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Education

2021-2022 **University of Oxford** MSc Water Science, Policy and Management (WSPM) Awarded: Merit

- ☐ Co-president of the MIT-Oxford Water Club and responsible for organising our monthly discussions
- ☐ Founding member of the Oxford Alternative Protein Club (OxAP)
- ☐ Co-founded the Oxford Water Newsletter for the WSPM

2013-2021 **University of Melbourne** Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) & Diploma of Languages (French)

- ☐ Thesis: *Tibet water for thirsty inland China? A hydropolitical analysis of the Red Flag River Water Diversion Project*
- ☐ Received the highest mark in the cohort for my dissertation (score of 88)
- ☐ Double majors in Chinese (Mandarin) and Asian Studies
- ☐ Average grade 84.7% or First-Class Honours
- ☐ University of Melbourne student ambassador

2018 **Australian Government New Colombo Plan Scholar, Seoul National University**

- ☐ 1 of 90 Australian students to be awarded Australia's most prestigious scholarship. Presented by Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.
- ☐ 3.9/4 GPA average grade 98%; achieved 100% for four subjects, receiving the highest marks in the cohort of 300
- ☐ Chosen as the 2018 Seoul National University Exchange Student Ambassador.
- ☐ Received the Seoul National University Academic Excellence Award
- ☐ Received the Seoul National University Korean Language Excellence Award
- ☐ New Colombo Plan Alumni Ambassador at the University of Melbourne

2018 **University of Melbourne Global Scholars Award**, University of Melbourne

- ☐ Given to the top 2% of students at the university for academic excellence

2014-2015 **Chinese Government Scholarship at Fudan University**, Shanghai

- ☐ One of three Australians to receive a year-long Chinese Government Scholarship. Studied intensive Mandarin at Fudan University, one of China's most prestigious universities.
- ☐ Nominated class vice-president by over 30 peers; used Mandarin and WeChat to organise group lunches, field trips, language exchanges, and karaoke nights with domestic and foreign students to foster strong connections with each other and promote intercultural understanding.
- ☐ Member of English tutoring, rowing, and volleyball clubs
- ☐ Language exchange participant
- ☐ Highest marks in the cohort for Speaking, Reading, and Listening

Academic Achievements, Publications, and Conferences

I frequently contribute to leading newspapers, journals, and other media on transboundary water governance in Asia. These include AsiaGlobal Online, Asia Sentinel, Asia Times, ASPI Strategist, Australian Institute of International Affairs, East Asia Forum, Indian Strategic Studies, New Straits Times, RSIS Commentary, South China Morning Post, Straits Times, The Diplomat, ThePrint India, ThinkChina, Today Online, and the Wilson Center's New Security Beat. I have also been quoted in and/or interviewed by Channel NewsAsia, J.P. Morgan reports, Le Monde France, Le Monde International, Le Petit Journal (Hong Kong), Macau Business, Radio France International, Radio Free Asia, Reuters, Science and Technology Daily China, South China Morning Post, The Wire China, and Voice of America.

Conferences

(2022) Young Australians in International Affairs Fellows Evening. November 23.

(2022) New Colombo Plan Scholar alumni representative at the Australian Institute of International Affairs national conference. October 24-26.

(2022) Main speaker at *Impact of Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Food Security in Southeast Asia*. ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore. Singapore. May 26.

(2022) Speaker at Nanyang Technology University's *Future Foods Symposium*. April 21.

(2021) *The Western Route of China's South-North Water Diversion Project: Options, Competing Interests and Regional Implications*. 'Water Politics in the Himalayas' (conference)—Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, July 26.

(2018) Australian delegate at the Australia-China Emerging Leaders' Summit (ACELS). The event brings together 70 young leaders and scholars from China and Australia.

(2018) United National Commission on International Trade Law and Trade Law Forum. Represented Australia

(2018) Asialink Korea-Australia Boardroom Briefing. Invited to speak alongside H.E. James Choi, Australian Ambassador to the ROK, on how Australia can strengthen its relationship with South Korea.

(2018) 33rd ASEAN Summit and ASEAN Business and Investment Summit. Invited to attend as a member of Model APEC delegates and representative of Australia.

(2018) World Knowledge Forum. Australia's representative.

(2017) APEC CEO Summit & APEC Economic Leaders' Week, Da Nang. Invited to attend the Summit.

Book and book chapters

(2023) *China and India: Rivals in South Asia*. Book. Currently writing.

(2023) "China's Sustainable Development" in *Sustainable Energy Development: Technology and Investment*.

(2023) "Sino-Indian Rivalry: The Geopolitics of Financing Hydropower Dams in South Asia" in *Peace-building and Security Dilemmas in South Asia*.

(2023) "China-Eurasia Water Governance" in *Routledge Handbook of Chinese and Eurasian International Relations*.

(2023) "Understanding Protests By Farmers in China" in the *Routledge Research Encyclopedia of Chinese Studies*.

(2023) "China's Food Security: Current Status, Emerging Prospects and Future Challenges in the Post-COVID Era" in *Asia's Food Security*.

(2018) Co-author of *Contemporary Korea: History, Politics and Society*. Invited by the University of Melbourne Professor Jiyoung Song to co-write an introductory textbook on Korea.

Academic publications

(2023) *Hydropolitics of China's Western Route*. International Journal of Water Resources Development (under review)

(2023) *The Geopolitics of Tibetan Waters*. Melbourne Asia Review (under review)

(2023) *Tibet water for thirsty inland China? A hydro-political analysis of the Red Flag River Water Diversion Project*. International Journal of Water Resources Development (under review).

(2023) *Domestic Challenges, Water Disputes and Transboundary Tensions*. Melbourne Asia Review (under review).

(2023) *Vulnerabilities in Asian Food Security*. Co-written with Prof. Paul Teng. Food Security (journal). December.

(2023) *The Western Route of China's South-North Water Diversion Project: Options, Competing Interests and Regional Implications* (discussion paper). Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.

(2022) *China's Super Hydropower dam and Fears of Sino-Indian Water Wars*. AsiaGlobal Online. November 9

(2022) *Global Water Crisis: Options for Food Security*. RSIS Commentaries, 068-22. 21 June.

(2022) *Growing Food Insecurity – Asia's Huge Appetite for Fish: Can It Be Met?* RSIS Commentaries. 9 June.

(2022) *Asia's Looming Food Crisis*. RSIS Commentaries. 6 June.

(2022) *Invasion of Ukraine – Asia's Food Security in Trouble?* RSIS Commentaries, CO22035. 5 April.

(2022) *Meeting China's Demand for Meat and Dairy*. East Asia Forum. May 14.

(2022) *Challenges to China's Food Security*. IDSS Singapore. April 21.

(2022) *Invasion of Ukraine – Asia's Food Security in Trouble?* With Prof. Paul Teng. RSIS Commentary. April 5.

(2022) *Recipe for Disaster? Ukraine-Russia War on China's Food Security*. AsiaGlobal Online. March 24.

Other publications

(2023) *What China-Saudi Arabia Cooperation Means for Food Security*. The Diplomat. Planned.

(2023) *Water and Power: The (Hydro)politics of Dams*. The Diplomat. December. Planned.

(2023) *Bangladesh's new water-sharing treaty with India*. AsiaGlobal Online. February

(2022) *Transboundary Water Governance is a Regional Security Issue in Asia*. The Diplomat. December 29.

(2022) *China's National Five-Year Plan*. The Diplomat. December 17.

(2022) *The Geopolitics of Hydropower Dams*. Young Australians in International Affairs. December 13.

(2022) *Climate-induced Migration: How Australia Can Respond to Another Global Crisis*. Young Australians in International Affairs. December 11.

(2022) *China is at the centre of Asia's struggle for water security*. SCMP. December 4.

(2022) *How COP27 reflects Egypt's domestic climate fears*. Young Australians in International Affairs. December 4.

(2022) *Time To Rethink Water Management*. Young Australians in International Affairs. November 22.

(2022) *The race to develop space-based solar power is heating up*. ASPI Strategist. November 22.

(2022) *New Space Race Heating Up in China and the US*. Australian Outlook; ASPI Strategist. November 21.

(2022) *How China's Drought Risks National Climate Goals*. Young Australians in International Affairs. November 13.

(2022) *Xi Jinping's 'Green Leap Forward' will shape China's environmental future*. November 2.

(2022) *Water Wars: Fact or Fiction?* Young Australians in International Affairs. October 27.

(2022) *Turkey's Growing Influence in Central Asia*. The Diplomat. October 13.

(2022) *How China's Extreme Weather is Affecting its Security*. The Diplomat. September 23.

(2022) *Powering China's Nuclear Ambitions*. The Diplomat. September 20.

(2022) *Are 'Water Wars' Coming to Asia?* The Diplomat. September 17.

(2022) *How Chinese Cities are Responding to Climate Change-Induced Floods*. September 15.

(2022) *How China is Responding to its Water Woes*. The Diplomat. September 7.

(2022) *China's Main Food Security Challenge: Feeding Its Pigs*. The Diplomat. June 6.

(2022) *Hungry China's Growing Interest in 'Future Foods' and Alternative Protein*. The Diplomat. May 4.

(2022) *Bringing Seeds of Hope to Farmers*. With Prof. Paul Teng (RSIS). IPS. May 2.

(2022) *ASEAN Water Demand Management Guidebook*. Co-written with Dr Cecilia Tortajada. April. Presented at Singapore International Water Week.

(2022) *What This Year's "No 1 Central Policy Document" Tells Us About Beijing's Food Security*. March 3.
(2022) *The Very Hungry Dragon: Meat-ing China's Self-sufficiency Targets for Dairy and Protein*. IPS, March 1.
(2022) *China's Push to Advance Rural Revitalisation*. The Diplomat, February 12.
(2022) *China's Focus on Food Security*. The Diplomat, February 12.
(2022) *China is shifting GM policy to grow more corn, and soybean*. SCI.DEV. January 17.
(2022) *China Opens Embassy in Nicaragua for First Time since 1990 after Taiwan Ties Cut*. IPS. January 10.
(2022) *Looking to the Future: China's Priorities for Food Security in 2022 and Beyond*. IPS, January.
(2022) *Are 'Sponge Cities' the Answer to Shenzhen's Water Scarcity?* The Diplomat, January 5.
(2022) *Why does Yangtze River Need Its Own Protection Law?* IPS. January 3.
(2021) *Covid-19 Has Accelerated New Agtech Development and Adoption in Asia-Pacific*. IPS. December 20.
(2021) *China's Evolving Food Strategy*. The Diplomat, November 25.
(2021) *Red Flag River and China's Downstream Neighbors*. The Diplomat, October 23.
(2021) *What's Behind China's Latest Mega Hydro-Engineering Project?* The Diplomat, October 7.
(2021) *China's Hydropower Plan on the Brahmaputra*. The Diplomat, September 1.
(2021) *To Build or Not to Build: Western Route of China's South-North Water Diversion Project*. Wilson Center China Environment Forum. August.

Work experience

The Red Line Podcast (December 2022 –)

As the (only) Asia-Pacific analyst for this Australian podcast, I research and publish reports on issues related to this region, including the implications of the geopolitics of water-energy-food security. I frequently appear on the podcast, which has a monthly audience of nearly 3 million people worldwide, to discuss these issues. Listeners include high-ranking officials in leading international organisations. In addition, I have been invited to attend national and international conferences, including the Shangri-La Dialogue (in Singapore), and the Raisina Dialogue (in India), and appear on television programmes and print media worldwide.

Cambridge China Review (November 2022 –)

Invited by the founding editors and board to join the Cambridge China Review as a regular contributor to provide 1,500-2,000-word-long analyses on China and the environment.

Oxford Political Review (November 2022 –)

Invited by the founding editors and board to join the Oxford Political Review as a regular contributor to provide 2,000-word-long geopolitical analyses on transboundary water governance in Asia and climate change.

University of Oxford's Oxford Global Society (October 2022 –)

Researcher in Asian water security for the University of Oxford's Oxford Global Society, a think tank which seeks to examine key geopolitical issues worldwide.

Young Australians in International Affairs (YAIA), Climate Fellow (July – December 2022).

Researched and wrote 1,000-word analyses on topics related to climate change during this six-month fellowship. Topics include the importance of effective transboundary governance, debunking the 'water wars' narrative, and climate financing for the YAIA's monthly Insights publication.

Stockholm International Water Institute/World Water Week (July – September 2022)

Junior rapporteur for World Water Week.

AsiaGlobal Online (March 2022 –)

Regular contributor to the RSIS Commentary. My articles examine water governance and water-related issues in Asia and have been well-received by both the public and media in the region.

RSIS Commentary (February 2022 –)

Regular contributor to the RSIS Commentary. My articles, often co-written with Dean Paul Teng, examine water governance and water-related issues in Asia and have been well-received by both the public and media in the region.

Water Science Policy Magazine (December 2021 –)

Freelance writer/researcher for on water and water-related issues in Asia and Africa for this academic publication.

The Diplomat (September 2021 –)

Freelance writer/researcher for on regional resource conflict and environmental governance in Asia with a focus on China and India.

Center for China and Globalization, Beijing (July 2020 – August 2022)

Part-time editor and translator for the CGG's book series on globalisation and China's economic development.

Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy National University of Singapore (July 2020 – February 2022)

Research assistant to Dr Cecilia Tortajada in the water demand management and water security departments.

Seoul National University Department of Geography, Seoul (June – September 2019)

Research assistant for Professor Shin in Norway and Denmark for her research into comparative happiness levels and quality of life in Scandinavia and Southeast Asia.

Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul (November 2018 – December 2019)

Founded by Mr. Chung Mong-Joon, former politician and biggest shareholder of Hyundai Heavy Industries Group, the Asan Institute is South Korea's top independent policy think tank. Asan Institute works with the UN, NATO, South Korean diplomatic corps, foreign governments, embassies, and policy think tanks in East Asia. I was a research intern for Dr Jaehyon Lee while on a New Colombo Plan Scholarship. Researched foreign policy issues, focusing on South Korea-ASEAN, Australia-South Korea, North Korea-China, and South Korea-China issues. Also acted as the think tank's translator and interpreter, speaking French, English, and Chinese (Mandarin) when necessary.

ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership co-founder (2018)

As a founding member, AASYP was set up to empower citizens from Australia and ASEAN to engage with each other to discuss current issues. AASYP aims to build young people's expertise and engagement with ASEAN-Australia affairs and promote peace and prosperity in the region through weekly newsletters, publication of policy papers online, and a yearly conference attended by AASYP delegates, ASEAN politicians, and academics from the region.

Co-founder of City Guide Magazine 城市导报 (2017 -)

Entirely written in Simplified Chinese, City Guide is a series of digital and print media travel companions distributed hand-to-hand to all First and Business class Chinese outbound tourists at all boarding gates of Shanghai Pudong International Airport, with similar content on Chinese social media for instant user acquisition and retention.

Australia China Youth Association VIC Bilingual Language founding member (2016)

Founding committee member and head of social media (ENG). Responsible for promoting the 2016 ACYA VIC Bilingual Language Challenge, a Victorian not-for-profit organisation promoting cultural integration and language learning by recognising the bilingual talent of Victorian university students. Wrote articles and posts on Chinese and Australian cultures. Secured non-government funding, sponsorships, and a 6-month internship at BQ Weekly.

Languages

English (fluent); Mandarin (fluent); French (fluent); Korean (intermediate); Spanish (beginner); Swahili (beginner)