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APPOINTMENTS	Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of Law Assistant Professor University of Tokyo Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2025-Present 2023-2025
EDUCATION	Australian National University PhD (International Relations) LLB (Hons 1) BIR (Hons 1; LF Crisp Memorial Prize)	2023 2017 2016
AFFILIATIONS	University of Tokyo Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology Visiting Researcher	2025-Present
ARTICLES	[10] Sanction-busting Shoppers? Consumer Boycotts and the Impact of Economic Sanctions, <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> , accepted (w/ C Lai) [9] Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Not: China and Russia's Implementation of Economic Sanctions, <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i> (2025) 10:3 [8] Between Market and State: The Evolution of Australia's Economic Statecraft, <i>The Pacific Review</i> (2023) 36:5 (w/ D Lim, B Herscovitch) [7] Market Adjustments to Import Sanctions: Lessons from Chinese Restrictions on Australian Trade, 2020-21, <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> (2023) 30:4 (w/ S Waldron, D Lim) - Featured in The Australian , Lowy Institute Interpreter [6] Economic Lawfare: The Logic and Dynamics of Using Law to Exercise Economic Power, <i>International Studies Review</i> (2022) 24:3 - Featured in Daniel Drezner's Economic Statecraft syllabus [5] Informal Economic Sanctions: The Political Economy of Chinese Coercion during the THAAD Dispute, <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> (2022) 29:5 (w/ D Lim) [4] Outbound Tourism as an Instrument of Chinese Economic Statecraft, <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> (2020) 29:3 (w/ D Lim, R Bishop) [3] Toward a Geoeconomic World Order in International Trade and Investment, <i>Journal of International Economic Law</i> (2019) 22:4 (w/ A Roberts, HC Moraes) - Featured in <i>JIEL's</i> Highly Cited Articles collection [2] Power in Australian Foreign Policy, <i>Australian Journal of International Affairs</i> (2018) 72:4 (w/ D Lim) [1] Speaking with One Voice: Explaining Coherence in EU External Energy Security Policy, <i>European Foreign Affairs Review</i> (2018) 23:4	

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [7] Japan's Responses to Economic Coercion, in *Handbook on Japan's Economic Security Policy*, edited by A Kuno, T Kawase & K Suzuki. Routledge, forthcoming 2027 (w/ K Vekasi)
- [6] Geopolitical Rivalry and Global Trade Law, in *Cambridge Companion to World Trade Law*, edited by J Trachtman & C Lim. Cambridge University Press, 2026 (w/ A Roberts, HC Moraes, D Lim)
- [5] Ending Economic Sanctions: The Role of Chinese Industry Associations in the Removal of Barriers on Australian Barley and Wine, in *China Story Yearbook 2023: China's New Era*, edited by AL Ren & B Hillman. ANU Press, 2024 (w/ S Waldron, D Lim)
- [4] Australia's Reassessment of Economic Interdependence with China, in *Strategic Asia 2023-2024: Reshaping Economic Interdependence in the Indo-Pacific*, edited by AJ Tellis, A Szalwinski, M Wills. National Bureau of Asian Research, 2023 (w/ D Lim, B Herscovitch)
- [3] Economic Power and Vulnerability in Sino-Australian Relations, in *China Story Yearbook 2020*, edited by L Jaivin, J Golley & S Strange. ANU Press, 2021 (w/ D Lim)
- [2] Conscious Decoupling: The Technology Security Dilemma, in *China Story Yearbook 2019*, edited by J Golley & L Jaivin. ANU Press, 2020 (w/ D Lim)
- [1] Power in Chinese Foreign Policy, in *China Story Yearbook 2018*, edited by J Golley & L Jaivin. ANU Press, 2019 (w/ D Lim)

SELECTED POLICY ANALYSIS

- China Revives Economic Coercion to Punish Japan, *The Wall Street Journal*, 30 November 2025 (w/ A Wong) [\[English\]](#) / [日本語](#)
- China's sudden Japan trade ban is a stark warning for Australian businesses, *The Australian*, 26 November 2025 (w/ D Lim)
- The Old Logic Behind China's New Economic Weapons, *The Washington Quarterly* (2025) 48:3 (w/ V Bohman, A Wong)
- Featured in [The Washington Post](#), [Trade War Lab](#)
- Pressure on the Periphery? China's Economic Coercion in the Borderlands, *National Bureau of Asian Research*, 5 November 2025 (w/ V Bohman, A Wong)
- Securitising Trade, *East Asia Forum Quarterly* (2025) 17:3 (w/ V Bohman, D Lim)
- China's Elastic Export Controls, *The Wire China*, 13 July 2025 (w/ A Wong, V Bohman)
- China's sanctions gambit: Formal and informal economic coercion in the second trade war, *Swedish National China Centre*, 18 June 2025 (w/ V Bohman, A Wong)
- Featured in [The Economist](#)
- Yesterday's stick, today's carrot? China's removal of the Japan seafood ban, *Lowy Institute Interpreter*, 26 September 2024 (w/ D Lim)
- Consumer Boycotts and Supply Chain Diplomacy: Japan's Responses to China's Seafood Ban, *Asan Forum*, 12 September 2024 (w/ A Igata)
- When Does China Terminate Sanctions? Lessons From the Case of Australian Barley, *The China Story*, 1 November 2023 (w/ S Waldron, D Lim)
- "Play defence" in any collective response to China's economic coercion, *Lowy Institute Interpreter*, 9 May 2023 (w/ V Bohman)
- Exploring the Domestic Foundations of Chinese Economic Sanctions: The Case of Australia, *Jamestown China Brief* (2022) 22:18 (w/ S Waldron, D Lim)

A collective approach to countering Chinese economic bullying may be Australia's best option, *The Guardian*, 28 November 2020 (w/ D Lim)

China sours on Australia's wine, *Lowy Institute Interpreter*, 1 September 2020

China's 'Boycott Diplomacy' Over Calls for Coronavirus Inquiry Could Harm Australian Exporters, *ABC News*, 29 April 2020 (w/ D Lim)

Chinese Economic Coercion during the THAAD Dispute, *Asian Forum* 8:1 (2020) (w/ D Lim)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Rallying-'round-the-Product? Consumer Responses to Economic Sanctions (w/ NU Demir), **Under Review**

- Presented at ISA 2025, APSA 2025, PIPCOSS (October 2025)

Indexing Sanctions: Chinese Public Opinion and Target State Perceptions of China's Sanction Threats (w/ A Chubb), **Under Review**

- Presented at ISA 2025

Consumers as Commercial Shields: Japanese Responses to China's Seafood Ban (w/ NU Demir), **Under Review**

- Presented at ISA Virtual 2025, scheduled to present MPSA 2026; APSA 2026

Mapping Economic Security Cooperation: The Economic Security Agreements (ECOSA) Dataset (w/ V Bohman), **In Preparation**

- Presented at ISA 2024, ISA 2025

Disasters and Inequality: Elite Capture of Post-Disaster Reconstruction (w/ X Nong), **In Preparation**

- Presented at JSQPS 2026

Words Before Deeds: State Media Rhetoric and China's Use of Economic Sanctions (w/ MP Robertson, A Chubb), **In Preparation**

- Scheduled to present at PIPCOSS (June 2026)

Rigging the Market? Commodity Price Manipulation as an Instrument of Economic Statecraft (w/ E Hayes, D Lim), **In Preparation**

- Presented at OCIS 2025

More Economic Sanctions by Non-Democracies: The Authoritarian Economic Sanctions Dataset (w/ V Fraile del Álamo), **In Preparation**

- Presented at OCIS 2025

State Signaling and Boycott Mobilization in China (w/ A Chubb, J Ko), **In Preparation**

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

Convenor

China's Economic Statecraft and Political Consumerism [Special Issue Workshop], Australian Centre on China in the World, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 15-16 December 2025 (co-convened with D Chan)

States, Firms and Geoeconomic Agency: The Role of Private Business in Contemporary Economic Statecraft and Security [Special Issue Workshop], University of Tokyo, Komaba, Japan, 13-14 June 2024 (co-convened with Finnish Institute of International Affairs)

Junior Scholars of Economic Statecraft and International Security in Japan [Workshop], University of Tokyo, Komaba, Japan, 29 March 2024 (co-convened with NU Demir)

Participant

‘Economic Security Lessons from Recent Tensions in Japan-China Relations’, talk delivered at Institute for Global Governance Research, Hitotsubashi University, Japan, 27 March 2026.

‘Rallying-‘round-the-Product? Consumer Responses to Economic Sanctions’, paper presented at Pacific International Politics Conference Speaker Series ([PIPCOSS](#)), 17 October 2025.

‘Emerging International Research on the Law and Politics of Economic Security’, moderator of brownbag seminar with T Ellemann, M Shimizu, T Cichanowicz and H Miura, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Japan, 28 July 2025

‘Sanction-busting Shoppers? Consumer Buycotts and the Impact of Economic Sanctions’, paper presented at World Congress of Taiwan Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 22 May 2025

‘Indexing Sanctions: Chinese Public Opinion and Target Perceptions of China’s Economic Threats’, paper presented at ISA Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, 4 March 2025

‘Rallying-‘round-the-Product? Consumer Responses to Economic Sanctions in Taiwan’, paper presented at ISA Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, 4 March 2025

Varieties of Economic Statecraft and ‘Economic Security States’, discussant on panel at ISA Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, 4 March 2025

‘Responses to a rising China: Security implications for the Indo-Pacific’, moderator of panel with L Zhang and A Roth, Swedish National China Centre Symposium, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Japan, 22 November 2024

‘Goeconomics in the Ivory Tower: Updating University Curricula’, chair of roundtable with D Copeland, S Bauerle Danzman, M Hesserus, M Hennenberg and N McDonagh, Helsinki Goeconomics Week, Helsinki, Finland, 15 August 2024

‘The Logic(s) of Goeconomic Cooperation’, paper presented at ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA, 5 April 2024

Economic Statecraft and International Security, discussant on panel at ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA, 5 April 2024

‘Mapping International Economic Security Cooperation: Partners, Forms, and Implications’, paper presented at ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA, 5 April 2024

‘Sanction-busting Shoppers? When and How Consumers Mediate the Impact of Economic Sanctions’, paper presented at ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA, 5 April 2024

‘Perspectives from Australia, New Zealand and South Korea’, remarks for Roundtable on Emerging Economic Security Challenges, NATO-Japan Symposium 2023: Emerging Security Challenges, University of Tokyo, Hongo, Japan, 13 November 2023

‘Reconciling Economic Security Initiatives with International Economic Law’, paper presented at Workshop on Economic Security and Strategic Trade Management in the Indo-Pacific, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 28 October 2023

‘The Securitization of the Economy in the Indo-Pacific’, roundtable with K Vekasi, R Mukherjee, A Igata and K Govella, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Boston, USA, 17 March 2023

‘Liberal Economic Statecraft in a Realist World: Australia’s Attempt to Balance Economics and Security’ (w/ B Herscovitch and D Lim), paper presented at Pacific Review-RSIS Workshop, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 7-8 June 2022

‘The Economic Statecraft of Great Powers: China (vis-à-vis the U.S.)’, paper presented at Economic Statecraft in the Indo-Pacific Workshop, Centre for Rule-making Strategies, Tama University, Tokyo, Japan, 27 May 2019

‘Economic Lawfare: Conceptualizing the Weaponization of Institutions that Regulate International Commerce’, paper presented at Geoeconomics and the Future of Globalization Workshop, Cato Institute, Washington D.C., USA, 26 March 2019

‘The Political Economy of (Informal) Economic Sanctions: Insights from China’s Response to THAAD in South Korea’ (w/ D Lim), paper presented at GRADNAS International Workshop on Asian Security Research, University of Southern California, Nanyang Technological University and Australian National University, 8-9 November 2018

TEACHING

Instructor:

Power in World Politics, Hitotsubashi (Undergraduate, 2026)

Economic Security, Hitotsubashi (Graduate and Undergraduate; 2025, 2026)

Teaching Assistant:

Geoeconomics and National Security, ANU (Graduate; 2020, 2021)

Power and Influence in World Politics, ANU (Undergraduate; 2017, 2018, 2019)

International Organization in World Politics, ANU (Undergraduate; 2017, 2018)

SUPERVISION

PhD Committees:

V Fraile del Álamo (ANU, 2025 – Present; Topic: National Styles of Economic Coercion)

WB Colnaghi (ANU, 2025 – Present; Topic: National Security Industrial Policy)

E Hayes (ANU, 2026 – Present; Topic: Market Structure and Supply Chain Security)

SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Law & Geoeconomics* (2023 – Present)

Peer Review (*Business & Politics; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Chinese Political Science Review; East Asian Bureau of Economic Research; Global Constitutionalism; International Interactions; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Global Security Studies*)

REFEREES

Available upon request