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## Education

2014- now	Ph.D. Candidate (All but dissertation), Asia Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, the Johns Hopkins University
2005	MIPP, International Policy and Practice, George Washington University
2004	M.A. Asia Studies, Foreign Affairs College, China
2001	B.A. International Relations, Foreign Affairs College, China

## Professional Experience

**Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington, DC**

September 2013 – now

### *Director, China Program; Co-Director, East Asia Program*

- Analyze cutting-edge issues of China's domestic politics and foreign policy, with a special focus on the political economy of China's foreign relations, including its industrial policy, political risks, foreign investment and foreign aid; elite politics and the decision-making process.
- Produce reports, commentaries and analysis on Chinese domestic development and foreign policy.
- Present research findings to corporate donors, government agencies, international organizations, conferences and through media.
- Manage the China program and coordinate research projects with other programs

**Brookings Institution, Washington, DC**

2011– now

### *Non-resident Fellow, Global Development Program*

(2014-now)

- Serve as the key Brookings resource on China-Africa relations.
- Contribute analytical commentaries to Brookings projects on China's role in the development of the African countries.
- Represent Brookings at China-Africa conferences, media interviews and international organizations.

### *Visiting Fellow- John Thornton China Center and Africa Growth Initiative* (2012-2014)

- Produced an original research monograph on China's Africa policies that examines China's political agenda, economic interests, aid policy, conflict resolution, security engagements toward the continent.
- Contributed analytical commentaries to Brookings projects on China-Africa relations.
- Represented Brookings at China-Africa conferences, US government debriefs, media interviews and international organizations.
- Built relationship with Brookings' Chinese and African partner organizations.

### *Visiting Fellow- Center for Northeast Asia Policy Studies*

(2011)

- Produced an original research paper on China's national security decision-making.
- Contributed analytical commentaries to Brookings projects related to China's foreign policy issues, including Iran's nuclear threats, maritime disputes in East China Sea and South China Sea, China-Myanmar relations, Chinese public opinion and influence over foreign policy, etc.
- Represented Brookings at conferences, US government debriefs and media discussions.

**International Crisis Group, Beijing, China**

### *China Analyst – Northeast Asia Project*

July 2008 – February 2011

- Produced full analytical reports on China's foreign policies, focusing on conflict issues and developing countries as well as their impact on U.S.-China relations.

- Monitored China's domestic politics, the evolution of interagency competition, the role of commercial investment toward conflict regions and analyzed their impacts over China's foreign relations.
- Wrote 20-30 internal briefings per year on Chinese foreign policy toward conflict areas and developing countries.
- Built and managed relations with contacts in China, including government agencies, business communities, think tanks and news media
- Represented Crisis Group to present findings to private and public and at conferences.

### **Asia Society, Washington, DC**

#### ***Policy Program Associate***

October 2007 –September 2008

- Monitored U.S. policies towards Asia and policy shifts in Asian countries, identified policy opportunities in DC and in Asian capitals and presented briefings and recommendations to Asia Society donors.
- Managed Asia Society's policy programs in Washington.
- Raised program funding from multinational corporations.

### **The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, Washington, DC**

#### ***Program Associate***

May 2005 – October 2007

- Produced policy briefings focusing on various aspects of U.S.-Japan, U.S.-Korea and U.S.- China relations.
- Monitored Congressional legislative schedule on Japan, China and two Koreas, produced Northeast Asia policy updates and incorporated findings into monthly congressional briefings.
- Managed Japan and China legislative and government exchange programs with Japanese DIET, Chinese Communist Youth League and Chinese National People's Congress.

### **Languages**

- Mandarin Chinese, native
- English, advanced
- Burmese, intermediate

### **List of Publications:**

- On Stimson Website: <http://www.stimson.org/users/3326>.
- On Brookings Website: <https://www.brookings.edu/experts/yun-sun/>.