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Education

Ph.D., National Cheng-chi University, Asia-Pacific Studies, 2016

Ph.D., Tamkang University, American Studies, 2010

M.A., National Cheng-chi University, National Security and China Studies, 2006

M.A., National Cheng-chi University, Public Administration, 2004

M.A., National Defense University, Foreign Language & Literature, 1998

Employment

2015-2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2010-2015 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National Defense University

2009-2015 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of English, Tamkang University

2006-2008 Colonel, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Ministry of National Defense

2001-2006 Lt. Colonel, Intelligence Analyst, Ministry of National Defense

Courses Taught

International Politics

Comparative Politics

Chinese Politics

East Asian Affairs (Graduate-level class)

Southeast Asian Affairs

South Asian Affairs

Non-Western Studies

US-China-Taiwan Relations (Undergraduate-level class)

US-China-Taiwan Relations (Graduate-level class)

China's Participation in Regional Organization (Graduate-level class)

Dissertations and Theses

Sun, Shao-cheng, China's Cultural Soft Power in the United States: A Case Study of Twelve Confucius Institutes (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, Ph.D. Dissertation, 2016)

Sun, Shao-cheng, The U.S. Government Decision-Making Process of 1958 Taiwan Strait Crisis (Taipei: Tamkang University, Ph.D. Dissertation, 2010)

Sun, Shao-cheng, The United States and China's Military Relations: Carter to Bush Administrations (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, MA Thesis, 2006)

Sun, Shao-cheng, Institutionalization and political succession in China: 1978-2004 (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, MA Thesis, 2004)

Sun, Shao-cheng, A Study on the U.S. Military Security Commitments to the ROC (1949-1998) (Taipei: National Defense University, MA Thesis, 1998)

Book Chapter

Sun, Shao-cheng, "Confucius Institute in the United States," From Missionary Education to Confucius Institutes: Historical Reflections on Sino-American Educational Exchange Monday (Under review)

Peer Review Journal Articles

Sun, Shao-cheng, "Biden's Taiwan Policy under the Mounting China Threat," Defense Security Brief (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, June 2021, Vol. 10, Issue 1).

Sun, Shao-cheng, "Confucius Institutes: China's Cultural Soft Power Strategy," Journal of Culture and Values in Education (Under review).

Sun, Shao-Cheng, "The U.S. National Security Council Decision-making Process during the 1958 Taiwan Strait Crisis: Debate and Compromise,"

National Defense Magazine (Taipei: National Defense University, June 2011, Vol. 26, No. 3).

Sun, Shao-Cheng, "The Decision-making Process of the U.S. State Department and Department of Defense during the 1958 Taiwan Strait Crisis," National Defense Magazine (Taipei: National Defense University, October 2010, Vol. 25, No. 6).

Sun, Shao-Cheng, "The Decision-making Process of Eisenhower Administration during the Second Taiwan Strait Crisis," National Defense Magazine (Taipei: National Defense University, February 2010, Vol. 25, No. 1).

None Peer Review Journal Articles

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Median-line incursions change cross-strait status quo,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, Special Issue, Winter 2022).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Countering China’s threat to maritime East Asia,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, October 2022, Vol.11, no. 54).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Tensions in the Taiwan Strait,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, December 2021, Vol. 10, no.51).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Beijing Uses ‘China raises pressure on Taiwan in 2020,’” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2021, Vol. 9, no.48).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Beijing Uses ‘Three Warfares’ Strategy,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, September 2020, Vol. 5, no.47).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “A Rising China’s Military Power: Examining the U.S. DoD’s Report on China Military Developments and China’s Defense White Paper,” *Defense Security Brief* (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, June 2020, Vol. 9, Issue. 1).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Taiwan Security under the Trump Administration,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2019, Vol. 2).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Synchronizing Strategy,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, November 2019, Vol. 8, no.43).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Japan’s Countering of the China Military Threat: Taiwan’s Role,” *Defense Security Brief*, (Taipei: Institute for National Defense and Security Research, 2019, Vol. 8, Issue 3), pp. 26-43.

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Trump’s trade war with China,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, June 2019, Vol. 8).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Taiwan Security under the Trump Administration,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: National Cheng-chi University, February 2019, Vol. 2).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “U.S. Rebalance Policy in Asia: Taiwan Role,” *Strategic Vision* (Taipei: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, December 2017, Vol. 2).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Cross-Strait Development after Taiwan’s 9 in 1 Election,” *Studies of Chinese Communism* (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, December 2014, Vol. 48, No. 12).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Anti-Corruption Cooperation between China and U.S.: Repatriating China’s Corrupt Officials in the U.S.,” *Prospect & Exploration* (Taipei: Investigation Bureau, November 2014, Vol. 12, No. 11).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Cross-Strait Development and Trend after the Proposal of Greater One China Framework,” *Studies of Chinese Communism* (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, June 2014, Vol. 48, No. 6).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Soft Power Rising,” Strategic Vision, (Taipei: NCCU’s Center for Security Studies and the ROC National Defense University, Dec., 2013, Vol. 2, Issue 12).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Development of Cross-Strait Relations after the Third Plenary Session of 18th CPC Central,” Studies of Chinese Communism (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, December 2013, Vol. 47, No. 12).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Development of Cross-Strait Relations after 12th NPC and CPPCC: Sustainability and Breakthrough,” Studies of Chinese Communism (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, April 2013, Vol. 47, No. 4).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Obstacles of Building Cross-Strait CBMs,” Studies of Chinese Communism (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, January 2013, Vol. 47, No. 1).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Development of Cross-Strait Relations after 18th National Congress of the CPC,” Studies of Chinese Communism (Taipei: Institute of Chinese Communist Studies, December 2012, Vol. 46, No. 12).

Sun, Shao-cheng, “The Approaches of China’s Soft power Strategy,” Whampoa Journal (Kaohsiung: Chinese Military Academy, October 31, 2011, Vol. 61).

Current Research Projects

- 1) Hedging China’s Threat
- 2) The Taiwan Strait Crisis of 2022

Conference Presentations

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2022. 8. 24, the Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Coast guard cooperation,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2022. 8. 3, the Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Encounters at sea,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2022. 7. 13, the Trilateral Dialogue virtual meeting on “Communication mechanisms,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2022. 3. 13, “China’s Dissemination of Cultural Soft Power through the Confucius Institutes” at the “New World Coming — Religion, Imagination, and Possibility” March 13, 2022, Online, Florida State University

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2021. 11. 1, “Confucius Institute in the United States: Grade D” (November 1, 2021) at the “Sino-American Educational Exchange Conference,” University of Idaho.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2021. 9. 29, “U.S.-Japan-Taiwan Maritime Security Cooperation” at the Trilateral Dialogue “Developments in Japan-Taiwan Relations and Possibilities for Maritime Safety Cooperation,” the Stimson Center, D.C.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2013.11.7-9, "China's Cultural Soft Power through Confucius Institutes," The 2013 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2013.10.26-27, "Confucius Institutes in the U.S.," 2013 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies: Leadership Transition in Asia: New Orders or New Problems? National Chengchi University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2012.11.08-10, "East Asian Regionalism in Transformation: Features, Opportunities, and Challenges," The 2012 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2012.10.16, "Rising China and Its East Asian Strategy," Institute of International Relations of the ROC 2012 and the Fifth International Conference, National Chung-Hsing University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2012.06.27-29, "President Ma Ying-Jeou's Strategies to Promote ECFA in Taiwan," Young Scholars Workshop, Tuebingen University, Germany.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, Ma, Li-de, Wang, Kai-hong, 2012.04.15, "The Current Situation of the South China Sea," The South China Sea Conference, National Defense University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2012.02.15, "The Prospect of the Cross-strait Military Confidence Building Measures," The New Development of Cross-Strait Conference, National Taiwan Normal University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2011.11.24, "The Objectives and Strategy of the Chinese Communist Party Launched Three Taiwan Strait Crises," The Conference of Strategic Warning and Intelligence Research, National Defense University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2011.11.19, "Cross-Strait Relations after Leaders Reshuffle," Challenge and Response: Cross-Strait Defense Conference, Association for Managing Defense and Strategies.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2011.11.12-13, "China's Soft Use of Power Development," 2011 Taiwan Political Science Anniversary Conference, National Chengchi University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2011.5.14, "China's Soft Power and Its Implications on Taiwan," The 87th Anniversary Conference, Chinese Military Academy.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2011.5.6, "A Cross-Strait Peace Agreement after ECFA: Challenges and Opportunities," The 6th Globalization and Administrative Governance International Symposium, Kainan University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2010.11.26, "China and Japan: Two Rivals Vying for Energy," The First Japanese Research Conference at the Contemporary Japanese Research Society, National Taiwan Normal University.

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2010.11.25, "Constructing Confidence Building Measures and Paving Peace across the Taiwan Strait," The First Session of the Taiwan- Arab Forum (Taipei: National Chengchi University)

Sun, Shao-Cheng, 2010.11.15-16, "China's Image Building: Cases Studies on Defense White Papers and the 60th Anniversary National Day," 2010 Youth Leadership Symposium on Cross-Straits Peace, Center for Security Studies.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.10.01, "China's Crisis Management in the 1958 Quemoy Crisis," The 8th Crisis Management Conference.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.9.27, “China Fifth Generalization Leaders and the Roadmap of Future Democracy,” Taiwan and Austria Bilateral Conference: Justice and Injustice Problems in Transitional, Chengchi University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.9.21, “The Concept of Smart Power and the National Security,” The 11th National Security and Military Strategy Conference, National Defense University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.09.01-02, “Building Consensus and Strategic Collaboration in Government Policy: A Study of President Ma Promotion of the ECFA,” The 4th Asian Public Administration, Bangkok, Thailand.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.07.30, “The New Thinking and Recommendations for Cross-strait Military CBMs,” 2010 Youth Leadership Symposium on Cross-Straits Peace, Chengchi University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010. 07.09, “The Cradle of Generals: The People’s Liberation Army National Defense University,” 2010 PLA Military Modernization International Conference, National Defense University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.05.15, “China’s 60th Anniversary National Day and Image,” Conference of Department of Diplomacy, Chengchi University.

Sun, Shao-cheng, 2010.03.09, “China’s Defense White Papers and Shaping Its International Image,” IDAS Symposium of Rising Asia-Pacific Region, Chengchi University Press.

Book Chapter

Sun, Shao-cheng, “Confucius Institute in the United States,” From Missionary Education to Confucius Institutes: Historical Reflections on Sino-American Educational Exchange Monday (Under Review)

Grants

“Overseas Research Project,” 2016. 10,000 USD. Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Overseas Research Project,” 2015. 30,000 USD. Ministry of Science & Technology.

“Youth Leadership Forum for Peace Project,” 2011. 10,000 USD. MacArthur Center for Security Studies.

Policy-Making Experience

-Section Chief, Association for Managing Defense and Strategies (Taiwanese Think Tank), 2008-2015.

-Networked with foreign academic institutions and scholars.

-Represented the think tank at public events and conferences.

-Colonel, Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Office, Ministry of National Defense, Taiwan, 2006-2008.

-Research and analysis of China's politics and security and the upper echelon of China's leadership.

-Served as the briefing officer in the Ministry of National Defense, explaining Taiwan's defense posture to foreign leaders in Taiwan and on foreign visits.

-Taiwan representative, Youth Symposium on Cross-Strait Peace: Perspectives of Future Leaders.

Invited Lectures

Guest Lecture (16 November 2022) for 2022 China Town Hall. Lecture topic: The Taiwan Strait Crisis of 2022

Guest Lecture (19 October 2021) for 2021 China Town Hall. Lecture topic: Increasing U.S.-China Confrontation

Guest Lecture (12 November 2020) for 2020 China Town Hall. Lecture topic: China and Taiwan Relations

Guest Lecture (12 May 2020) The Charleston World Affairs Council Webinar Conference. Lecture topic: China's Military Threat against Taiwan

Guest Lecture (12 November 2020) for 2020 China Town Hall. Lecture topic: China and Taiwan Relations

Guest Lecture (9 Jan 2020) for Kiawah Community Center. Lecture Topic: Taiwan-U.S. Security Relations under the Shadow of a Rising China Threat

Guest Lecture (18 November 2019) for 2019 China Town Hall. Lecture topic: Taiwan and U.S. Security Relations

Guest Lecture (7 February 2019) for Citadel Panel Discussion: Topic: Adversaries, Allies, Competitors, or Enemies? Present Relations between the U.S., China, and Taiwan

Guest Lecture (11 October 2014) for National Defense University. Lecture Topic: China's Military Build-up

Guest Lecture (1 September 2010) for Asia-Pacific Institute of Creativity. Lecture Topic: China's Soft Power

Guest Lecture (9 September 2009) for Graduate School of People's Liberation Army, National Defense University. Lecture Topic: US-China Military Relations

Interview

Interviewed by East Asia Correspondent with the German financial daily Handelsblatt and its Swiss partner publication NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung) on "Taiwan and China recent crises" (8 August 2022)

Interviewed by East Asia Correspondent with the German financial daily Handelsblatt and its Swiss partner publication NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung) on "Taiwan and China Relations" (15 September 2021)

Student Service

Advise 21 students (January 2022 – Present)

Advise 24 students (January 2021 –December 2021)

Advise 17 students (January 2020 – December 2020)

Advise 8 students (January 2019 - December 2019)

Advise 5 students (2018)

Attend Pre-Knob activities. January 2019 - Present

Preparing the Political Science Department Presentation for Pre-knob

Writing 30 recommendation letters (January 2019 – Present)

Preparing meals for Taiwanese and Chinese students (August 2018 – Present)

Hosting Asian Cuisines 8 times for cadets and graduate students (January 2019 - present)

Discussing paper proposals and presentations with students (around 250 students)

Mentoring: Daniel Reeves (August 2020 – Present), Henry Clarke (August 2019 – Present), Tripoom Jala (August 2019 – Present), Chiu Chengyu (September 2018 - May 2020)

University Service

Member of the Faculty Award Committee (August 2020 – Present)

Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (August 2020 – Present)

Community Service

Provide hot meals for the elderly and neighbors (August 2019 – Present)