Space, Culture and Religion at University of Oslo, Norway; the presentation title was *Class Hierarchy and the Public Sphere*
- October 2013 Presented at 16th Culture and Power Conference at University of Murcia, Spain; the presentation title was *Discursive Loyalty and Geographical Immobility in China*

- September 2013 Presented at 32nd German Oriental Studies Conference (Deutscher Orientalistentag), University of Munster; the presentation title was *Confucian Loyalty and Land: on Class Hierarchy and the Public Sphere during China's Modernization (1866-1925)*
- Summer 2013 Carried out interdisciplinary fieldwork for archives and rare primary data at National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Examination Yuan, National Chengchi University, Taiwan in cooperation with faculties in anthropology, sociology, and philosophy to review contemporary views on Sun Yat-sen in Taiwan
- January 2013 Conducted research at University of Hawaii, Manoa and at Sun Yat-sen Foundation in Honolulu, Hawaii; research focused on bilingualism and cultural identity among the Overseas Chinese and their secret societies
- December 2012 Published article at Quarterly Journal of Chinese Studies (ISSN2224-2716) with title of *China's modernization and Sun Yat-sen's Emancipatory Communication*
- Summer 2012 Conducted research at Renmin University in Beijing, Shanghai University in Shanghai; organized discussion sessions with faculties and researched in Chinese primary data with focus on discourse analysis and neologism
- June 2012 Presented at the Fourth Annual CPN Conference at University of Edinburgh; 'From Exclusion to Inclusive Sphere, a Critical Analysis of Sun Yat-Sen's Emancipatory Communication'; also chaired panel sessions on China's International Strategy and Soft Power.
- May 2011 Presented at International Conference on Centennial Anniversary of Xinhai Revolution held at Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China; presented 'Sun Yat Sen's Body at Political Crossroads', a critical analysis of knowledge and power; analyzed relation between body and political ideology under Western imperialism in the late Qing dynasty.

PERSONAL

Fluent in Korean and Japanese, Academic Chinese, Spanish and French;
English Baroque Choir; Contemporary Arts Collector; Interest in Fusion Cuisines;
Reference available upon request