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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, expected August 2008.

Dissertation

Legitimacy of One Party Dominant Authoritarian Regimes in Liberalizing Economies: Comparative Case Studies from East and Southeast Asia

Committee: Emeritus Professor William S. Turley (Chair)

Associate Professor Stephen C. Shulman

Associate Professor J. Tobin Grant

Professor Sajal Lahiri (Dept of Economics, SIUC)

Dr. Adam J. Fforde (Asia Institute, University of Melbourne)

M.A., Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, June 2001.

Thesis

The Fourth Indochinese War: Development Dominoes and the Containment of Capitalism.

Supervisor: Dr. Adam J. Fforde.

Second Examiner: Dr. Narayanan Ganesan.

B.A., National University of Singapore, June 1996.

Majors: Political Science, Southeast Asian Studies. Minor: English Literature

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Assistant. Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August 2002 – August 2004, August 2006 – Present.

Managing Editor. Policy Studies Journal, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August 2002 – January 2003.

Tutor. Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, July 2001 – December 2001.

Research Officer. Military Security Department, Ministry of Defence, Government of Singapore, August 1996 – February 2001.

Concurrent appointments:

Treasurer, Recreational Club Committee (RCC), April 2000 – February 2001.

Treasurer, RCC Sports Sub-Committee, April 2000 – February 2001.

Concurrent Classified Appointment, June 1998 – May 1999.

Administrative Officer, April 1997 – April 1998.

RESEARCH

Fields of Interest

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Economy, International Political Economy, Security Studies, Strategic Industries, Development, Southeast Asia, China.

Papers in Preparation for Publication

Foreign Direct Investment and Freedom: Do Reform and Openness Delay Democratization in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia?

Paper presented at the Fourth Conference of the European Association for South-East Asian Studies (4th EUROSEAS Conference), University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France on 1-4 September 2004.

In revision for submission to the Director of Publications, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Yale University.

Foreign Direct Investment and Freedom: Do Reform and Openness Delay Democratization in China?

Work in progress for submission to *World Politics* journal.

Conferences

Huntington's Regime Performance Dilemma, Or Not: A Statistical Comparison between the Crises of Democracy in OECD Countries and the Fragility of Democracy Southeast Asia. Paper presented at the Fifth Conference of the European Association for South-East Asian Studies (EUROSEAS), University of Naples, Naples, Italy, 12-15 September 2007.

Foreign Direct Investment and Small-and-Medium Enterprises in Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and China. Paper presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars Fifth Biennial Conference (ICAS 5), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2-5 August 2007.

Economic Sociological Bases of Economic Nationalism. Paper presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference 2007, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., 12-15 April 2007.

Foreign Direct Investment and Freedom: Do Reform and Openness Delay Democratization in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia? Paper presented at the Fourth Conference of the European Association for South-East Asian Studies (EUROSEAS), University of Paris – Sorbonne, Paris, France, 1–4 September 2004.

Participant. Southeast Asia Student Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, U.S.A., 28 February 2004.

Foreign Direct Investment and Freedom. Poster presented at the Department of Political Science Graduate Student Exposition, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A., December 2003.

Participant. Vietnam Update 2001, "Governance in Vietnam : The Role of Organizations", Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 19-20 November 2001.

Participant. Forum on Contemporary Asia and Globalization, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia, 22-23 September 2000.

Research Experience

Data collection, *Requirements for the PhD Degree and Faculty Profiles in Departments of Political Science in American Universities*, with Associate Professor J. Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Fall 2006.

Research, *Conceptualizations of "Crisis" and Triggers of Democratization, Political and Economic Liberalization*, with Professor William S. Turley, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Fall 2003 – Fall 2004.

Research, *Justice John Marshall*, for Professor Robert L. Clinton's book of the same title, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Spring – Summer 2003.

Bibliographic search and manuscript editing, Professor Albert P. Melone's book on Constitutional Politics, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Summer 2003.

Research, Professor Uday Desai's book chapter on the development of non-technical assistance sector in Eastern Europe and Russia, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Spring 2003.

Index-writing, Assistant Professor Priyambudi Sulistiyanto's book manuscript, *Thailand, Indonesia, and Burma in Comparative Perspective*, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, Spring 2002.

Field research, Vietnam, with Assistant Professor Patricia M Pelley, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, April 1995.

Field research, Myanmar, with Associate Professor Kathy Khoo, Associate Professor John Miksic, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, December 1995.

Research Papers in Progress

World-Systems Theory and Economic Sociological Ideas on Networks, Economic Organization, and Global Commodity Chains – work in progress.

Economic Sociological Pressures on Economic Foreign Policy in Liberalizing Southeast Asian Regimes – work in progress.

Foreign Direct Investment and Small-and-Medium Enterprises in Singapore, Vietnam, China, and Japan: Implications for Authoritarian Rule – work in progress.

Paper Tiger under the Dragon's Breath: Political Implications of Chinese Trade in Vietnam – work in progress.

Post-Communism and Transitions from Authoritarianism: Prospects for Authoritarian Liberalization – work in progress.

What East and Southeast Asianists Can (Or Not) Learn from the Democratization and Post-Communist Literatures: Prospects for Authoritarian Liberalization – work in progress.

Marxist Theories of International Relations: Cursed, 'Discursed' but not Crushed in the Collapse of Communism – work in progress.

Neo-Liberal Institutionalism: Forging Cooperation – work in progress.

Economic Sociology: Lessons for Political Economy and the Development of Economic Nationalism – work in progress.

The Legitimacy of Liberalization: Foreign Direct Investment, Small-and-Medium-sized Enterprises, and Satisfaction with Government Performance in Vietnam – work in progress.

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, *POLS 480 International Politics*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Fall 2007.

Teaching Assistant, *POLS 352i Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Culture in a Global Era*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Spring 2007 and Fall 2007.

Teaching Assistant, *POLS 375 War and Force in World Politics*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Fall 2006.

Teaching Assistant, *POLS 372i International Political Economy*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Fall 2003.

Tutor, *SE2213/SS2207E Southeast Asia: Comparative Politics*, National University of Singapore, Fall 2001.

Invited Talks and Lectures

Ethnic Politics of Malaysia: Ethnicity, Nationalism and the State in a Global Era.

Lecture to be delivered in *POLS 352i Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Culture in a Global Era* class at Browne Auditorium, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 27 March 2007.

Ethnic Politics of Malaysia: Ethnicity, Nationalism and the Economy in a Global Era.

Lecture to be delivered in POLS 352i Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Culture in a Global Era class at Browne Auditorium, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 29 March 2007.

United Nations Reform.

Lecture delivered in POLS 375 War and Force in World Politics class at Parkinson Laboratory, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 24 October 2006.

Politics of Singapore.

Talk delivered in POLS 461 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia class at Conference Room, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, October 2002.

GRANTS

Graduate School / College of Liberal Arts / University Women's Professional Advancement Program / Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, for the 5th EUROSEAS Conference, University of Naples, Naples, Italy, 2007.

Graduate School / College of Liberal Arts / Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, for the MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A, 2007.

Graduate School / College of Liberal Arts / Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, for the 4th EUROSEAS Conference, University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France, 2004.

Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University Full Travel Sponsorship for the *Forum on Contemporary Asia and Globalization* in Perth, Australia, 2000.

AWARDS

"Poster Child", Graduate Studies Marketing Poster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, 2007.

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2007-2008.

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2006-2007.

Dissertation Research Award, The Graduate School, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2004-2005.

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2003-2004.

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2002-2003.

Offered *Fellowship* and *Graduate Assistantship* for Doctoral Program, Woodrow Wilson Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, 2002.

Offered *Pacific Asian Scholarship* for Doctoral Program, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2002.

Full Sponsorship, *Forum on Contemporary Asia and Globalization*, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia, 22-23 September 2000.
1992

First Prize, Poetry-Writing Competition, Jurong Junior College, Singapore, 1992.

Bronze Medal, Shot-put, Annual Track & Field Championships, Jurong Junior College, Singapore, 1992.

Bronze Medal, Inter-House Hockey Championships, Jurong Junior College, Singapore, 1992.

United Kingdom Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music Certificate – Piano Practical Grade 7, 1991.

United Kingdom Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music Certificate – Piano Theory Grade 6, 1990.

Backstage Manager, *Nanyang Night 1990*, Nanyang Girls' High School's anniversary stage performance, Kallang Theatre, Singapore, 1990.

Distinction Award – Backstage Management, *The Twilight Crane*, Nanyang Girls' High School stage production, Singapore Youth Festival (Drama Production), Singapore Youth Festival, Singapore Tourism Board, Singapore, 1989.

Selected for the Ministry of Education's Foreign Language Centre for the *Local Immersion Programme at L'école Française de Singapour* (The French School in Singapore), Ministry of Education, Singapore, 1989.

Supporting role – “Abdullah”, *Princess Jasmine*, Nanyang Girls High School's bilingual play, Victoria Theatre, Singapore, 1988.

Second Prize, Inter-Class Essay Writing Competition, Nanyang Girls' High School, Singapore, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Member, European Association of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007 – present.

Member, Mid-West Political Science Association, 2006 – present.

Member, American Political Science Association, 2006 – present.

Member, International Political Science Association, 2006 – present.

REFERENCES

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