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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 |

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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| 2026/01 | Security and Care: The Grassroots Response to Disinformation in the Rumorscape of Taiwan. Civil Defense Anthology Workshop. Taipei. |
| 2025/10 | Between Security and Care: Taiwan's Perspective on Sovereign AI amid Geopolitical Tension. NSTC & CIFAR Next Generation Frontiers Symposium. Banff. |
| 2025/09 | 賽伯格前線：後人類戰爭中的緩慢暴力與抵抗。民族所所慶研討會。台北。 |
| 2025-07 | Security and Care: Taiwan's Grassroots Response to Disinformation amid |

- Geopolitical Tensions. The North American Taiwan Studies Association 2025 Annual Conference, Stanford, USA.
- 2025-05 Security and Care: Taiwan's Grassroots Response to Disinformation amid Geopolitical Tensions. 第五屆台灣研究世界大會。台北。
- 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 面向大海的數位行動主義：東亞公民科技的結盟與解殖。地理學年會。台北。
- 2023/07 Rumorscape in Taiwan. Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference. Ahmadedbad, 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 後人類民族誌:編織與照護數位田野。台灣人類學年會。高雄。
- 2022/09 Memes of Care: Good Morning Images and Digital Care among Older People in Taiwan.” 台灣科技與社會研究年會。花蓮。
- 2021/08 “Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in Post-Truth Taiwan.” 台灣科技與社會研究年會。線上。
- 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 零時政府黑客起義:數位行動主義的美麗與哀愁。台灣人類學年會。台北。
- 2017/09 開放政府觀察報告。與曾柏瑜共同發表。公民科技動能推升研討會。台北。
- 2017/03 「開放」的技術:公民黑客如何轉譯開放。台灣科技與社會研究年會。高雄。
- 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

- 2025/12 鍵盤超人來救災：災難時的數位協作與動員。台南新芽。台南。
- 2025/12 Checking Facts by a Bot: Crowdsourcing Facts through LINE Chatbot in the Rumorscape of Taiwan”。政治大學創新國際學院。台北。
- 2025/12 群眾外包的事實機器人：謠言地景中的關懷、連結、與協作。中山大學社會創新學院。高雄。
- 2025/11 數位民族誌與田野倫理。台灣大學城鄉所。台北。
- 2025/11 數位之田、檔案之野。中山醫學大學質性研究工作坊。台中。
- 2025/11 新書座談《「沒有人」的運動》。台灣社會學年會。新竹。
- 2025/10 沒有人、非組織、鄉民都來了：零時政府的寄食行動主義」。台北大學社會學系。新北。
- 2025/10 賽伯格前線：後人類戰爭中的演算法暴力。東吳大學社會學系。台北
- 2025/09 沒有人、非組織、鄉民都來了：零時政府的寄食者行動主義。台大人類學系。台北。
- 2025/08 「沒有人」的運動。Web 3 for All讀書會。台北
- 2025/07 當代公民運動的情動政治。左轉有書。台北
- 2025/07 The Nobody Movement. g0v Bay Area. Stanford, USA.
- 2025/06 當代社群如何組織、如何蔓延。飛地書店。台北。
- 2025/06 g0v見證了什麼時代？數位行動主義的消長與變形。中研院民族學研究所。台北。
- 2025/06 『沒有人』做田野：當人類學家hack進零時政府黑客松。台灣大學社會學系。台北。
- 2025/05 數位死亡與虛擬殺戮。台灣大學外文系理論談話會。台北。
- 2025/04 關懷的迷因：長輩LINE群組中的早安圖與數位關懷。國科會人社中心跨領域論壇「從物質性到社會性：科技、實踐、媒介」。台中。
- 2024/12 Killer Robots, Drones, and the Life and/or Death of Humanity. Asian Theories Network Workshop. Taipei, Taiwan
- 2024/08 後人類的數位政治與田野。女書店。台北。
- 2024/07 科技與社會。台灣大學社會營。台北。
- 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 「戰? 人類學！」開幕論壇。台灣人類學年會。台北。
- 2023/09 戰鬥親職論壇。台灣人類學年會。台北。
- 2023/08 不只是潛水、爬文：數位田野裡的參與觀察。中研院民族所人類學營。台北，台灣。
- 2023/07 人類學與 AI 如何協作：機會、挑戰、與風險。公共化 AI 人類學及族群研究學門推廣工作坊。台北，台灣。
- 2023/04 數位 X 民族誌。清華大學台灣研究教師在職專班。
- 2023/03 後真相時代裡的真相機器人：Cofacts 與群眾協作的事實查核。中山大學文化人類學課程演講。高雄，台灣。
- 2023/01 無人機戰爭與後人類身體。中研院民族所本體論研究群。台北，台灣。
- 2022/12 從去中心到多中心：數位社群的治理和摩擦。陽明交通大學科技與社會研究所。台北，台灣。
- 2022/12 “Reading Data selves.” 沙克爾敦共學讀書團。台灣大學地理學系。台北，台灣。
- 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 田野工作的愛、真實、與心碎。2022 IxDD 世界互動設計日本質與觀點。台北，台灣。
- 2022/06 “Open Movements: From Transparency to Collaboration.” Active Youth Program. National Democratic Institute. Online
- 2022/03 後真相時代裡的事實機器人：謠言、關懷、與群眾協作的事實查核。台灣大學人類學系。
- 2021/11 “Pandemic Learnings.” Innovation 4 Democracy Conference. Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom. Online.
- 2021/11 數位民族誌。中山大學社會學系。(線上)
- 2021/10 後真相時代裡的真相機器人：Cofacts 與群眾協作的事實查核。清華大學人類學研究所。
- 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 後真相時代裡的真相機器人：事實查核與群眾協作的處境知識。科技部人文社會科學研究中心。(線上)
- 2021/05 當我們遠距在一起。(論壇)以聲突圍：封城困境下的人社研究遠眺。科技部人文社會科學研究中心。(線上)
- 2021/03 「沒有人」的運動：黑客、鄉民、與資料行動主義。輔仁大學社會學系。

- 2021/03 「沒有人」的運動：黑客、鄉民、與資料行動主義。台灣大學人類學系。
2020/06 The “Nobody” Movement: Inside Taiwan's Digital Democracy. The RadicalxChange Annual Conference. Online.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2025/12- **Cover Curating Team**, East Asian Science, Technology and Society
2025/03- **Editorial Board Member**, *Taiwanese Journal for Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine*
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**, *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)**.