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### **RESEARCH INTEREST**

Digital Anthropology, Digital Activism, Data Politics;  
Surveillance, Mis/Disinformation, Fact-checking;  
Critical Data Studies, Science and Technology Studies; Taiwan, China, East Asia.

### **CURRENT POSITION**

2022-      **Assistant Research Fellow**, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

### **PAST POSITION**

2021-22    **Postdoc Researcher**, Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Science,  
National Taiwan University & Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan

### **EDUCATION**

**PHD**      **University of California-Davis**, Anthropology, December 2020.  
Dissertation: The “Nobody” Movement: Digital Activism and the Uprising of Civic Hackers in Taiwan  
Committee: Li Zhang (chair), Kriss Ravetto-Biagioli, Alan Klima, Tarek Elhaik

**M.Phil**    **University of Cambridge**, Social Anthropology, 2010  
Thesis: *Ling* and Popular Religion in Taiwan: A Case Study of Lungshan Temple in Taipei.  
Advisors: Sara Shneiderman, Hildegard Diemberger

**B.A.**      **National Taiwan University**, 2008  
Major in Anthropology, minor in History

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Lee, M. (accepted). “When Ethnography Meets Posthuman: Assemblage and Care in Digital Fieldwork” (當民族誌遇到後人類：數位田野中的拼裝與關照). *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology*. (TSSCI)
- Lee, M. (2024). Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourced Facts and Intergenerational Care in Posttruth Taiwan. *Current Anthropology* 65(4):653-673. (SSCI)
- Lee, M. (2024). Memes of Care: Good Morning Images and Digital Care among Older People in Taiwan. *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 18(3):311-333.(SSCI)
- Lee, M. (2022). Assembling Civic Technologies: Hackers, Netizens, and Data Activism” (拼裝公民科技：黑客、鄉民、與資料行動主義). *Taiwanese Journal for Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine* 35:115-166.(《科技、醫療、與社會》). (TSSCI)
- Lee, M. (2020). ‘Free the Data from the Birdcage’: Opening Up Data and Crowdsourcing Activism in Taiwan. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 43(2):247-261. (SSCI)
- Wang, A. H., M. Lee, M. Wu, and P. Shen (2020). Influencing Overseas Chinese by Tweets: Text-Images as the Key Tactic of Chinese Propaganda. *Journal of Computational Social Science* 3(2): 469–486.
- Lee, M. (2015). Occupy On Air: Transparency and Surveillance in Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement. *Anthropology Now* 7(3):32-41.

### **BOOK SECTIONS**

- Lee, M. (2025). Digital Fieldwork (數位田野). In *Basics for Fieldwork Research Vol. 2* (田野敲門2：調查研究再進攻). Edited by Po-Yi Hung and Huai-Hsuan Chen. Pp. 53-85. Taipei: NTU Press.
- Lee, M. (2021). ‘As Well as Possible’: The Taiwan Model in the COVID-19 Pandemic (有人情味的防疫科技：一趟跨境隔離之旅的隨想筆記). In *GUAVA Anthropology 2* (芭樂人類學2). Edited by Hao-Li Lin and En-Chieh Chao.

### **RESEARCH REPORT**

- Lee, M. (2023). Civic Tech Collaborations in Taiwan. In *Examples of Collaboration between Civic Tech Communities and Governments Around the World*, pp. 9-13. Taipei: Global Innovation Hub, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.
- Lee, M., and P. Tseng (2017). *Taiwan Open Government Report 2014-2016* (台灣開放政府觀察報告 2014-16). Taipei: Open Culture Foundation.

### **EDITORIAL WORK**

- Lee, M. (2020). Digital Politics (virtual edition). *PoLAR Online*.

## BOOK REVIEW

Lee, M. (2023). Alan Klima: Ethnography #9. *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology* 21(1):172-175.

## TRANSLATION WORK

Lee, M. (2009). Legal Pluralism in Pacific Island Societies (太平洋島嶼社會的法律多元主義). In *Our Sea of the Islands*. Edited by Yuan-chao Tung. Taipei: Commercial Press.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lee, M. (2024). An Imperfect Field (Worker) and Her Otherwise Alliances (不完美的田野/工作者，和她的另類結盟). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 12/30/2024.

Lee, M. (2024). Blue Bird Action and the Multi-Centers of the Mass Protest (青鳥行動與類佔領的多中心). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 05/27/2024.

Lee, M. (2023). I co-wrote a cautionary article on AI with ChatGPT. (我和 ChatGPT 合寫了一篇 AI 警世文). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 02/28/2024.

Lee, M. (2023). Blue Bird Action and the Multi-Centers of Quasi-Occupy (混種、賽伯格、後人類：從他者出發的政治倫理). *Modern Art* no.208, page 22-27.

Lee, M. (2022). Network of Outrage and Hope in Russia-Ukraine War (俄烏戰爭中憤怒與希望的網絡). *STS Handoru*, 03/07/2022.

Lee, M. (2022). Haunted by Ethnography (當民族誌鬼話連篇). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 02/14/2022.

Lee, M. (2021). Ghost Workers in AI (人工智慧裡的幽靈勞工). *STS Handoru*, 11/26/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). Pandemic Technologies and Citizens Actions (救災的科技，行動的公民：疫情下公民的協作與自救). *Street Corner Sociology*, 11/30/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). Cat Memes: Internet's LOLcat Culture (貓迷因：宅宇宙的LOLcat文化). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 09/13/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). From Y2K to Infodemic (從千禧末日到假訊息大流行). *STS Handoru*, 08/10/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). 'As Well As Possible': The Dance between Technology and Care in Taiwan's Pandemic Prevention (「這樣也很好」：照護與科技防疫的共舞). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 03/08/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). After e-ID Paused, How Far Are We From 'Digital State' (從被迫喊卡的數位身分證政策，看台灣與「數位國家」的距離). *The Reporter*, 1/27/2021.

Lee, M. (2021). How Estonia Builds the Most Successful Digital Society in the World (連「政府」都備份好了！愛沙尼亞如何打造世界最成功的數位社會？). *The Reporter*, 1/27/2021.

- Lee, M. (2020). Digital Politics: Opportunities and Perils of a Technological Future. In Digital Politics. *PoLAR Online*, 03/19/2020.
- Lee, M. (2018). ‘What’s Next after Openness?’ The Post-Movement Reflection on the g0v Summit (「開放了？然後咧！」當 g0v 零時政府走入後運動的冷卻期). *g0v News*, 10/14/2018.
- Lee, M. (2017). Save the Internet! Read the Draft of Broadcast Law Amendments” (自己的網路自己救：看懂數位匯流修法背後疑點). *g0v News*, 02/26/2017.
- Lee, M. (2015). Occupy between Surveillance and Transparency.” *Anthropology News*, 03/26/2015.

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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|---------|---|
| 2021    | Merit Award for Doctoral Dissertation, Taiwan STS Association     |
| 2020    | Graduate Student Paper Prize, Society for East Asian Anthropology |
| 2018~19 | Provost’s Dissertation Year Fellowships, UC Davis                 |
| 2018-19 | Dissertation Fellowships, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (declined)  |
| 2017    | CIAC Grant, Association for Asian Studies                         |
| 2017    | Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation              |

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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| 2024-11 | Apolitical Facts and Affective Connection. The Hidden and Revealed, the Fake and the Real Conference. Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan.   |
| 2024-04 | Facing the Ocean: Decolonizing Civic Tech in an East Asian Archipelago of Activism. The 2024 Geography Conference. Taipei, Taiwan.   |
| 2023-07 | Rumorscape in Taiwan. Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference. Ahmadebad, India.  |
| 2023-05 | Facing the Ocean: Decolonizing Civic Tech in an East Asian Archipelago of Activism. In The International Geographical Union (IGU) Thematic Conference. Japan, Osaka. Co-first authored with Sam Robbins. |
| 2022-11 | Memes of Care: Good Morning Images and Digital Care among Older People in Taiwan.” In the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Online.   |
| 2022-09 | Doing Posthuman Ethnography: Digital Bodies, Infrastructure, and Care in the Field. Conference of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology. Kaohsiung, Taiwan.                                  |
| 2022-09 | Memes of Care: Good Morning Images and Digital Care among Older People in Taiwan.” Taiwan Studies of Science, Technology and Society Annual Meeting. Hualien, Taiwan.                                    |

- 2021-08 “Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in Post-Truth Taiwan.” Taiwan Studies of Science, Technology and Society Annual Meeting. Online.
- 2018-11 “Checking Fact by a Bot: ‘Fake News’ and the Intergeneration Conflicts in Taiwan.” The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, USA.
- 2018-09 “‘Free the Data from Birdcage’: Transcoding Data and Crowdsourcing Activism in Taiwan.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Sydney, Australia.
- 2018-04 “Contesting Openness, Making Politics: The Uprising of Civic Hackers in Post-Authoritarian Taiwan.” Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Modern Chinese Humanities. Berkeley, USA.
- 2017-10 “The Uprising of Taiwan Hackers: Digital Activism and Its Hope, Challenge and Crisis.” 2017 Annual Conference of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017-09 “Findings of the Taiwan Open Government Report.” Presented with Po-yu Tseng. The Impacts of Civic Technology Conference. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017-03 “Technologies of Openness: How Civic Hackers Transcode Openness in Taiwan.” Taiwan Studies of Science, Technology and Society Annual Meeting. Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 2015-10 “Big Citizen Is Watching You: How Digital Images Reframe Civil Society in Taiwan.” The Image Conference. Berkeley, USA.
- 2015-06 “Journalism 2.0: A War of Media in Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement.” The Tenth Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. Split, Croatia.

## **INVITED TALKS, FORUMS & WORKSHOPS**

- 2024-12 Killer Robots, Drones, and the Life and/or Death of Humanity. Asian Theories Network Workshop. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2024-08 Digital Politics and Posthuman Ethnography. Fembooks. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2024-07 Technology and Society. NTU Sociology Summer Camp. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2024-05 Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in the Rumorscape of Taiwan. Taiwan in the World Lecture. University of California, Los Angeles. Online
- 2024-05 Rumorscape: Rumors and Where to Find Them in Taiwan. National Cheng Kung University. Online
- 2023-10 Civic Tech Collaborations in Taiwan. Hacking Democracy Conference. Taipei and Online.
- 2023-09 Opening forum for War? Anthropology! Conference of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology. Taipei, Taiwan.

- 2023-09 Academic Parenting. Conference of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2023-08 Participant Observation in Digital Ethnography. Anthropology Camp. Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica.
- 2023-05 How Anthropology Collaborates with AI: Opportunities, Challenges, and Risks. Public AI Workshop. Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica.
- 2023-04 Digital Ethnography. Taiwan Research Program. National Tsing Hua University. Online.
- 2023-01 Drone Warfare and Posthuman Bodies. Anthropological Studies on Ontology Research Group. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2022-12 “From Decentralization to Polycenters: The Governance and Friction of Digital Communities.” Institute of Science, Technology and Society, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2022-12 “Reading Data selves.” Shackleton Study Group. The Department of Geography at National Taiwan University. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2022-10 “Hacking Democracy with Open Technologies: Civic Hacking and Digital Activism in Taiwan”. The International Master's Program in International Communication Studies. National Chengchi University. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2022-09 “The Love, Truth, and Heartbroken in Fieldwork.” World Interaction Design Day 2022 IxDD Fundamentals and Perspectives. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2022-06 “Open Movements: From Transparency to Collaboration.” Active Youth Program. National Democratic Institute. Online
- 2022-03 “Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in Post-Truth Taiwan.” Department of Anthropology, National Taiwan University. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2021-11 “Pandemic Learnings.” Innovation 4 Democracy Conference. Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom. Online.
- 2021-11 “Digital Ethnography.” Department of Anthropology, National Sun Yat-sen University. Online. Online.
- 2021-10 “Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in Post-Truth Taiwan.” Institute of Anthropology. National Tsing Hua University.
- 2021-09 “How Civic Tech Fights COVID-19 and Infodemic: Taiwan's Case.” Sigur Center for Asian Studies, The George Washington University. Online.
- 2021-08 “Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in Post-Truth Taiwan.” Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, Ministry of Science and Technology. Online
- 2021-05 Remote Together: Tips and Technologies for Remote Instruction. Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, Ministry of Science and Technology. Online
- 2021-03 The “Nobody” Movement: Hackers, Netizens, and Data Activism. Department of Sociology, Fu Jen Catholic University. Taipei, Taiwan.

- 2021-03    The “Nobody” Movement: Hackers, Netizens, and Data Activism. Department of Anthropology, National Taiwan University. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2020-06    The “Nobody” Movement: Inside Taiwan's Digital Democracy. The RadicalxChange Annual Conference. Online.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2024-        **Board of Director Member**, Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology
- 2023-        **Board of Director Member**, North American Taiwan Studies Association
- 2022-23     **Deputy Secretary-General**, Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology
- 2021-23     **Assistant Editor**, STS Handoru.
- 2019-21     **Assistant Editor**, Big Data & Society
- 2019-20     **Digital Editorial Fellow**, PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review
- 2020        **Associate Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, UC Davis

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES**

- 2020-21     **Writer**, The Reporter, Taiwan
- 2017-18     **Writer**, g0v news, Taiwan
- 2016-17     **Researcher and Event Coordinator**, Open Culture Foundation, Taiwan
- 2011-13     **TV Travel Show Programmer**, Sanlih E-Television, Taiwan
- 2010-11     **Project Manager**, AU Optronics, Taiwan

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
Society for East Asian Anthropology  
Society for Social Studies of Science  
Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology  
Taiwan Science, Technology & Society Association

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in **English**, and native in **Mandarin & Minnan (Taiwanese)**.