

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Dr. Kostadinov is an Assistant Professor whose teaching and supervision extend across undergraduate and graduate study. His research, focused on international organizations, security, diplomacy, and public policy, has produced a monograph and numerous articles. He has presented his work widely, received several grants and awards, and contributed to governmental projects. In service to the discipline, he reviews for international journals and continues to guide the next generation of scholars.

EMPLOYMENT

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| 8/2019 –
present | Assistant Professor of International Affairs and Diplomacy, International College,
Ming Chuan University (Taiwan) |
| 9/2018 –
6/2019 | Instructor, Department of Foreign Affairs, Chi Zhou University (China) |
| 8/ 2015 –
6/2017 | Adjunct Instructor of International Affairs and Diplomacy, International College,
Ming Chuan University (Taiwan) |

EDUCATION

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| 9/2013 –
7/2017 | Ph.D. (with Distinction) in International Affairs and Strategic Studies, Tamkang
University (Taiwan)
<u>Thesis title:</u> <i>International Institutions and State Behavior: A Case Study of the
Influence of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on Sweden,
South Korea, and North Korea's Compliance and Conformity</i>
<u>Thesis committee:</u> Mo Da-Hua (chair), Chen I-Hsin, Liu Kang-Hua, Kao Pei-Shan, Li
Da-Jung (advisor) |
| 9/2011 –
7/2013 | MA (with Distinction, Dean's List) in International Affairs, Ming Chuan University
(Taiwan)
<u>Thesis title:</u> <i>Small Islands, Big Flash-points: Impact of China's Maritime Territorial
Disputes in South and East China Seas on International Security and Cooperation</i>
<u>Thesis committee:</u> Chen Thomas, Liu Nathan, Chen Wei-Hwa (advisor) |
| 2/2007 –
7/2010 | BA Hons in International Business Management, London Metropolitan University
(UK) |

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- 2013 *Small Islands, Big Flashpoints: Impact of China's Maritime Territorial Disputes on International Security and Cooperation* (Lambert Academic Publishing, 2013).
DNB: [1038262151](#).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2025 (under review since July 12) (with Emilian Kavalski) "Between Formality and Informality: Socialization and Cohesion in the South Korea - US and Taiwan - US Asymmetric Alliances", *World Affairs*. A Q2 Ebsco and Scopus indexed journal, IF 2.8, 321, 92/285/General Social Sciences (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- 2025 "The Price of Virality and the Imperative for (Self) Regulation of Child Social Media Influencers in Taiwan", *Social Media + Society* 11(3),
<https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051251356165>. A Q1 SSCI indexed journal, IF 6.8, 7/227/Communication & Scopus IF 9.2, 5666, 6/1371/Cultural Studies (2K, double-blind peer-reviewed).
- 2025 (with W Emily Chow) "Digital Media Trends in Public Diplomacy: the Case of Taiwan's Youth Ambassadors", *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* 20, 1 (2025): 101-131, doi.org/10.1163/1871191x-bja10203. A Q2 ESCI and SCOPUS indexed journal leading in diplomacy, IF 1.9, 207, 275/738/ Political Science and International Relations/ (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- 2022 "Globalization of False Information: Is WHO's Reputation Beyond Repair?", *Journal of National Development Studies* (國家發展研究) 21, 2 (2022): 103-143,
[doi:10.6164/JNDS.202206_21\(2\).0003](https://doi.org/10.6164/JNDS.202206_21(2).0003). A Q3 TSSI and ACI indexed journal, IF 0.2 (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- 2022 "China's Institutional Footprint in Central and Eastern Europe – the 16+1, Responses and Trends", *Eurasian Studies Quarterly* (歐亞研究) 20, 25-30.
<https://lawdata.com.tw/tw/detail.aspx?no=486248>. ISSN: 2523-160X. (2K, peer-reviewed)
- 2017 Why Compliance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Is Not Enough to Solve the Concerned Issue?. *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs* 20(4), 91-137. DOI: [10.6185/TJIA.V.20.N4.P91P136](https://doi.org/10.6185/TJIA.V.20.N4.P91P136) . A Q4 Scopus indexed journal. IF 0.3, 17, 624/738/Political Science and International Relations (double-blind peer-reviewed).

SPECIALIZED ARTICLES

- 2024 "Countering China's Hub-and-Spoke Bilateralism in Central and Eastern Europe", *Prospect and Exploration* (展望與探索月刊) 22(5): 79-98. (mjib.gov.tw) ISSN : 3002-0252. A government publication.
- 2021 "Adversary's Influence on Alliance Security Dilemma: A Case Study of PRC vis-à-vis the ROC-US Informal Alliance", *Prospect and Exploration* (展望與探索月刊) 19(6):15-69. (mjib.gov.tw) ISSN : 3002-0252; A government publication with further impact here: <https://www.chinatimes.com/newspapers/20210516000126-260301?chdtv>
- BOOK CHAPTERS**
- 2025 (under review) (with W Emily Chow) "Exploring the Media Literacy of College Students in Taiwan", OLAS 4, Palacký University Press. ISBN: 978-80-244-6347-6. (double-blind peer-reviewed).
- 2025 "Assessing Differentiated and Flexible Integrations in Security and Defense: in the Case of the European Union Permanent Structured Cooperation Framework", in *Prospect and Challenges of Global Security, Sino-US Relations and Indo-Pacific Stability*, Conference Proceedings, National Defense University Press, 65-96. <https://gpi.culture.tw/books/1011400005>.
- 2024 "Competitive Regimes Creation China's Institutional Statecraft in Central and Eastern Europe", in *Toward a New Cold War: International Order amidst Great Power Competition*, Tamkang University Press, 249-270, ed. Li Da-jung. <https://www.tkupress.tku.edu.tw/9786267032596.html> ISBN : 9786267032596.
- 2016 "The Art of Nuclear Renunciation". In *Taiwan's Economic Security*, ed. Wong, Ming-Hsien, Tamkang University Press, 19-54. Part of DOI: [10.978.9865608/149](https://doi.org/10.978.9865608/149).
- 2016 "Conditions for Migrant Workers in the Four Asian Tigers: A Comparative Analysis". In *Migration in East and Southeast Asia*, eds. Samuel Ku and Kristina Kironka, World Scientific Publishing, 99-146. DOI: [10.1142/9789813141674_0005](https://doi.org/10.1142/9789813141674_0005).
- BOOK REVIEWS**
- 2016 Review of the Routledge Handbook of Chinese Media, eds. Gary D. Rawnsley and Ming-yeh T. Rawnsley, *International Journal of Communication* 10, 3310-3313. DOI: [10.287-953-582-075](https://doi.org/10.287-953-582-075).
- CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS - last five years**
- 2025 1) EU's Relations with the U.S., China, and Taiwan, Jun 23, ITA Taiwan Insights,

2024

- Taiwan Indigenous Television (TITV)
<https://youtu.be/yBzNNx1C55U?si=Vw2lzd9lnC2xCHjS>
(invited TV discussion)
- 2) EMI Methods: Suggestions for EMI Teachers. EMI Workshop, April 27, MCU
(invited lecture)
 - 3) How to Be Good Internet Citizens: Countering False and Manipulated
Information Online, March 27, National Formosa University, Yunlin, Taiwan
(invited talk)
 - 4) Discussing Perspectives on China with Ukraine's former foreign minister Pavlo
Klimkin, March 7, online (invited talk)
- 1) "EU disunity on the Russo-Ukrainian war and implications for EU security
integration", the 2024 NCCU International Conference "The Russo-Ukrainian
War and European Security", College of International Affairs, NCCU November
29, Taipei, Taiwan [1129 Conference Agenda.pdf](#) (conference presentation)
 - 2) "Disinformation and Taiwan's Response to Chinese Influence Operations", Nov
27, the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria (MOFA invited online presentation). Impact:
<https://www.roc-taiwan.org/gr/post/4299.html>; see also: [Taiwan and Bulgaria
Strengthen Democratic Alliance to Jointly Respond to Disinformation and Cyber
Attacks | Central News Agency Information Platform](#)
 - 3) "Competitive Regime Creation: China's Institutional Statecraft in Central and
Eastern Europe", Nov 21, the American University of Bulgaria (online invited
lecture)
 - 4) Discussing Perspectives on China with Ukraine's former foreign minister Pavlo
Klimkin, Oct 25, online (invited talk)
 - 5) "Manipulating the Alliance Security Dilemma: in the Case of ROC - US Informal
Alliance", Oct 25, the Institute of International Relations, the University of the
West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, online (online invited lecture)
 - 6) Assessing Differentiated and Flexible Integrations in Security and Defense: in
the Case of the European Union Permanent Structured Cooperation Framework,
Oct 24, 2024 NDU International Symposium, Taiwan. (conference presentation)
 - 7) The Role of Socialization in Asymmetric Security Alliances: Comparative Study
of Taiwan - US and South Korea – US, 17-21 June, Joint International Studies
Association ISA-CEEISA conference, Rijeka, Croatia
http://web.isanet.org/Web/Conferences/CEEISA-ISA-Rijeka-2024/CEEISA_ISARijeka2024_FullProgram.pdf
(international conference presentation)
 - 8) Roundtable Discussion on the Outcomes of the 2024 European Parliament

	<p>Elections, June 12, European Institute, Wenzao University</p> <p>9) (in Bulgarian) Явор Костадинов: Китай приоритизира Източна Европа [Yavor Kostadinov: China Prioritized Eastern Europe], Saturday 150, Bulgarian National Radio Horizont (invited radio interview) https://bnr.bg/horizont/post/101989383 ; further impact here https://kritichno.bg/politika/balgarski-politolog-v-tayvan/ .</p> <p>10) EMI Language, Content and Voice. EMI Workshop, April 20, MCU (invited lecture)</p> <p>11) EMI Methods: Suggestions for EMI Teachers. EMI Workshop, April 13, MCU (invited lecture)</p> <p>12) Taiwan's Dwindling Diplomatic Allies. #Connected. Taiwan+ TV, January 22. (invited TV interview) https://www.taiwanplus.com/news/connected/full-episode/240122007/taiwans-dwindling-diplomatic-allies .</p>
2023	<p>1) (with W. Emily Chow, and Ting Ting Chang), "Stakeholders' perspectives on international large-scale assessments: interpreting high-school teachers' perspective on PISA". Nov 11, ACAS 2023: 17th Annual Conference on Asian Studies: Interpretation and Misinterpretation, Czech Republic (contribution)</p> <p>2) (with W. Emily Chow) 'Digital Media Trends in Public Diplomacy: in the Case of Taiwan's Youth Ambassadors', September 27, The Oxford Taiwan Studies Conference: Technology and Multi-Faceted Change in Taiwan and Globally, Oxford University, UK (conference presentation)</p> <p>3) Taiwan-EU Bilateral Military Security Strategy and Foreign Policy, Jul 21, International Elite Leadership Workshop of the MOFA (Taiwan) (invited talk)</p> <p>4) Emerging New Normal and the Changing Global Order: Rethinking War, Civilization, Religion and Foreign Policy, Jul 2-4, roundtable at National Chung Hsing University (invited talk)</p> <p>5) Adversary's Influence on Alliance Security Dilemma: A Case Study of PRC vis-à-vis the ROC - US Informal Alliance. Feb 25, the Institute of International Relations, the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago (invited talk)</p> <p>6) (with Nancy Green Saraisky, W. Emily Chow, and Ting Ting Chang) "Perspectives on international large-scale assessments: interpreting Taiwan's media coverage of PISA". A joint initiative by Columbia and Ming Chuan universities. Feb 22, CIES 2023 conference, USA (conference online presentation)</p>
2022	<p>1) Adversary's Influence on Alliance Security Dilemma: A Case Study of PRC vis-à-vis the ROC - US Informal Alliance. Dec 28, GIIS,</p>

	Tamkang University (invited talk)
	2) Lessons for Taiwan from Russia's War on Ukraine, Dec 1, at Radio Taiwan International (invited interview)
	3) China's Prospects in Central and Eastern Europe after the 20th Party Congress, Nov 28-29, roundtable at National Chung Hsing University (invited talk)
	4) with W. Emily Chow, Exploring the Media Literacy of College Students in Taiwan, Nov 18, at the Department of Education Conference, National Taiwan Normal University (presentation)
	5) with Tarif Brown, Management of the Alliance Security Dilemma: in the case of Poland, Turkey and US in NATO, Nov 18, at the Annual Conference of the Taiwan Association of International Relations (co-presentation)
	6) Competitive Regime Creation: China's Institutional Statecraft in Central and Eastern Europe, May 21-22, at the Strategic Studies Annual Conference, Tamkang University (Taiwan) (presentation)
	7) More Resilient, More United? The EU's China Policy: Current Trends and Perspectives, May 14, roundtable at National Chung Hsing university (invited talk)
	8) The Crisis in Ukraine, March 23, roundtable in a joint initiative by the Jagiellonian and National Chung Hsing universities (invited talk)
2021	1) Deterring Aggression: Recommendations on the Development of the US-TW Informal Alliance. Nov 17-18, at the Net Assessment Forum of the Ministry of National Defence (Taiwan) (invited talk)
	2) International Institutions and Change: A Case Study of the Nuclear Weapons Regime and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Nov 17, at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Association of Political Science (Taiwan) (presentation)
	3) Culture Clash in the Boardroom. May 15, Chien-Hsin University (invited talk)
	4) Adversary's Influence on Alliance Security Dilemma: A Case Study of PRC vis-à-vis the ROC-US Informal Alliance. May 12, at the International Annual Cross-Strait Affairs Symposium of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau (Taiwan) (invited talk)
	SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION - last five years
04/2025	Commentator at The annual conference of International Affairs Master's/ Diplomacy Bachelor's Programs. April 12, Ming Chuan University
11/2024	Commentator at The Taiwan Political Science Association Annual Meeting and International Academic Symposium, Nov 24, host Tamkang University
06/2024	Panel chair on "Theories of alliance formation", 17-21 June, Joint International

	Studies Association ISA-CEEISA conference, Rijeka, Croatia, (international conference)
04/ 2024	Commentator at the annual conference of International Affairs Master's/ Diplomacy Bachelor's Programs. April 27, Ming Chuan University
03/2024	Member of the Reviewers' Board of Geopolitics (reviewer)
-present	
09/2023	EMI committee member, Faculty Professional Development, EMI Centre, MCU
-present	
06/2023-10/2023	EMI Instructor Community of Practice focus groups, invited talks and roundtable (lead organizer), funded by NTNU
10/2023	Commentator. AI Impact in International Law, the 8 th International Conference on Ocean Law & Policy, October 13, National Taiwan Ocean University (commentator)
07/2023	EVIP 2023, International Elite Leadership Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (Taiwan) (co-organizer)
06/2023	MOSAIC 2023, International Elite Leadership Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (Taiwan) (co-organizer)
06/2023-present	Member of the Reviewers' Board of Athens Journal of Social Sciences (reviewer)
04/2023	Commentator at the annual conference of International Affairs Master's/ Diplomacy Bachelor's Programs. April 22, Ming Chuan University
03/2023	Panel chair. Taiwan and the Changing World: Before and After the Pandemic. Mar 10, workshop in a joint initiative by IMAS, National Chen-Chi and GSIA/IAD, Ming Chuan universities
04/2022	Commentator at the annual conference of International Affairs Master's/ Diplomacy Bachelor's Programs. April 09, Ming Chuan University
03/2021	Commentator at the annual conference of International Affairs Master's/ Diplomacy Bachelor's Programs. March 27, Ming Chuan University

ADVISING/REVIEWING – GRADUATE WORK- last five years

Sam Weng Kei P. Celajes Alexandre Bourg	<u>MA thesis</u> : Navigating Contested Statehood and Transnational Crime Prevention: Taiwan's Solutions and Challenges as a Non-Member of INTERPOL. Completed June 2025; (with distinction) advisor.
Melissa Kelly-Ann Donya	<u>MA thesis</u> : The UN's Role in Addressing Criminal Responsibility of Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone. Completed June 2025; (with distinction) advisor.

Frederick	
Jacey Libby	MA thesis: Artificial Intelligence for Food Security in Belize: Current Applications, Challenges, and Strategic Pathways. Completed in June 2025; committee member.
Bril Petillo	
Ria Z. L.	MA thesis: Taiwan's use of soft power tools in the Caribbean, with a focus on Taiwan and its Caribbean allies: St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, and Saint Christopher and Nevis. Completed in June 2025; committee member.
Christopher	
Letsiwe	<u>MA thesis:</u> Factors Contributing to Success in the HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control in the Case of Eswatini. Completed in June 2024; advisor.
Zothile	
Simelane	
Javier	<u>MA thesis:</u> Approaches to Peaceful Resolution of Protracted Civil Wars: A Comparison of Communist Guerrillas in Guatemala and the Philippines. Completed in June 2024; advisor.
Enrique	
Sanchez	
Navas	
Julien	<u>MA thesis:</u> Great Power Interplay in International Security Organizations: in the Case of U.S. and China's Strategic Moves toward Membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group. Completed in June 2024; advisor.
Claude	
Pierre	
Voignier	
Corey	<u>MA thesis:</u> Conditions for Instability in Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine Amid Great Power Competition. Completed in June 2024; advisor.
Novoa	
Dana Duda	<u>MA thesis:</u> Comparative Analysis of the Russian World and the Chinese Dream Political Discourse. Completed in June 2024; committee member.
Nathan	<u>MA thesis:</u> Media Content Analysis: Research into United States' House Speakers Newt Gingrich and Nancy Pelosi visit to Taiwan. Completed in June 2023; advisor.
Keruul	
Salvador	
Judel Victor	<u>MA thesis:</u> Conditions for Peace: a Study of the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines and the Lessons Learned in the Colombian Peace Process. Completed in June 2023 (with distinction); advisor.
Arugay	
Elisa Lenker	<u>MA thesis:</u> How State Nationalism Evolves: a Comparative Study of Contemporary China and USA (2012-2022). Completed in June 2023; committee member.
Andrade	
Tarif W.	<u>MA thesis:</u> Examining the Role of International Institutions on Influencing Identity in the Western Sahara Conflict. Completed in June 2022; advisor.
Brown	
Jonathan M.	<u>MA thesis:</u> China's Actions in the South China Sea: Why Does the US Care?. Completed in June 2022; advisor.
Parker	
Tyler Freese	<u>MA thesis:</u> Measuring the Effectiveness of the Treaty Era. Completed in June 2022; committee member.
Harrison A.	<u>MA thesis:</u> Policy response models to securitized health threats: a case study of India and Taiwan during COVID-19. Completed in January 2022; advisor.
Cooke	
Khemanit	<u>MA thesis:</u> Factors affecting migrant workers choice of a host country: A case study

Supakdee Maria Valderrama	of Thai Workers in Taiwan. Completed in June 2021; advisor. <u>MA thesis</u> : An Inquiry into the Influencing Factors of Poverty in the Philippines. Completed in June 2021; advisor.
TEACHING	
Present	<u>Graduate seminars</u> - International Institutions, Strategic Alliances
Present	<u>Undergraduate courses</u> - Globalization Issues, AI and China Communication Research, International Organizations, Social Psychology, German A1
Past	<u>Professional courses</u> - Mediation, Ministry of Labor (Taiwan) <u>Graduate seminars</u> - Globalization and International Affairs <u>Undergraduate courses</u> - China Communication Research, Topics on Asia, Public Speaking, Business Communication, Business English, Public Speaking
FUNDING AND AWARDS	
2024/25	HESP (Professional Service Learning Course) Grant (NTD 7346) (MOE, ROC)
2023/25	International Research Collaboration Grant, MCU (NTD 146628)
2023/24	EMI Teacher Professional Community Grant, NTNU (NTD 70000)
2023/24	HESP (Deep Bowl) Grant (NTD 16000) (MOE, ROC)
2023/24	HESP (Course Reconstruction) Grant (NTD 10000) (MOE, ROC)
2023/24	The Oxford Taiwan Studies Conference expense subsidy (allocated £300 toward travel and £200 towards accommodation (Oxford University)
2022/23	Outstanding Teacher Award (NTD 10000) (MCU)
2022/23	EMI Course Modules Award (NTD 6000) (MCU)
2021/22	EMI Faculty Award (NTD 45000) (MCU)
2020/21	Outstanding Class Advisor Award (MCU)
MEMBERSHIPS	
2024-2025	The International Studies Association (ISA), US
2023-2024	Comparative & International Education Society (CIES), US
2021-2022	The Chinese Association of Political Science (CAPS), Taiwan
2020-2021	The Association of International Relations (AIR), Taiwan
LANGUAGES	
fluent	Bulgarian, English and German
intermediate	Chinese (B1)
basic	Russian (A2)

Taiwan,
August 2025