

# Wei-Ting Yen

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor, Government Department, Franklin and Marshall College  
- Mellon High Impact Emerging Scholar (2019 - 2021)
- Dec.2022-Jul.2023 Visiting Scholar, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica
- 2017-2019 Predoctoral Fellow, Political Science Department, Denison University

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## EDUCATION

- Dec.2018 Ph.D., The Ohio State University  
- Political Science (Major: Comparative Politics; Minor: Methodology)  
- Dissertation: *Unstable Income and Welfare States in Asia*  
- Honorable Mention, 2019 John Heinz Dissertation Award from the National Academy of Social Insurance
- May.2011 M.A., Yale University  
- East Asian Studies
- Jun.2010 M.A., National Taiwan University  
- Political Science
- Jun.2007 B.A, National Taiwan University  
- Economics, Political Science (Double Major)

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## PUBLICATION

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Accepted Marzia Ocen and Wei-Ting Yen "The Impact of Racial Descriptive Norms on Vaccination against COVID-19." *Public Opinion Quarterly*
- 2022 Chang, Chia-Chien, Wei-Ting Yen, and Li-Yin Liu, "Fighting the Pandemic with 'Shields': COVID-19 Securitization, Developmental State and Mask Policy in Taiwan." *Journal of Asian and African Studies*. DOI:[10.1177/00219096221137684](https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096221137684)
- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting, Li-Yin Liu, Eunji Won & Testriono, "The imperative of state capacity in public health crisis: Asia's early COVID-19 policy responses." *Governance*, 35(3):777-798. DOI:[10.1111/gove.12695](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12695)

- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracy: The Case of South Korea." *Social Science Quarterly*, 103(3):494-508. DOI:[10.1111/ssqu.13136](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13136)
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting and Liu Li-Yin, "Crafting Compliance Regime under COVID-19: Using Taiwan's Quarantine Policy as a Case Study." *Global Policy*, 12(4):562-567. DOI:[10.1111/1758-5899.12967](https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12967)
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan." *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 17(1):63-91. [Paper Link](#)  
- The excerpt version published in [Taiwan Insight](#).
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, Kristine Kay, and Fang-Yu Chen, "Is Trading with China Different? Self-Interest, National Pride, and Trade Preferences." *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 21(1): pp. 97-115. DOI:[10.1017/jea.2020.29](https://doi.org/10.1017/jea.2020.29)
- 2018 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Pension Plans and Retirement Insecurity." *Aging International*, 43(4): pp.438-463. DOI:[10.1007/s12126-018-9326-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12126-018-9326-x)
- 2017 Chen, Fang-Yu and Wei-Ting Yen, "Who Supports the Sunflower Movement? An Examination of Nationalist Sentiments." *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 52(8), pp.1193-1212. DOI:[10.1177/0021909616645372](https://doi.org/10.1177/0021909616645372)

### Book Chapters and Editor Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting and Li-Yin Liu, "When Democracy Meets the COVID-19 Pandemic: Taiwan's Experience." *Democratic Governance in Taiwan*, Chapter 8. Routledge: London. DOI:[10.4324/9781003314592](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003314592)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Taiwan's COVID-19 Management: Developmental State, Digital Governance, and State-Society Synergy." *Asian Politics & Policy*, 12(3): pp.455-468. DOI:[10.1111/aspp.12541](https://doi.org/10.1111/aspp.12541)
- 2020 Yang, Yujeong and Wei-Ting Yen, "Understanding Informality in China: Institutional Causes and Subsequent Measurement Issues." in Santiago López-Cariboni ed. *Political Economy of Informality in BRIC Countries*, Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, Ch. 9, pp. 219-242. DOI:[10.1142/9789811202315\\_0009](https://doi.org/10.1142/9789811202315_0009)
- 2017 Yen, Wei-Ting, "The Political Logic of Financial Supervision in Taiwan." *Taiwan International Law Quarterly*, 14(1): pp.104-134. (in Mandarin). DOI:[10.29799/TILQ](https://doi.org/10.29799/TILQ)
- 2017 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Reform without Transformation: Globalization and Financial Supervisory Reform in Taiwan." *2016 Taiwanese Year Book of International Law*, Chapter 5. Taiwan:Taipei

### Book Reviews

- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Taiwan's Social Welfare Movement and Policy Impact, 2000-2018. edited by Hsin-huang Hsiao, Yu-yuan Kuao, and Shu-yung Wang (2018)" *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, 4(1):pp.197-200

## Working Papers and Papers Under Review (Selected)

- The Political Consequences of Outsiders in Taiwan (with Fang-Yu Chen, under review)
- Governing the Crisis: The Political Economy of COVID-19 in Asia's Developmental States
- Issue Framing and Support for Universal Basic Income: Experimental Evidence from the United States

## Other Publications

- 2022 Editor and Contributor to the edited volume *Who Governs? EP2* «菜市場政治學：民主方舟»
- 2018 Contributor to the edited volume *Who Governs? «菜市場政治學：選舉專號»*  
– Reviewed by *Los Angeles Review of Books: China Channel* ([Link](#))

## Op-Eds and Popular Science Articles (Selected)

- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting and Li-Yin Liu, "Taiwan is moving away from 'zero-covid.' That's harder than it seems.", *The Washington Post*, June 2. [Link](#)
- 2021 Ocenio, Marzia and Wei-Ting Yen, "What encourages Black Americans to get vaccinated? Hearing that other Black Americans want the vaccine.", *The Washington Post*, March 12. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "An election to Test the Root of US Democracy" (in Mandarin), *Up Media*, November 12. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Is Authoritarian Regime Better at Pandemic Management?" (in Mandarin), *Apple Daily*, April 22. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Why Do Legislators Exist?" (in Mandarin), *Mandarin Daily News*, January 2. [Link](#)
- 2019 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Why Some Countries Do Not Have Presidents?" (in Mandarin), *Mandarin Daily News*, December 19. [Link](#)
- 2019 Yen, Wei-Ting, "The Politics of Gig-Economy" (in Mandarin), *Apple Daily*, October 16. [Link](#)
- 2017 Chen, Fang-Yu, Wei-Ting Yen, Austin Horong-en Wang, and Brian Hioe, "The Taiwanese see themselves as Taiwanese, not as Chinese", *The Washington Post*, January 2. [Link](#)
- 2016 "The 1992 Historical Fact is the Biggest Concession for President Tsai" (in Mandarin), *Initium Media*, May 21. [Link](#)
- 2015 Wang, Austin, Wei-Ting Yen, Jung-Feng Tsai, Greg Sheen, Fang-Yu Chen, Jaw-Nian Huang, "Taiwan and Mainland China in Talks? Here are the 5 Things You Need to Know About what Taiwanese People are Thinking", *The Washington Post*, Nov 6. [Link](#)

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## GRANTS

### External

- 2021 Lecture Series Fund, Taiwan and Asia Program
- 2018 Conference Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (award shared with Shu-wen Tang and Ying-fen Chen)
- 2006 National Science Council Research Grant for College-Level Students, National Science Council in Taiwan

### Internal

- 2021 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2020 Schier Research Fund, Government Department F&M
- 2020 Community Response Fund, Center for Sustained Engagement with Lancaster, Franklin and Marshall College, (award shared with Jessica Cox, Emily Marshall, Jennifer Meyer, and Harriet Okatch)
- 2020 Academic Innovation Fund, Faculty Center F&M
- 2019 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2015 Department Research Grant, OSU
- 2015 Coca-Cola CDW Research Grant, OSU (Declined)
- 2014 Behavior Decision Making Initiative Small Research Grant, OSU
- 2014 Department Research Grant, OSU
- 2013 Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant, OSU

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2021 Mellon High-Impact Emerging Scholars
  - 2019 John Heinz Dissertation Award Honorable Mention
- 2017-2019 Pre-doctoral Fellowship at Denison University
- 2015 2017 Taiwan and Asia Program Conference Travel Award
  - 2017 Ray Conference Travel Award, The Ohio State University
- 2015-2017 Henry Luce Foundation Travel Award
  - 2016 Chiang-Ching Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
  - 2016 Financial Awards for IQMR, The Ohio State University
  - 2016 S.C. Lee Best Paper Competition for Graduate Students
  - 2016 North America Taiwanese Studies Association Travel Award
- 2009-2016 Xing-Tian Gong Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship
  - 2015 Tuition Scholarship for Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute
- 2013-2015 Graduate Teaching Associateship, The Ohio State University
  - 2013 The Louise Zung-nyi Loh Memorial Scholarship, The Ohio State University
  - 2012 Financial Awards for ICPSR, The Ohio State University
- 2010-2012 Taiwanese Government Scholarship for Overseas Studies

- 2009 Academic Travel Award to South Korea, National Taiwan University
- 2009 Research Conference Travel Award, National Taiwan University
- 2008 Academic Travel Award to Japan, National Taiwan University

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## INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 "Webinar: Innovations in the Study of Taiwan Politics," University of Texas Austin, Online, October 28.
- 2022 "Fighting the Virus: The Politics of COVID-19 Response in Taiwan and Beyond," Soka University of America, Online, April 26.
- 2021 Panelist, "Digital Democracy and Covid-19 in Taiwan: A Conversation with Digital Minister Audrey Tang," GAHDT and Humanities Collaboratory Asian Futures Project, The Ohio State University, Online, November 22.
- 2021 "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan," How to Measure Populism Workshop for the Populism in East Asian Democracies Project at Duisburg-Essen University, Online, July 2.
- 2021 "Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracy: The Case of South Korea," Social and Political Dynamics in Contemporary East Asia Workshop, Center for East Asian Studies, Soochow University, Online, May 15.
- 2021 "The Political and Social Impacts of Economic Insecurity in New Democracies," National Chung-Cheng University, Chiayi, Taiwan, March 3.
- 2020 "Risky Social Insurance Foundation? Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracies," National Cheng-chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 30.
- 2020 "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan," TSP-TFD Joint Online Conference: Democracy in An Age of Globalisation and Populism: Taiwan, UK and USA, Online, December 11.
- 2020 "Borders: Real and Imaginary - The Case of Taiwan," University of Washington Community College Master Teacher Institute, Online, July 31.
- 2019 "Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science: Field Experiment (Cambodia), Survey (Indonesia), and Panel Study (South Korea)," National Cheng-chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 24.
- 2018 "Risk and Social Welfare Development in Young Democracies", Singapore Management University, Singapore, November 23.
- 2017 "The Foundation of Welfare States In Developing Countries: The Role of Endogenous Income Insecurity," National Chung-Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, December 26.
- 2016 "Who Governs Taiwan: The Role of Popular Writing and Public Intellectuals," Humanity Forum at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, April 28.

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Presentation

(\*Canceled due to COVID-19)

- 2023 Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference (past: 2020\*)
- 2022 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference (past: 2021, 2016)
- 2022 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (past: 2020\*, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)
- 2021 Conference of the Taiwan and Asia Program (past: 2017 2015)
- 2019 North America Taiwanese Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (past: 2016)
- 2017 East Asian Social Policy Research Network Annual Conference
- 2014 American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) Annual Conference
- 2010 Society and Policy Graduate Student Conference
- 2009 Research Postgraduate Conference in Hong Kong University (poster presentation)

### Conferences/Panels Organized

- 2022 "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Governance Issues in Asia," Regular Panel Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
- 2019 "Labor Market and Welfare State Development in Asia," Regular Panel Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
- 2018 "Beyond an Island: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective," Conference Co-Program Director, North America Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (Austin, TX, USA)
- 2017 Panels for Political Science Discipline, Program Commissioner, North America Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (Palo Alto, CA, USA)

### Panel(Roundtable) Chair/Moderator/Discussant

- 2022(D) American Political Science Association Annual Conference (past:2021(D), 2020(D), 2019(D), 2018(D))
- 2022(Dx2) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (past:2020(D) 2019(D) 2018(Dx2, C) 2015(C))
- 2021(M) North America Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference (past: 2017(D))

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## TEACHING

### Instructor of Record

Comparative Political Economy of Asia, *Franklin and Marshall College*

Asian Politics, *Franklin and Marshall College*

Introduction to Comparative Politics, *Franklin and Marshall College*  
Doing Political Science: Transition to Democracy, *Denison University*  
Comparative Political Economy of East Asia, *Denison University*  
Introduction to Politics of Developing Countries, *Denison University*  
The Politics of Developing Countries, *The Ohio State University*  
Introduction to Comparative Politics, *The Ohio State University*

### Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics, *The Ohio State University*  
The Politics of Comparative Welfare States, *The Ohio State University*  
European Political Development, *The Ohio State University*  
The Politics of Income Inequality, *The Ohio State University*  
Research Methods in Social Science, *National Taiwan University*  
Applied Statistics, *National Taiwan University*

### Advising

(showing the year of completion)

- 2022 Ding-Yi Lai (Ph.D. National Chung Cheng University), Dissertation Committee Member
- 2021 Lesley Zhang (BA F&M), Senior Honor Thesis Advisor
- 2018 Hannah Tudor (BA Denison), Denison Summer Scholar Advisor

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## SERVICE

### Journal Review

- 2022 Asian Politics & Policy, Journal of Asian and African Studies, International Journal of Public Sector Management, Politics, Groups, and Identities
- 2021 Japanese Journal of Political Science, International Journal of Public Sector Management, East Asia: An International Quarterly, Asian Politics & Policy (x2), Taiwan Democracy Quarterly
- 2020 Economic Change and Restructuring, Politics and Gender, Asian Politics & Policy, SN Social Science, Global Public Health
- 2019 American Political Science Review
- 2016 Journal of Asian and African Studies
- 2014 Health Economics, Policy and Law

### Discipline Level

- 2021-Present Associate Editor, Asian Politics and Policy
- 2020-2023 Board of Directors, North America Taiwan Studies Association

### College Level

- 2022 The Gen Ed Review Task Force (GERTF), F&M
- 2021-2022 Alice Drum Women's Center Faculty Representative, F&M
- 2020-2021 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2018 Fulbright Campus Committee, Denison
- 2018 Moderator for Women's and Gender Film Festival, Denison
- 2018 Fulbright Campus Committee, OSU
- 2014 2015 Undergraduate Fulbright Program Review Committee, OSU
- 2013-2014 President of the Taiwanese Student Association, OSU

### Department Level

- 2022 Sub-committee for GOV100 Revision, F&M
- 2021-2022 Department Newsletter, F&M
- 2021-2022 Schier Research Fund Committee, F&M
- 2020-2021 Wise/Duberstein Internship Award Committee, F&M
- 2016 Member of Women in Political Science Group, OSU
- 2015 Graduate Student Coordinator for Comparative Politics Workshop, OSU

### Media Interview (Selected)

- 2022 Deutsche Welle (German), VICE World News, Asharq News (UAE), Flamman(Swedish), Aljazeera
- 2021 Associated Press (English), Zeit Online (German), L'Obs (French), Nikkei Asia (English), Deutsche Welle Chinese (Mandarin), ZDFheute (German), Voice of America
- 2020 National Public Radio (English), De Volkskrant (Dutch), Bloomberg Business Week Chinese Edition (Mandarin), Deutsche Welle (German), Votepro Podcast (English), Supchina (English), Plataforma (Portuguese), Radio Free Asia (Mandarin), Vice (English)
- 2019 QUARTZ (English), Deutsche Welle (German), Zeit Online (German), Plataforma (Portuguese, Mandarin)

### Community

- 2022 Presentation, "Is Authoritarian Better at Handling COVID-19?," Book Promotion Event for *Who Governs Ep 2*, Online, April 16.
- 2021 Presentation, "Conversations about OUR Community: COVID-19's Continued Impact on Lancaster County," United Way of Lancaster County Event, Online, June.
- 2020 Presentation, "The Politics of COVID-19: Political Regime, State Capacity, and Crisis Response," Taiwanese Association of America, Online, June 27.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2020-Present *Policy Consultant*, Awakening Foundation (NGO)  
2019 *Short-term Consultant*, I-SAF Impact Evaluation, The World Bank Group  
2017-2018 *Co-Principal Investigator*, The Voice and Action Project —Impact Evaluation (VAP-IE), The World Bank Group Cambodia  
2007-2009 *Managing Editor*, *Journal of Asian Ethnicity* (London: Routledge)  
2008 *Survey Supervisor*, Taiwan's Election and Democratization Study (TEDS), National Taiwan University

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2016 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June  
2015 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) —Indonesian, June to August  
2012 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), June to July  
2009 Institute for Political Methodology (Taiwan), July

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- 2016-Present American Political Science Association  
2015-Present North America Taiwan Studies Association  
2012-Present Midwest Political Science Association  
2020-2021 Social Policy Association  
2019-2020 Association of Asian Studies

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## FIELD WORKS

Indonesia (1 month, 2013; 2 months, 2014); Cambodia(1 month, 2017)

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## SKILLS

### Language

Mandarin Chinese —native; Taiwanese —native; English —fluent; Indonesian —intermediate

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