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## EDUCATION

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**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
Ph.D. Student in Political Science

Degree in Progress

**University of California, Berkeley**  
B.A in Political Science; Minor in History

2020

## POLICY RESEARCH PROJECTS

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*I participated in the following policy research projects, all of which were led by Dr. Saowaruj Rattanakhamfu, Research Director at the Thailand Development Research Institute.*

แผนพัฒนาอุตสาหกรรมสร้างสรรค์กลุ่ม บริการสร้างสรรค์(การโฆษณา การออกแบบ และการบริการด้านสถาปัตยกรรม) และกลุ่มสินค้าสร้างสรรค์ (แฟชั่น) [Creative industry development plan for the creative services (advertising, design, and architecture) and creative products (fashion)], 2022. Funded by the Creative Economy Agency (CEA).

โครงการการจัดซื้อจัดจ้างภาครัฐเพื่อสนับสนุนนวัตกรรมผ่านมาตรการบัญชีนวัตกรรมไทย [Supporting public procurement for innovation through Thailand's Innovation Catalog], 2021-22. Funded by the Office of National Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO).

การปรับโครงสร้างแรงงานสร้างสรรค์ในอุตสาหกรรมสร้างสรรค์ของไทยในยุคหลังโควิด-19 [Restructuring of creative labor in the Thai creative industries in the post-Covid-19 era], 2021-22. Funded by the Program Management Unit for National Competitiveness Enhancement (PMUC).

การออกแบบกลไก กระบวนการทำงาน และการจัดสรรทรัพยากรในระบบวิทยาศาสตร์ วิจัยและนวัตกรรม [Designing mechanisms, working processes and resource management systems in Thailand's science, research and innovation ecosystem], 2021. Funded by the Office of National Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO).

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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**Council on Thai Studies:** Best Undergraduate Paper Prize (2020).

**John Quincy Adams Society:** Honorable Mention in Student Foreign Policy Essay Competition (2019). Topic: US - China conflict.

## NON PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PIECES

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[“What’s in a Thai Cabinet?”](#) *Thai Data Points*, December 9 2020.

## ANALYSIS

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[“Has time run out for Thailand’s prime minister?”](#) *Washington Post (The Monkey Cage)*, September 9th, 2022.

[“New Bangkok Governor challenges government’s grip on power,”](#) *East Asia Forum*, July 15, 2022.

[“Hierarchy Is What States Make Of It,”](#) *Realist Review*, April 26 2019.

## SELECTED OP-EDS

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### *Thai domestic politics:*

[“What is stopping us from having an economy based on innovation and invention?”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

[“Clan politics is bad for democracy,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, March 24, 2022.

[“The decay of Palang Pracharath,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, February 2, 2022.

[“Bureaucratic system must move faster to tackle Covid crisis,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, July 29, 2021.

[“Constitutional reform efforts staring at a dead end,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, March 27, 2021.

[“Four takeaways from Thailand’s 2020 local elections,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, December 22, 2020.

[“Thai education needs reform. We can start with how we teach history,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, July 17, 2020.

[“Building broad support for constitutional reform,”](#) *Bangkok Post*, October 23, 2019.

[“Democratic system more than just the popular vote,”](#) *Bangkok Post*, March 30, 2019.

### *International politics*

[“Thailand in the age of deglobalization and great power competition,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, June 28, 2022.

[“Japan’s upcoming political succession, explained,”](#) *Thai Enquirer*, September 6, 2021.

[“US-China relations beyond 2020,”](#) *Bangkok Post*, August 5, 2019.

[“Shinzo Abe’s constitution dream,”](#) *Bangkok Post*, July 8, 2019.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Thailand Development Research Institute**

*Researcher*

**Bangkok, Thailand**

February 2021 – June 2022

- Conducted literature reviews and produced best practice guidelines for projects on the creative industries and public procurement for innovation in the medical field
- Organized and conducted interviews with a variety of stakeholders including bureaucrats and business owners both in provincial fieldwork and online
- Analyzed COVID-19 situation in Thailand and assisted in producing policy recommendations on public health investment and border reopening

### **Bangkok Post**

*Intern*

**Bangkok, Thailand**

June – July 2019

- Wrote for the Bangkok Post's Asia Focus section, focusing on the Asia-Pacific region
- Identified article topics, conducted research, covered conferences and interviewed experts for 9 feature pieces and 2 political commentaries

## LANGUAGES

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Thai (native language), English (quasi-native fluency), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate proficiency), Japanese (basic proficiency).