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EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)**, School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), Monash University (Malaysia Campus), 2020
Thesis Title: The Chinese Sub-National Governments (SNGs) in China-ASEAN Economic Cooperation: The Case of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (GZAR)
- **Master of Arts (M.A.)**, Department of East Asian Studies (DEAS), University of Malaya, Malaysia, 2015
Dissertation Title: Facing Northeast Asia: Japan's Grand Security Strategy after Koizumi
- **Pre-Master (Pre-M.A.)**, Department of History, University of Manitoba, Canada, 2006
- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba, Canada, 2005
Major: Psychology; Minor: History

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS/HONORS & GRANTS

- **Recipient**, Taiwan Fellowship, January – December 2020
—Field research in Taiwan for the project *Taiwan's Soft Power in Malaysia: The Role of State and Non-State Agents*
- **Recipient (Senior Scholar Category)**, Chinese Government Scholarship (Bilateral Program), 2017/2018
- **Recipient**, Monash University Malaysia Merit Scholarship, 2016 – 2019
- **Selected Participant**, Japan Foundation 2015 Summer Institute on Japanese Studies, July 25-31, 2015
- **Recipient**, University of Malaya Postgraduate Research Fund, 2011
—Field research in Tokyo for the project *The China Factor in Post-Koizumi Japan's Grand Security Strategy* (September – October 2011)
- **Recipient**, University of Malaya Graduate Fellowship, 2010 – 2011
- **Dean's Honor List**, University of Manitoba, 2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Member**, Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA), March 2021 – Present
- **Member**, Malaysian Association of Japanese Studies (MAJAS), 2015 – Present
- **Committee Member**, Department of East Asian Studies (DEAS) Higher Degree Curriculum Committee

for Master of East Asian Studies Program, University of Malaya (UM), July 2020 – July 2025

- **Associate Fellow**, Institute of China Studies (ICS), University of Malaya (UM), July 2016 – June 2019

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCES

- **Senior Lecturer**, Institute of China Studies (ICS), University of Malaya, October 2021 – Present
- **Collaborative Fellow**, Anbound Malaysia, January 2021 – September 2021
- **Visiting Fellow**, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), National Chengchi University (NCCU), January 2020 – December 2020
- **Visiting Scholar**, School of Politics and Public Administration, Guangxi University for Nationalities (GXUN), September 2017 – July 2018
- **Researcher cum Analyst**, Anbound Malaysia, January 2013 – February 2016
- **Research Assistant**, Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya, October 2012 – December 2012 & July 2011 – April 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- China's sub-state (provincial and city) diplomacy in Southeast Asia
- Taiwan's quasi-state diplomacy in Southeast Asia
- Theorisation of Taiwanese soft power through comparative cases in Southeast Asia and Central & Eastern Europe (CEE)
- Conceptualisation of Chinese soft power in Southeast Asia
- China-ASEAN relations and Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
- Comparative multi-layered diplomacy and paradiplomacy in Asia and Europe
- Theory-building for multi-layered diplomacy and paradiplomacy concepts

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Introduction to China's sub-state diplomacy and governance
- Taiwan and Southeast Asia
- Cross-Strait relations
- Chinese western provinces and ASEAN
- China-ASEAN relations (including sub-regional cooperation)
- Chinese foreign policy towards ASEAN
- Southeast Asian sub-state diplomacy and governance

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Guangxi's Quest as a Regional Actor in China-ASEAN Economic Cooperation: Origins and Developments (Expected publication in 2022).

Book Chapters

- Lee, Chee Leong. "Malaysia's Political Contestations in the COVID-19 Era and their Economic Impacts." In *New Dynamics of Political Economy in Southeast Asia*. World Scientific Publishing, 2021. (Book Project by St. Andrews-Institute of International Relations (IIR) NCCU).
- Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir and Lee Chee Leong. "*Mazhong guanxi (1974 - 2019): huigu yu qianzhan* (Malaysia-China Relations (1974 - 2019): Retrospect and Prospect)." In "*Yidai yilu*" *yanxian guo bie yanjiu (malayxiya juan)* (A Study on the Countries along the "Belt and Road" (Malaysia Volume)). (Book Project by Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) to be published in 2021).

Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "Guangxi's International Roles in the China-ASEAN Cooperation: A Perspective from Malaysian Scholar," *Thai Journal of East Asia Studies* (TJEAS) (Publication by December 2021).

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Lee, Chee Leong and Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir. "Malaysia-China Relations During the Movement Control Order (MCO) Period and Beyond: Assessment from the Mutual Trust Variable." In *The Reshaping of China-Southeast Asia Relations in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic*, edited by Nian Peng. Singapore: Springer, 2021.
- Md. Akhir, Md. Nasrudin and Chee Leong Lee. "*Sejarah Hubungan Ryukyu-Melaka Berdasarkan Sumber Jepun* (History of Ryukyu-Melaka Relations Based on Japanese Sources)." In *Kegemilangan Maritim Kesultanan Melayu Melaka* (Maritime Glory of Malacca Malay Sultanate), edited by Mohd. Samsudin et al. Bangi: National University Malaysia Publisher, 2017.

Journal Articles

Peer Reviewed

- Lee, Chee Leong. "Malaysian Politics after Sheraton Move 2020: Inter-Coalition and Intra-Coalition Political Dynamics." *Asia-Pacific Research Forum*, No. 69 (June 2021): 49-96.

Non-Peer Reviewed

- Lee, Chee Leong, Nurliana Kamaruddin and Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir. "Japan's Rare Earth (RE) Diplomacy (2007-2012): A Case of Neoclassical Realism." *Asian Profile* 43, no. 3 (June 2015): 211-224.
- Lee, Chee Leong and Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir. "China-Japan-South Korea Trilateralism: Current Developments and Future Prospects in Regional Security Cooperation." *Asian Profile* 40, no. 3 (June 2012): 285-294.
- Lee, Chee Leong and Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir. "The Three Dimensions of China Threat to Japan's National Security." *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 3, no. 2 (2013/2014): 27-46.
- Md. Akhir, Md. Nasrudin, Chee Leong Lee and Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Ashraf. "Malaysia-China Bilateral Relations, 1974-2018." *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 7, no. 1 (2018): 1-25.

Selected Newspaper/Magazine/Blog Articles

- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "What the US 'EAGLE Act' Means for Southeast Asia." *East Asia Forum*, October 5, 2021. <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2021/10/05/what-the-us-eagle-act-means-for-southeast->

asia/.

- Lee, Chee Leong. "Returning to Multilateralism to Ensure Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Access." *The Diplomat*, July 9, 2021. <https://thediplomat.com/2021/07/returning-to-multilateralism-to-ensure-equitable-covid-19-vaccine-access/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong. "Three Questions for the Quad's Indo-Pacific Security Commitments." *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist: Analysing International Relations* 9, no. 4 (April 2021): 8-9.
- Lee, Chee Leong. "EU's Show of Strong Commitment is Needed for ASEAN Strategic Partnership." *Asian Currents*, March 29, 2021. <https://asaa.asn.au/eus-show-of-strong-commitment-is-needed-for-asean-strategic-partnership/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong. "Is the RCEP Really All About China?" *Fair Observer*, January 25, 2021. https://www.fairobserver.com/region/asia_pacific/lee-chee-leong-rcep-trade-deal-china-asean-economies-news-14212/.
- Lee, Chee-Leong (Karl). "How Taiwan is Helping the World By Forging Resilient Cooperation with ASEAN." *Taiwan Insight*, October 24, 2020. <https://taiwaninsight.org/2020/10/24/how-taiwan-is-helping-the-world-by-forging-resilient-cooperation-with-asean/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "Prospect of Malaysia as the Gateway for Taiwan's New Southbound Policy (NSP) Push." *Taiwan Insight*, July 23, 2020. <https://taiwaninsight.org/2020/07/23/prospect-of-malaysia-as-the-gateway-for-taiwans-new-southbound-policy-nsp-push/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "Debunking 3 Myths about COVID-19 Lockdowns." *The Diplomat*, April 13, 2020. <https://thediplomat.com/2020/04/debunking-3-myths-about-covid-19-lockdowns/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "What to Expect from Indonesia's Indo-Pacific Push in 2020?," *The Diplomat*, March 6, 2020. <https://thediplomat.com/2020/03/what-to-expect-from-indonesias-indo-pacific-push-in-2020/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl) and Anbound Malaysia. "A Sub-National Solution to Penang's Quest as a Creative State," *Eurasia Review*, February 29, 2020. <https://www.eurasiareview.com/29022020-a-sub-national-solution-to-penangs-quest-as-a-creative-state-analysis/>.
- Lee, C.L. (Karl) and S.K. Chia. "Three Questions for Malaysia's New Foreign Policy," *Malaysiakini*, February 1, 2019. <https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/462473>.
- Xie, Xiangjin and Li Zhiliang. "Xue zhou zai dongmeng jingji gongtongti neng banyan shenme juese? (What Role Can Selangor Play in ASEAN Economic Community?)," *Qiye jia* (The Entrepreneur), Issue 151, 2018, pp. 56-7.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl) and S.K. Chia. "Selangor's Role in the ASEAN Economic Community," *The Malaysian Insight*, October 3, 2018. <https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/s/100629>.
- Lee, C.L. (Karl). "Injecting New Purposes into the Look East Policy 2.0," *Malaysiakini*, June 16, 2018. <https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/429963>.
- Lee, C.L. (Karl). "Can Malaysia Become Norway of Southeast Asia?," *Today Online* (Singapore), June 1, 2018. <https://www.todayonline.com/commentary/can-malaysia-become-norway-southeast-asia>.
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- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). "Navigating the 100-Day Journey of the New Malaysian Government," *The*

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- Lee, C.L. (Karl). “Whither Chinese FDI’s in Kedah Post-GE14,” *Worldfuturetv*, April 8, 2018. <http://www.worldfuturetv.com/live/malaysia/malay-tsunami-kedah/>.
- Lee, Chee Leong and S.K. Chia. “Understanding Nanning’s Strategic Role in China-ASEAN Cooperation,” *The Independent Singapore*, March 14, 2018. <http://theindependent.sg/understanding-nannings-strategic-roles-in-china-asean-cooperation/>.
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- Lee, C.L. (Karl) and Chia Siang Kim. “Why ASEAN Needs to Think Local,” *The Diplomat*, August 18, 2017. thediplomat.com/2017/08/why-asean-needs-to-think-local/.
- Karl Lee. “Research Cooperation and the Future of China-ASEAN’s Socio-Cultural Ties,” *The Sun Daily*, October 13, 2014. <http://www.thesundaily.my/news/1196377>.
- Karl Lee. “Understanding China’s New Multi-level Diplomacy,” *The Sun Daily*, August 11, 2014. <http://www.thesundaily.my/news/1136862>.
- Karl Lee. “Making Sense of China’s Asia-Pacific FTA Agenda,” *The Sun Daily*, May 5, 2014. <http://www.thesundaily.my/news/1036063>.
- Karl Lee. “Communist Party of China’s Third Plenum: What Not to Expect,” *The Sun Daily*, November 6, 2013. <http://www.thesundaily.my/news/874638>.
- Karl Lee. “What Does China’s Maritime Silk Road Mean for ASEAN?,” *The Sun Daily*, October 15, 2013. <http://www.thesundaily.my/news/855643>.
- Karl Lee. “Time for China and ASEAN to Make Up,” *Asia Times Online*, August 8, 2013. <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/China/CHIN-01-090813.html>.
- Karl Lee. “What is about China’s Anti-Corruption Drive,” *The Malaysian Insider*, 8 December 2012. themalaysianinsider.com/sideviews/article/what-is-about-chinas-anti-corruption-drive-karl-lee.
- Karl Lee. “Japan, China on a Conflicting Course,” *Asia Times Online*, September 15, 2012. <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Japan/NI15Dh01.html>.
- Karl Lee. “The Emergence of Penang as a Talent Hub,” *The Rocket*, June 2012 Issue, p. 4. therocket.com.my/en/the-emergence-of-penang-as-a-talent-hub/.
- Karl Lee. “The Defining Moment in China’s Political Reform,” *The Malaysian Insider*, 27 April 2012. themalaysianinsider.com/sideviews/article/the-defining-moment-in-chinas-political-reform-karl-c.l.-lee/.
- Karl Lee. ““Panda Diplomacy” Comes to Malaysia,” *The Malaysian Insider*, 13 April 2012. themalaysianinsider.com/sideviews/article/panda-diplomacy-comes-to-malaysia-karl-lee/.

Government/Corporate Strategic Reports

- Lee, Chee Leong. “Taiwan’s Soft Power in Malaysia: The Role of State and Non-State Actors.” Post-

Taiwan Fellowship 2020 Working Report for National Central Library and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan, April 1, 2021. https://taiwanfellowship.ncl.edu.tw/files/scholar_publish/2016-doddbbgsekumzlw.pdf.

- Li, Zhiliang. “*An bang shidi baogao: Xueshu jiaoliu yu riben dui dongmeng de xin ruan shili “gongshi”* (Anbound Field Report: Academic Exchange and Japan’s New Soft Power “Offensive” toward ASEAN).” Special Report, August 19, 2015.
- Li, Zhiliang. “*Riben de dongmeng jingji zhanlue* (Japan’s Economic Strategy toward ASEAN).” *Zhanlue guancha* (Strategic Insight), Issue No. 373 (December 3, 2013): 1-12.

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

International Academic Conferences/Forums

- Lee, Chee-Leong (Karl). “Will Malaysia’s Two-Coalition System Survive the Next General Election? National Identity Contestation and Territorial Competition within Malaysian Politics in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond.” Working paper presented at A Forum on Electoral Politics in Southeast Asia, Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies (CAPAS), Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December 11, 2020.
- Lee, Chee Leong. Reviewer at *Zhongguo yu dongnanya zheng jing fazhan: dikang yu tiaozhan huiyi* (Graduate Students’ Conference on China-ASEAN Political and Economic Developments: Resistance and Challenges), National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taipei, Taiwan, July 3, 2020.
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). “Guangxi’s International Roles in China-ASEAN Cooperation: A Perspective from Malaysian Scholar.” Working paper presented at the 7th China-South and Southeast Asian Think Tank Forum, Kunming, China, June 11-14, 2019.
- Md. Akhir, Md. Nasrudin and Chee Leong Lee. “Malaysia-China Relations (1974-2018).” Working paper presented at the China’s Relations with Neighbouring Countries: Cooperation, Win-Win and Sharing Symposium, Guangzhou, China, December 15-16, 2018.
- Lee, Chee Leong. Panelist at *Zijin Forum for International Affairs 2017: Trump Administration’s New Security Dynamics in Asia-Pacific*, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, October 31, 2017.
- Lee, Chee Leong. “Japan’s Rare Earth Diplomacy.” Working paper presented at the Third Japanese Studies Association (JSA)-ASEAN International Conference: Change and Continuity in ASEAN’s Perception of Japan since the 1990s, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 22-23, 2012.
- Lee, Chee Leong. “China, Japan and South Korea Trilateralism and the Position of ASEAN in Regional Security.” Working paper presented at Monash University Malaysia’s International Young Scholars Conference: Current Research on Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 14-15, 2011.

Lecture and Public Seminar

- Lee, Chee Leong. “*Yi malaixiya xin changtai kan Taiwan ruan shili* (Taiwan’s Soft Power in the Context of Malaysia’s New Normal).” Public lecture on Southeast Asia’s International Relations for Graduate Students of Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, September 22, 2020.
- Lee, Chee Leong. “*2015 nian zhongguo waijiao huigu yu weilai tiaozhan* (China’s Diplomacy in 2015: Review and Challenges).” Public presentation at *2016 zhongguo xingshi: Huigu yu qianzhan* (China in 2016: Retrospect and Prospect) Seminar, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, March 26, 2016.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). “Obama Faces Headwinds on Trans-Pacific Partnership in East Asia Trip,” interview by Kristine Kwok, *South China Morning Post*, April 22, 2014, <http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/article/1494681/obama-faces-headwinds-trans-pacific-partnership-east-asia-trip>.
- Li, Zhiliang. “*Dongxie jingji yitihua (2): Yinni bugan dang laoda* (ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) (2): Indonesia Unwilling to be the Leader?),” interview by Sheah Jing Wen, *Nanyang Siang Pau*, April 21, 2014.
- Li, Zhiliang. “*Dongmeng jingji yitihua (1): Zhengfu jindu man, shiguo qiye ji tiaojiao* (ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) (2): Slow Progress from the Governments, Corporate Players are Worried),” interview by Sheah Jing Wen, *Nanyang Siang Pau*, April 14, 2014.
- Lee, Chee Leong. “China’s Pan-Asia Railway Proposal: Prospects for ASEAN Countries,” interview by Ho Yin Leng (Malaysian Bureau), *China Central Television* (CCTV), October 25, 2013 (To be aired in China in early 2014).
- Lee, Chee Leong (Karl). “China’s ‘Maritime Silk Road’ Linking Southeast Asia Faces a Rocky Birth,” interview by Kristine Kwok, *South China Morning Post*, October 18, 2013, <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1334803/chinas-maritime-silk-road-linking-southeast-asia-faces-rocky-birth>.
- Lee, Chee Leong. “Asia Weekly: Reviving the Maritime Silk Road,” interview by Elaine Tan, *China Daily*, November 22, 2013, http://www.chinadailyasia.com/business/2013-11/29/content_15102328.html.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Ongoing

- Mapping Taiwanese Soft Power in Malaysia (Principal Investigator)
- Taiwan and Southeast Asia: Hard Truths and Soft Power During China’s Century (Principal Investigator)
- Comparison of South Korean and Taiwanese Soft Power in Malaysia (Co-Investigator)
- A Comparative Study between and South Korea’s New Southern Policy and Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy (NSP) (Co-Investigator)
- Guangxi’s Regional Participation in China-ASEAN Economic Cooperation (Principal Investigator)

Completed

- Malaysia-China Relations During the Movement Control Order (MCO) Period and Beyond (Principal Investigator - Completed in 2020)
 - Malaysia-China Bilateral Relations (1974 – 2019) (Co-Investigator - Completed in 2020)
 - Japan’s Rare Earth (RE) Diplomacy (2007 – 2012) (Principal Investigator - Completed in 2015)
 - Post-Koizumi National Security Policy of Japan (Principal Investigator - Completed in 2015)
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- History of Ryukyu-Melaka Relations (Co-Investigator - Completed in 2017)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Associate, SASS, Monash University (Malaysia Campus), Semester 2 (July 25 – October 21, 2016)

- ❖ Course Code and Title: AMU 3630 — Governing the Global Economy: Stability, Efficiency, Justice
- Conducting 3 tutorial sessions/week for 10 weeks (1 hour per tutorial)
- Guest lecturing on *China as a New Global Hegemon?* for Topic 11 Lecture
- Assessing students' attendance and participation in classes (15% of total marks)
- Providing 1-hour consultation session/week (total 13 weeks) for students on teaching materials, assignment matters and final examination questions