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Conflict & Peace · Climate · Inclusivity · Ethnicity · Rebel Governance · Diffusion · Computational Social Science

EDUCATION

- DPhil, **Quantitative and Computational Social Science**, *University College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
2025– Thesis topic: spatial and network diffusion of inclusive peace negotiations in civil wars
- MA, **International Relations**, *Seoul National University*, Seoul, South Korea
2022–2025 Dissertation: *The Power Puzzle: Cultural Autonomy, Economic Shocks and Ethnic Power-Sharing*; Summa Cum Laude
- MA, **Conflict, Governance and International Development**, *University of East Anglia*, Norwich, UK
2021–2022 Dissertation: *A 'New' Type of Peacebuilding Strategy: The Case Study of Thailand's Military Junta (2014–2019)*
- BA, **Political Science (International Relations)**, *Chulalongkorn University*, Bangkok, Thailand
2016–2021 Minor: Arabic; First-Class Honours

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2023 **Somboonkittichai, K.** [Consociational Democracy in Post-War Lebanon: Maintaining Negative Peace and Stability Amidst Sectarian Divisions](#). *Asian Review*, 36(2), 119–140.

WORKING PROJECTS *'NS' indicates near submission

- Article [NS] **Somboonkittichai, K.** Spreading Inclusivity: Network Channels and Inclusive Peace Negotiations in Civil Wars.
- Article [NS] **Somboonkittichai, K.**, & D'Amico, E. Who Governs After Disaster? Political Exclusion and Ethnic Rebel Service Provision.
- Article **Somboonkittichai, K.** Looking Next Door: The Spatial Diffusion of Inclusion Provisions in Civil War Peace Agreements.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025– **University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe)**
- **Teaching Assistant** [Assisted with R scripts/statistics assignments, held weekly office hours; advised students on their research projects, delivered lectures, etc.], POL40950: Introduction to Statistics
 - **Head Tutor** [Led two seminar groups; graded seminar essays, presentations and final-exam essays; drafted the essay marking rubric; supported module administration], POL20020: Comparative Politics; INRL20040: International Relations: Introduction to Theories and Empirics
 - **Research Assistant** [Managed firm-level data from the Orbis database for Dr Yoo Sun Jung]

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2027 - **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention**, (accepted)
- 2027 - **Development Studies Association Ireland (DSAI) Annual Conference**, (accepted)
- 2026 - **Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI) Annual Conference**
- 2026 - **Development Studies Association (DSA) Annual Conference**
- 2026 **Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop**, online, 7 October
Spreading Inclusivity: Network Channels and Inclusive Peace Negotiations in Civil Wars; discussant: Sloan Lansdale (University of Maryland)
- 2026 **Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict (JQCon) Workshop**, online, 2 October
Spreading Inclusivity: Network Channels and Inclusive Peace Negotiations in Civil Wars; discussant: J Andrés Gannon (Vanderbilt University)
- 2026 **SPIRe PhD Workshop**, University College Dublin, Ireland, 28 April
discussant: Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin)
- 2026 **UCD Centre for Peace and Conflict Research (CPCR) Talk**, Invited Speaker, *Spreading Inclusivity: Network Channels and Inclusive Peace Negotiations in Civil Wars*, University College Dublin, Ireland, 14 April

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025–2029 **UCD Iseult Honohan Doctoral Scholarship (University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations)**, Award: full fees and €25,000 annual stipend
- 2022–2024 **POSCO Asia Fellowship (POSCO TJ Park Foundation) & SNU Global Scholarship (Seoul National University)**, Award: full tuition and monthly living stipend

2021–2022 **International Development Full International Fees Scholarship (University of East Anglia)**, Award: £17,600

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2026– **International Studies Association (ISA)**, Peace Studies Section
- 2026– **Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI)**
- 2026– **Development Studies Association (DSA)**
- 2025– **UCD Centre for Peace and Conflict Research (CPCR)**, *Affiliated Student*
- 2025– **UCD Centre for Democracy Research (CDR)**, *Member, Democracy and Inequality cluster*

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2026 **UCD College of Social Sciences and Law**, Workshop Co-facilitator, *International Environmental Policy Negotiations* simulation for visiting US high-school students, 13 July
- 2021–2022 **University of East Anglia**, Course Representative, *MA Conflict, Governance and International Development*
- 2020 **Intern**, *People's Empowerment Foundation*, Bangkok, Thailand
Outreach to sex workers on safety rights and referrals to inclusive health centres and anti-violence organisations; mobilised financial support for marginalised groups; translated documents on human rights violations into English
- 2019 **Intern**, *Royal Thai Embassy*, Paris, France
Supported the Embassy and the Permanent Delegation of Thailand to UNESCO in preparing for the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee; translated French press coverage into Thai; assisted with consular services
- 2018 **Intern**, *Tadamon Refugee Multicultural Council*, Al Shorouk, Egypt
Taught English to refugees; organised workshops on refugees' rights; assisted with applications to the UN for refugee status

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2026 **Research Integrity Training**, *UCD Research Integrity Office*
- 2025–2026 **PhD Methods Coursework**, **University College Dublin**, *Quantitative Methods I and II; Social Science Methodology; Quantitative Text Analysis*
- 2025 **Introduction to Logistic Regression Models in R**, *European Social Survey workshop*, *UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy*, 15 October
- 2023 **Data Analyst with R** (36 hours), *DataCamp*
- 2023 **The Complete Guide to Stata** (26 hours), *Udemy*
- 2018–2019 **Certificate of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities**, *Sciences Po*, Paris, France

COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software: R, Stata, Quarto, LaTeX, Git/GitHub, Python, ArcGIS Pro
Statistical Methods: Stochastic actor-oriented models; spatial lag models; fixed-effects panel models; difference-in-differences; entropy balancing; item response theory; multiple imputation; OLS; logistic and count models; survival analysis (Weibull, Cox-PH), etc.
Text-as-Data: Corpus construction and preprocessing (quanteda); structural and keyword-assisted topic models; sentence embeddings and semantic similarity
Data Skills: Building dyadic, network and panel datasets from UCDP, PA-X, Peace Observatory, EPR, V-Dem and EM-DAT; reproducible workflows in Quarto and Git