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ABOUT ME

Ph.D. holder with a Marie Curie Fellowship, specialising in China's early engagement with Western International law. Currently working on my first monograph, 'Robert Hart and Sino-Foreign Disputes in Qing China, 1863-1908: Negotiating Sovereignty' (to be published by Palgrave Macmillan).

WORK EXPERIENCE

[02/2024 – 06/2024]

History Lecturer

University of Crete

City: Crete

Country: Greece

Teaching BA classes on:

- Sino-Western relations from the late 19th to the early 20th centuries.
- Examining China and Japan through the Western perspective.

[09/2018 – 06/2023]

PhD

Queen's University Belfast

City: Belfast

Country: United Kingdom

My doctorate at Queen's University Belfast, funded by a Marie Curie SPaRK Fellowship, focused on China's engagement with Western international law in the late nineteenth century. The research places the interactions of late Qing political leaders with the concepts of Western international law and jurisdictional politics in the context of nineteenth-century international relations, examining competing and conflicting ideas of sovereignty, and contributes to our understanding of evolving international law frameworks in the context of Western imperial expansion, nineteenth-century globalisation, and incipient multilateral structures.

[08/2020 – 09/2021]

University teaching assistant

Queen's University Belfast

City: Belfast

Country: United Kingdom

Leading BA seminars on the Holocaust, the Partition of India, the Crusades, Witch-hunting, the Rwandan Genocide.

Tasks:

- **Leading Seminars:** I facilitated discussions on topics covered in the week's lectures, encouraging active participation from students.
- **Grading Assignments:** I was responsible for assessing and grading assignments submitted by students.
- **Assisting Students:** I played a vital role in providing assistance to students, both inside and outside the classroom. This involved addressing questions, clarifying concepts, and offering additional support to ensure that students grasped the material effectively.
- **Facilitating Discussions:** I led discussions on various history topics, fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment. Topics ranged from the partition of

India and witch-hunting in the medieval period to the genocide in Rwanda, the Crusades, and the Holocaust.

- **Promoting a Positive Learning Environment:** I actively worked to create a positive and inclusive learning environment. This involved fostering open communication, encouraging diverse perspectives, and promoting a culture of mutual respect among students.

Historical Document Transcription

Freelance

As a transcriptionist of handwritten historical manuscripts from the 19th and early 20th centuries, my task is to convert these documents into digital or typewritten formats. I decipher and transcribe the content, dealing with unique handwriting styles and language nuances of that era. To date, I have closely collaborated with professors in the History Department of Academia Sinica in Taiwan.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[09/2018 – 06/2023]

PhD

Queen's University Belfast

City: Belfast

Country: United Kingdom

[01/2015 – 01/2017]

Master's Degree in Politics, Society and Economy of Asia

Leiden University

City: Leiden

Country: Netherlands

Field(s) of study: Politics, Society and Economy of Asia

Thesis: Mimetic isomorphism in Meiji Japan and late Qing China

My MA dissertation at Leiden argued that the homogenization of police practices in nineteenth-century Tokyo, Beijing and Hong Kong served the Western notion of police as a "civilizing" instrument.

[09/2006 – 02/2012]

Bachelor's Degree

University of Crete

Country: Greece

Field(s) of study: Political Sciences

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Greek

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

French

LISTENING B1 READING C1 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Chinese

LISTENING A2 READING B1 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

PUBLICATIONS

[2025]

Robert Hart and Sino-Foreign Disputes in Qing China, 1863-1908: Negotiating Sovereignty (Work in Progress)

Reference: Palgrave Macmillan

The monograph that I am currently working on seeks to examine the contributions made by Robert Hart (Inspector General of Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs) to the introduction of Western forms of international law to China, and how China was brought into the developing international system in the final fifty years of the Qing Dynasty. The book is expected to be published in 2025 by Palgrave Macmillan.

[2023] **'Formosa is ours': Robert Hart's role in the 1874 Taiwan crisis**

Reference: Taiwan Historical Research journal

*to be published in March 2024

[2023]

'Extraterritorial law as a colonial structure: Sir Robert Hart and his independence from British legal authorities in China (1870-1873)'

Reference: Robert Hart Project Working Papers

HONOURS AND AWARDS

[2016] **Marie Curie PhD Fellowship Awarding institution:** Queen's University Belfast

[07/2019] **2019 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (2019^{5B74} ^{838A65735B91}) Awarding institution:** Taipei Representative Office in Greece (⁸⁵⁶⁸²⁷⁷⁵⁸⁸⁸⁵)

[12/2023] **SWAN post-viva support scheme Awarding institution:** Queen's University Belfast

[03/2022] **PhD Completion Bursaries in Chinese Studies Awarding institution:** Universities' China Committee in London

RECOMMENDATIONS

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