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- RESEARCH INTERESTS Historical Political Economy, Education, Colonialism, Southeast Asia
- EDUCATION **University of Michigan - Ann Arbor**, Ann Arbor, MI
M.A. Political Science, April 2021
Ph.D., Political Science, *Expected:* June 2023
Dissertation:
“Building States within Societies: Repression and Education in British Burma”
Dissertation Committee: Mark Dincecco (Chair), Allen Hicken, Nahomi Ichino, Dan Slater, Marlous van Waijenburg (Economics)
Chinese University of Hong Kong, New Territories, Hong Kong
B.Sc. (Hons), Global Economics and Finance, July 2016
- BOOK PROJECT *Building States within Societies: Repression and Education in British Burma*
(in progress)
- WORKING PAPERS “The Societal Origins of State Education: Evidence from British Burma.”
“The Pre-colonial Roots of Colonial Coercion: Evidence from British Burma.”
Under Review.
- Winner of Judith Becker Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research on Southeast Asia (2020).
- Featured in the American Political Science Association (APSA) Comparative Politics Section Newsletter (Fall 2021).
- PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS 2021. **Zaw, Htet Thiha**, Suguru Mizunoya, Dominic Richardson, Despina Karamperidou, Hiroyuki Hattori, and Monika Oledzka-Nielsen. “Teacher Training and Textbook Distribution Improve Early Grade Reading: Evidence from Papua and West Papua.” *Comparative Education Review* 65, no. 4 (2021): 691-722.
2021. **Zaw, Htet Thiha**, Suguru Mizunoya, and Xinxin Yu. “An Equity Analysis of Pre-primary Education in the Developing World.” *International Journal of Educational Research* 109 (2021): 101806.
2017. Mizunoya, Suguru, and **Htet Thiha Zaw**. “Measuring the Holes of the Ship: Global Cost Estimations of Internal Inefficiency in Primary Education.” *International Journal of Educational Development* 54 (2017): 8-17.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS	<p>2020. Muroga, Atsuko, Htet Thiha Zaw, Suguru Mizunoya, Hsiao-Chen Lin, Matt Brossard, and Nicolas Reuge. “COVID-19: A Reason to Double Down on Investment in Pre-primary Education”. <i>UNICEF Innocenti Working Paper</i> 2020-06 (2020).</p> <p>2016. Chan, Loritta, Esther Erlings, Suguru Mizunoya, and Htet Thiha Zaw. “A City Fit for Children: Mapping and Analysis of Child Friendly Cities Initiatives.” <i>The Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law Research Paper</i> 2016-35 (2016).</p>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Repression in Time: Learning from the British Indian Army Troop Movements, 1890-1936.”</p> <p>“Institutional Change after Franchise Expansion: Evidence from British India, 1916-1940.” (with Mitchell Bosley)</p> <p>“Schooling Resistance: Societal Extractive Capacity and Educational Development in Colonial Mexico.” (with Edgar Franco Vivanco)</p>
ORIGINAL DATA	<p>“Pre-colonial Origins of Colonial State Formation: Evidence from British Burma.” Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2020-12-19.</p> <p>“Repression in Time: Learning from the British Indian Army Troop Movements, 1890-1936.” Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2020-11-20.</p>
INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD	<p>University of Michigan</p> <p>Seminar on Comparative Politics Fall 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-credit course for Burmese undergraduate students in political science due to the disruptions in education after the 2021 Burmese coup d’état. • Link to: Syllabus <p>POLSCI 389 - Historical Political Economy Summer 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-designed special topics course • Link to: Syllabus, Student Evaluations
GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR	<p>University of Michigan</p> <p>POLSCI 993 - Preparing for a Career in Political Science Winter 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Coordinator: Mark Dincecco <p>POLSCI 993 - Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Training Fall 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Coordinator: Mark Dincecco <p>POLSCI 389 - Stability of American Democracy Winter 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Robert Mickey <p>POLSCI 490 - Game Theory Winter 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Mark Dincecco <p>INTLSTD 301 - Political Economy of Development Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Mark Dincecco

HONORS AND
AWARDS

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

- Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, 2022 (US\$ 34,794)
- WCED Graduate Student Research Grant (with Mitchell Bosley), 2021 (US\$ 4,000)
- Rackham International Research Award, 2021 (US\$ 6,000)
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020 (US\$ 4,500)
- WCED Graduate Student Research Grant, 2019 (US\$ 2,000)
- Weiser Emerging Democracies Fellowship, 2017 (US\$ 18,000)

University of British Columbia

- UBC Myanmar Research Fellowship, 2021 (US\$ 2,000)

Southeast Asia Research Group

- SEAREG Fellow, 2022 (invited to present at the summer conference)
- SEAREG Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2020 (US\$ 4,000)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

“The Societal Origins of State Education: Evidence from British Burma.”

- 2022. SEAREG Summer Conference (Bangkok)
- 2022. Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Toronto)
- 2022. Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (Virtual)
- 2022. Economic History Society (Virtual)
- 2021. Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies (Virtual)
- 2021. Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Virtual)
- 2021. American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- 2021. Midwest Political Science Association (Virtual)

“Pre-colonial Origins of Colonial Coercion: Evidence from British Burma.”

- 2021. Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Virtual)
- 2019. Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Stockholm)
- 2019. Politics and Historical Legacies Conference (Ann Arbor)

“Institutional Change after Franchise Expansion: Evidence from British India, 1916-1940.” (with Mitchell Bosley)

- 2022. Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago)

“Measuring the Holes of the Ship: Global Cost Estimations of Internal Inefficiency in Primary Education.”

- 2014. Japan Society for International Development (JASID) (Chiba, Japan)

INVITED TALKS

- 2021. “Burma in the Context of Global Uprising against Militarized Violence” (Speaker at Virtual Panel)
- 2021. “The Political Crisis in Myanmar: Nuanced Perspectives on the Nation’s Past, Present & Future” (Speaker at Virtual Panel)

SERVICE

- Coordinator, Exploring Historical Legacies and Memories Fall 2020 – Winter 2021
- Coordinator, Political Economy Workshop Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
- Coordinator, Conflict and Peace Workshop Fall 2018 – Winter 2019

REVIEWER *Comparative Education Review*
International Journal of Childcare and Education Policy

OTHER SKILLS Language : Burmese (native), English (fluent)
French (intermediate), Standard Chinese (intermediate)
Software : R, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE November 2021 - December 2021: British Library (London, UK)

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