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Research Agenda: The politics of legitimacy and contestation in global development and peace governance, with particular attention to U.S.–China rivalry.

EDUCATION

2024	Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden PhD in International Relations Thesis title: <i>Beyond Dichotomies: Making Sense of China's Engagement in Global Peace Governance</i>
2023	National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science
2014	School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, UK Master of Social Anthropology of Development
2011	Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea Bachelor of Economics and Journalism (double major)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 – present	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Economic History and International Relations, Stockholm University, Sweden
2026 – present	Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow Global Research Institute, College of William & Mary, USA
2026	Visiting Fellow (Taiwan Fellowship 2026) Center for China Studies, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
2025 – present	Associate Research Fellow Asia Program, Swedish Institute of Foreign Affairs (UI), Sweden
2024 – 2025	Teacher (lärare) in Political Science Swedish Defence University, Stockholm, Sweden Supervise Master's theses in International Security
2016 – 2020	Junior Researcher Peace and Development Program, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm, Sweden - Produced policy-relevant research on development finance, peacebuilding, and gender in fragile and conflict-affected contexts; securing and managing externally funded projects - Convened high-level panels on the WPS agenda at the annual Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development and led institutional engagement with UN agencies (including UN Women, UNDP), government representatives, and civil society organizations
2015 – 2016	Researcher and Project Coordinator Re-Shaping Development Institute, Seoul, South Korea - Coordinated a KOICA-commissioned research project on ethnic minority communities in Cambodia (in partnership with the Royal University of Phnom Penh) - Contributed to ODA strategy development and ex-post evaluations for KOICA
2011 – 2013	Communications Officer Jesuit Service-Cambodia (Banteay Prieb vocational training center), Phnom Penh, Cambodia - Developed funding proposals and M&E reports for donor-funded programs for donor-funded programs supporting persons with disabilities - Managed donors communication and reporting

EXTERNAL POSITIONS

2023 – present	Rostered Expert , Women, Peace and Security Helpdesk (UK Government, Conflict, Stability and Security Fund advisory mechanism)
2024	Regional participant/commentator , Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. USA Next Generation Network in Indo-Pacific Security Initiative
2020 – 2022	Advisor, Asia Regional Office , Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD-Centre)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **Swedish Research Council (VR) International Postdoc Grant**, 2025
Highly competitive national fellowship (9% success rate, Humanities & Social Sciences call)
3-year award totaling 3,900,000 SEK (approx. **437,000 USD**) for international research placement.
- **Taiwan Fellowship**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan, 2026
Competitive national research fellowship for foreign scholars
Host Institution: Center for China Studies, National Taiwan University.
- **Korea Foundation Policy-Oriented Research Grant**, 2019
Principal Investigator. Project titled *Emerging Actors in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda*. **50,000 USD**.
- **Stockholm Center for Global Asia Fieldwork Grant**, 2022
Research grant for overseas fieldwork. 100,000 SEK (**≈11,000 USD**).
- **Söderbergs Stipendiestiftelse; Kinanders Stiftelse; Rhodins Minne**, 2022–2023
Competitive research and travel grants totaling 160,000 SEK (**≈17,900 USD**).
- **ECPR Methods School Scholarship (KU Leuven)**, 2022
Competitive methods training scholarship (Panel Data Analysis), 6,000 SEK equivalent (**≈700 USD**).
- **Gangwon State Office Overseas Study Scholarship**, 2014
Government-funded master's degree scholarship. 13,000,000 KRW (**≈10,000 USD**).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Jung, Y. and Lin, J. (2025) “Institutional Factors in China’s Norm Contestation in Global Governance: International Regime Complexes of Peacebuilding and Climate Change”, *The Pacific Review*, 39 (1), 1–31.

Jung, Y. and Shyrokykh, K. (2024) “Needs or interests: Drivers of China’s peace engagement in conflict affected countries”, *International Peacekeeping*, 31(5), 553–574.

Jung, Y. (2024) “Can China’s Developmental Peace Be an Alternative to Liberal Peace? A Critical Feminist Interrogation”, *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, 18 (4). (Awarded as a joint runner-up for the 2024 CEJISS Best Research Article Award)

Book Chapters

“Delivering as one: other multilateral mechanisms for sustaining peace” in Chapter 6. Sustaining peace and sustainable development in dangerous places, *SIPRI Yearbook 2017: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2017 (with M. Caparini & E. Bjertén-Günther).

“Humanitarian operations in 2015”, *SIPRI Yearbook 2016: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2016 (with R. Irwin et al.).

“Women’s participation in the peace process on the Korean peninsula” in *Women and Peace*, Issue 6, Korea Women’s Peace Research Institute: Seoul, 2020.

Articles under Review

“Norm Contestation with Chinese Characteristics: Gender Equality and Power Politics in Global Governance” (under review)

“Do Institutional Factors Matter? The Role of Democracy and Climate Policies on Climate-Induced Displacement” co-authored (with Jiun-Da Lin, under review)

Policy Reports (Non-Peer Reviewed)

China's Approach to the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda: An Interview with Yeonju Jung, Experts Take, Institute for Security & Development Policy, Jan 2024 (interview, written by C. Ståbler & T. Jalmerud).

How WPS and YPS Intersect: Implications for Northeast Asia, Women, Peace and Security: Voices from Northeast Asia, UN DPPA, Mar 2021.

From grassroots to peace talks: Women in the inter-Korean peace process, SIPRI Topical Background, May 2020.

Emerging donors in the Women, Peace and Security agenda: South Korea and Japan, SIPRI Background Paper, Dec 2019 (with A. Tsujisaka).

Socio-economic developmental impact of anti-vehicle mines in Angola, GICHD-KCL-SIPRI, Nov 2019.

Global mapping and analysis of anti-vehicle mine incidents (2016-2018), GICHD-SIPRI.

Assessing gender perspectives in peace processes with application to the cases of Colombia and Mindanao, SIPRI Insights, Nov 2018 (with J. Alvarado & E. Bjertén-Günther)

Selected Commentary:

Unpacking the Afghan peace talks: Inclusion of women in the process and achieving durable peace, SIPRI WritePeace blog, Mar 2019 (with J. Alvarado).

Beyond 'women's issues' and smoky rooms: Debunking the myths about gender in peace mediation, SIPRI WritePeace blog, Sep 2018 (with E. Bjertén-Günther et al.).

Anti-vehicle mines risk sliding off UN agenda despite increasing humanitarian impact: The case of Mali, SIPRI WritePeace blog, Nov 2018 (with U. Hofmann).

Mine action in the era of the SDGs and sustaining peace, SIPRI WritePeace blog, July 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Thesis supervisor: Swedish Defence University

- **Master's theses in Political Science** (2024 Autumn)
 - *Betraying Allies: Gendered Violence in Peace Time U.S. Media Coverage of Servicemember Sexual Assaults Against Japanese Civilians Through an Intersectional Lens* (Catrin Andersson)
 - *Colonial discourses surrounding the UN resolutions regarding Sexual Exploitation and Abuse* (Elin Carlsson)

Instructor: Stockholm University

- EH6111 **Research Design**, Stockholm University (2023 Autumn, 2024 Autumn)
- EH6109 **International Relations in East Asia**, Stockholm University (2024 Spring)
- EH6105 **Quantitative Methods**, Stockholm University (2021 Autumn)

METHOD AND PEDAGOGY TRAINING

- Professional development course 1 Teaching and Learning (Stockholm University, 2024 autumn)
- Teaching in Human Science Academic Area (Stockholm University, 2021)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods (Stockholm University, 2021)
- Panel Data Analysis (ECPR Methods School, 2021)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Presentations

"China's Norms Development in Global Climate and Peace Governance: A Comparison Between Green BRI and Developmental Peace" at the **International Studies Association (ISA) 2024** on *Putting Relationality at the Centre of International Studies* (San Francisco, Apr 2024).

"Gendering Developmental Peace: A Critical Inquiry of the Exceptionalism in China's Approach to Peacebuilding" at the **Peace Research in Sweden (PRIS) Annual Conference 2023** organised by Lund University (Lund, Nov 2023).

“China’s Developmental Peace Versus Liberal Peace: A Critical Inquiry of the Dichotomy” at the **ISA Asia-Pacific 2024** (Tokyo, Aug 2023).

“Gender in Chinese Foreign Policy: Where Is It Situated and How Is It Framed?” at the **ISA 2023** on *Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity* (Montreal, Mar 2023).

“Critical Inquiry of Developmental Peace–Liberal Peace Dichotomy” at the **PRIS Annual Conference 2022** on *Peace and Conflict in a Changing Security Environment* organised by Swedish Defence University (Stockholm, Nov 2022).

“Can China Close the Gap in Feminist Peace? Imagining China’s Developmental Peace as “Beyond WPS Agenda”” at the **IFJP 2022** *Remapping the Feminist Global: A Multi-vocal, Multi-located Conversation*, organised by International Feminist Journal of Politics (Seoul, July 2022).

“Interpretation of Gender Equality in Chinese Foreign Policy” at the **3rd International GenDip Workshop** on *Gender in Diplomacy: New Theoretical Directions?* organised by University of Gothenburg (Gothenburg, June 2022).

“Can China Close the Gap in Feminist Peace? Imagining China’s Developmental Peace as “Beyond WPS Agenda”” at the *Feminist Political Economy and Peace: An Interdisciplinary Workshop*, organised by the **London School of Economics and Political Science** (online, Mar 2022).

“Emerging actors in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: South Korea and Japan” in the **Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation conference** (Seoul, Dec 2019).

Discussant and Chair

Served as a discussant at the **Higher Seminar in International Relations in Stockholm University** for the presentation “The use of gender in Russian disinformation about Sweden: A narrative analysis of RT and Sputnik” by Dr Maria Hellman (Stockholm, Nov 2023).

Served as a chair at the panel “Global Governance and Global Issues and Gender” at the **ISA Asia-Pacific 2023** (Tokyo, Aug 2023).

INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Towards inclusive peace in East Asia: Women and youth inclusion in peace and security” at the *International Conference on Women's Rights and Peace*, organised by the **Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, South Korea** (Seoul, Oct 2021).

“Women’s participation in the Korean peace process” at the *Regional Experts’ Dialogue on the Korean Peninsula Peace Process*, organised by the **Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue** (online, Oct 2020).

“Emerging actors in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Northeast Asian countries” at an expert level discussion event on *Northeast Asian countries’ contributions to the Women, Peace and Security agenda* co-hosted by **UNDPPA and UN Women** (Beijing, Dec 2019).

“Intersections Between WPS and YPS Agendas” at the *Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Northeast Asian*, organised by **UNDPPA in Mongolia** (Ulaanbaatar, June 2019).

“Humanitarian and Developmental Impact of Anti-Vehicle Mines: GICHD-SIPRI Global Analysis 2015–2018” at the *ACRA Conference on Humanitarian Demining*, organised by the **King’s College London** (London, Apr 2019).

“Gender Perspectives in Peace Processes: The Cases of Colombia and Mindanao in the Philippines” at **Stockholm University** (Stockholm, Feb 2019).

“Roles of Female Ex-Combatants: A Possibility of Engaging in Humanitarian Demining in Myanmar” at the *Conference on Women, Peace and Security in Myanmar* organized by the **Peace Research Institute, Oslo** (Bangkok, Mar 2018).

SKILLS

Languages

Korean (native); **English** (fluent); **Mandarin Chinese** (upper intermediate); **Khmer** (basic); **Swedish** (basic)

Statistical Software and Computer Skills

Proficient R user