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### **Education**

Ph.D., National Cheng-chi University, Asia-Pacific Studies, Taiwan; 2016

Ph.D., Tamkang University, American Studies, Taiwan; 2010

### **Employment**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; 2015-2018

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National Defense University, Taiwan; 2010-2015

Colonel, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Ministry of National Defense, Taiwan; 2006-2008

### **Honors and Awards**

Order of Loyalty and Diligence, Ministry of National Defense, Taiwan; 2003

Treasure Star Medal, Ministry of National Defense, Taiwan; 1997

### **Courses Taught**

International Politics

Comparative Politics

Chinese Politics

East Asian Affairs (Graduate-level class)

Southeast Asian Affairs

South Asian Affairs

Non-Western Studies

US-China-Taiwan Relations (Graduate-level class)

China's Participation in Regional Organization (Graduate-level class)

## **Books and Book Chapters**

Sun, Shao-cheng, *Hedging the China Threat: The United States and Taiwan since 1949* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers) (published in 2024)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Confucius Institutes in the United States,” *From Missionary Education to Confucius Institutes: Historical Reflections on Sino-American Educational Exchange Monday* (Milton Park: Routledge, 2023)

## **Peer-Review Articles**

Sun, Shao-cheng, “A Common Goal: Taiwan, U.S., and Japan Maritime Security,” *Defense Security Brief* (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, 2023)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Confucius Institutes: China’s Cultural Soft Power Strategy,” *Journal of Culture and Values in Education* (March 2023, Vol. 6, Issue 1)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Biden’s Taiwan Policy under the Mounting China Threat,” *Defense Security Brief* (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, June 2021, Vol. 10, Issue 1)

## **Journal Articles**

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Median-line incursions change cross-strait status quo,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, Special Issue, Winter 2022)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Countering China’s threat to maritime East Asia,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, October 2022, Vol.11, no. 54)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Tensions in the Taiwan Strait,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, December 2021, Vol. 10, no.51)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Beijing Uses ‘China Raises Pressure on Taiwan in 2020,’” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2021, Vol. 9, no.48)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Beijing Uses ‘Three Warfares’ Strategy,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, September 2020, Vol. 5, no.47)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “A Rising China’s Military Power: Examining the U.S. DoD’s Report on China Military Developments and China’s Defense White Paper,” *Defense Security Brief* (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, June 2020, Vol. 9, Issue. 1)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Taiwan Security under the Trump Administration,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2019, Vol. 2)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Synchronizing Strategy,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, November 2019, Vol. 8, no.43)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Japan’s Countering of the China Military Threat: Taiwan’s Role,” *Defense Security Brief* (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, 2019, Vol. 8, Issue 3)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Trump’s trade war with China,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, June 2019, Vol. 8)

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Taiwan Security under the Trump Administration,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2019, Vol. 2)

### **Conference Presentations**

Sun, Shao-cheng, October 11, 2024. “US-Japan-Taiwan Security Cooperation,” at “the Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance in South Carolina,” The Citadel.

Sun, Shao-cheng, June 14, 2024. “Confucius Institutes in the U.S. Before and After,” at the “2024 International Multidisciplinary Conference on Social Sciences, Bilingual Education, EMI & AI Applications in Management Conference,” Asian University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, August 24, 2022. The Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Coast Guard cooperation,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, August 3, 2022. The Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Encounters at sea,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, July 13, 2022. The Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Communication mechanisms,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, March 13, 2022. “China’s Dissemination of Cultural Soft Power through the Confucius Institutes” at the “New World Coming — Religion, Imagination, and Possibility” March 13, 2022, Online, Florida State University

Sun, Shao-cheng, November 11, 2021. “Confucius Institute in the United States: Grade D” (November 1, 2021) at the “Sino-American Educational Exchange Conference,” University of Idaho.

Sun, Shao-cheng, September 29, 2021. “U.S.-Japan-Taiwan Maritime Security Cooperation” at the Trilateral Dialogue “Developments in Japan-Taiwan Relations and Possibilities for Maritime Safety Cooperation,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

### **Invited Lectures**

Guest Lecture (November 16, 2022) for China Town Hall, The Citadel. Lecture topic: The Taiwan Strait Crisis of 2022

Guest Lecture (October 19, 2021) for China Town Hall, The Citadel. Lecture topic: Increasing U.S.-China Confrontation

Guest Lecture (November 12, 2020) for China Town Hall, The Citadel. Lecture topic: China and Taiwan Relations

Guest Lecture (May 12, 2020) The Charleston World Affairs Council Webinar Conference. Lecture topic: China’s Military Threat against Taiwan

Guest Lecture (January 9, 2020) for Kiawah Community Center. Lecture Topic: Taiwan-U.S. Security Relations under the Shadow of a Rising China Threat

Guest Lecture (November 18, 2019) for 2019 China Town Hall, The Citadel. Lecture topic: Taiwan and U.S. Security Relations

Guest Lecture (February 7, 2019) for Citadel Panel Discussion: Topic: Adversaries, Allies, Competitors, or Enemies? Present Relations between the U.S., China, and Taiwan

### **Interviews**

Interviewed by Global Connections Television on “US-Taiwan Security Relations: Since 1949” (September 18, 2024)

www.globalconnectionstelevision.com on “Taiwan and China recent crises” (August 8, 2022)

Interviewed by East Asia Correspondent with the German financial daily Handelsblatt and its Swiss partner publication NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung) on “Taiwan and China recent crises” (August 8, 2022)

Interviewed by East Asia Correspondent with the German financial daily Handelsblatt and its Swiss partner publication NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung) on “Taiwan and China Relations” (September 15, 2021)

### **Grants**

“SHSS TCF faculty research grant for FY2025,” \$3,760.06. The Citadel.

“SHSS TCF faculty research grant for FY2024,” \$2,950. The Citadel.

“Overseas Research Project,” 2016. \$10,000. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan.

“Overseas Research Project,” 2015. \$30,000. Ministry of Science & Technology, Taiwan.

### **Service to College**

Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (August 2020 – Present)

Member of the Faculty Award Committee (August 2020 – August 2022)

Class visits by Provost Sally Selden and three Board of Visitors (Dec. 29, 2021)

### **Service to Department**

Attend Pre-Knob activities. January 2019 - Present

Member of the Faculty Selection Committee (March-April 2023)

Preparing the Political Science Department Presentation for Pre-knob

### **Service to Students**

Advise 25 students (January 2024 – Present)

Advise 28 students (January 2023 – December 2023)

Advise 21 students (January 2022 – December 2022)

Advise 24 students (January 2021 –December 2021)

Advise 17 students (January 2020 – December 2020)

Advise 8 students (January 2019 - December 2019)

Advise 5 students (2018)

Wrote 80 recommendation letters (January 2019 – Present)

Prepared meals for Taiwanese and Chinese students (August 2018 – Present)

Hosted Asian Cuisines 10 times for cadets and graduate students (January 2019 - present)

Discussed paper proposals and presentations with students (around 450 students)

Mentored: Daniel Reeves (August 2020 – Present), Henry Clarke (August 2019 – Present), Tripoom Jala (August 2019 – Present), Chiu Chengyu (September 2018 - May 2020)

### **Community Service**

Provided hot meals to Citadel students through Old Saint Andrew Church (August 2023 – Present)

Provided hot meals for the elderly and neighbors (August 2019 – Present)

Organized three weekly online Bible studies and international fellowships for Taiwanese, Chinese, Australians, Singaporeans, and Americans (January 2019 – Present)

Moved heavy furniture and did yard work for elderly members at the Old Saint Andrew Church (January 2019 – Present)

Prepared and delivered meals to widowers, senior citizens, and neighbors twice a week (July 2019 – Present)