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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

BOOK

Lee, M. (2025). The NOBODY Movement: Civic Hackers and Digital Activism in Taiwan (「沒有人」的運動：黑客、鄉民、與g0v零時政府的數位行動主義). Taipei: SpringHill Publishing.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Lee, M. (2025). “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* 23(1): 9-44. (TSSCI).
- Lee, M. (2025). “Introduction to Ethnography @ the Digital Age: Entangled Fields and Ethics” (導論 民族誌@數位時代：糾纏的田野與倫理). *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology* 23(1): 1-8. (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. and Eric Siu-kei Cheng eds. (2025). *Ethnography @ the Digital Age: Entangled Fields and Ethics*. *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology*. (TSSCI)

Lee, M. ed. (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. (2025) Patchwork Academic Life: When Academia Meet Parenting. (拼布人生：學術與親職的交織旅程). *Anthropology Vision* 35:27-35.

Lee, M. (2025) The Afterlife of Data: How We Live with Digital Dead (雲端亡魂：我們如何與數位死者共存). *GUAVA Anthropology*, 6/3/2025.

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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| 2025 | Wang Yuh-Fong Memorial Award, Taiwan STS Association |
| 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 |

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2025/12- | Cover Curating Team , East Asian Science, Technology and Society |
| 2025/03- | Editorial Board Member , <i>Taiwanese Journal for Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine</i> |
| 2023/10- | Board of Director Member , Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology |
| 2023/05- | Board of Director Member , North American Taiwan Studies Association |
| 2022-23 | Deputy Secretary-General , Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology |
| 2021-23 | Assistant Editor , <i>STS Handoru</i> . |

- 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)**.