

# Jonathan Spangler

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Director • South China Sea Think Tank

2014/08 - PRESENT • TAIPEI

Supervise collaboration among international and domestic scholars, the media, team members, interns, and institutional partners on SCSTT publications and projects

### President • Asia-Pacific Policy Research Association

2016/06 - PRESENT • TAIPEI

Facilitate activities, outreach, and logistics on behalf of the APPRA Executive Board, Supervisory Board, members, and donors

## EDUCATION

### PhD Asia-Pacific Studies • National Chengchi University

2012/09 - 2018/02 • TAIPEI

### MA Global Governance with Merit • Univ. of Nottingham Ningbo, China

2008/09 - 2009/11 • NINGBO, CHINA

### Bachelor of Arts • The Evergreen State College

2001/09 - 2004/12 • OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

## EMPLOYMENT

### Doctoral Fellow • Academia Sinica

2015/07 - 2016/06 • TAIPEI

Conducted research on the effects of actor involvement on escalation and deescalation in the South China Sea using GDELT data

### Adjunct Lecturer • National Chengchi University

2014/09 - 2015/08 • TAIPEI

Taught and designed courses for the Program in Social Innovation Leadership (PSIL), an elite undergraduate program of the College of Social Sciences

## BIO

Jonathan Spangler is the Director of the South China Sea Think Tank and President of the Asia-Pacific Policy Research Association. He received his PhD in Asia-Pacific studies from National Chengchi University in February 2018. His primary research interests include Asia-Pacific regional security, maritime territorial disputes, and cross-strait relations, with an emphasis on the effects of different actors' foreign policies on regional trends and volatility. He is also an avid trail runner and mountaineer and has received certifications in mountain search and rescue and wilderness survival. In all of his work and activities, he remains committed to inclusion of diverse perspectives and aims to make a positive and lasting impact on society. Raised in Boulder, Colorado, he has lived and worked in six countries in North America, Latin America, and East Asia, including the past eight years in Taiwan.

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asia-Pacific regional security

Maritime territorial disputes

Cross-strait relations

## Research Assistant • Academia Sinica

2013/04 - 2015/06, 2016/07 - PRESENT • TAIPEI

Edited and translated academic articles and abstracts for the Institute of European and American Studies and the Institute of History and Philology

## Brand Coordinator • Free Time Gear

2014/11 - 2015/08 • TAIPEI

Coordinated marketing and promotional activities for CamelBak and other professional outdoor equipment and apparel brands

## Research Assistant • National Chengchi University

2013/04 - 2015/06, 2016/07 - PRESENT • TAIPEI

## EFL Teacher • The English Academy

2011/07 - 2012/12 • TAIPEI

## International Courier • Royale Asia

2010/07 - 2012/09 • HONG KONG

## EFL Teacher • Hess Educational Organization

2010/02 - 2010/08 • TAIPEI

## Project Intern • Sea Gardens Project

2009/07 - 2009/10 • GULF OF NICOYA, COSTA RICA

## EFL Teacher • Pagoda Academy

2007/07 - 2008/07 • SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

## Habitat Conservation Volunteer • U.S. Peace Corps

2006/02 - 2007/01 • ECUADOR

## Data Analysis Assistant II • UCAR/COSMIC

2005/03 - 2006/01 • BOULDER, COLORADO

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Jonathan Spangler, Dean Karalekas, and Moises Lopes de Souza (eds.), *Enterprises, Localities, People, and Policy in the South China Sea: Beneath the Surface*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, <doi:10.1007/978-3-319-62828-8>.

Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies*, Singapore: Springer, 2018, forthcoming.

Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Chinese Education Models in a Global Age*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, <doi:10.1007/978-981-10-0330-1>.

### Reports

Fu-Kuo Liu, Keyuan Zou, Shicun Wu, and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Post-Arbitration Policy Options and Future Prospects*, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank/Taiwan Center for Security Studies, April 20, 2017.

## FURTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Advisor** • *Strategic Vision* Editorial Committee

2016 - PRESENT

**Advisor** • *Association of Emerging Market Studies* Bimonthly Publication

2016 - PRESENT

**Project Advisor** • Asia Innovation, Development, and Entrepreneurship Association (AIDEA)

2016 - PRESENT

**Freelance Editor** • Over 100 published academic/news articles or essays

2008 - PRESENT

**Member** • Door To Mobility, 2017 Hult Prize Team

2016 - 2017

**Discussant** • National Defense University/National Chengchi University Joint Conference

2016/12/16

**Participant (as ROC Minister of Foreign Affairs)** • National Defense University War Games

2016/12/15

**Coordinator** • Workshop on Recent Developments in the South China Sea Arbitration and their Implications

2015

**Student Vice President** • IDAS, National Chengchi University

2012 - 2014

**Designer/Editor** • Asia-Pacific Newsletter

2012 - 2014

**Head Delegate and Coordinator** • Asia Int'l Model United Nations

2009

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**MOE Common Scholarship** • Ministry of Education, Taiwan

2017, 2014

**Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences** •

Fu-Kuo Liu and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Legal Perspectives and International Responses to the Philippines v. China Arbitration Case*, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank/Taiwan Center for Security Studies, January 29, 2016.

Jonathan Spangler, “[Rapporteur’s Report: Common Themes from the ‘Workshop on Recent Developments in the South China Sea Arbitration and their Implications’](#),” Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank/Taiwan Center for Security Studies, October 7–8, 2015.

## Chapters

Jonathan Spangler, “[The History and Impacts of Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies](#),” in Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies*, Singapore: Springer, 2018, forthcoming.

Jonathan Spangler and Timothy Spangler, “[Meteorological Educational Exchanges Between Rival States: US Cooperation with Cuba and China](#),” in Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies*, Singapore: Springer, 2018, forthcoming.

Phillip Lee Henderson and Jonathan Spangler, “[Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies: Challenges in Implementation and Strategies for Success](#),” in Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Cultural and Educational Exchanges in Rival Societies*, Singapore: Springer, 2018, forthcoming.

—, “[Undisputed Winners: The Benefits and Beneficiaries of the South China Sea Maritime Territorial Disputes](#),” in Jonathan Spangler, Dean Karalekas, and Moises Lopes de Souza (eds.), *Enterprises, Localities, People, and Policy in the South China Sea: Beneath the Surface*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, <doi:10.1007/978-3-319-62828-8\_2>.

—, “[Post-Arbitration South China Sea: Taiwan’s Diplomatic Policy Options and Future Prospects](#),” in Fu-Kuo Liu, Keyuan Zou, Shicun Wu, and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Post-Arbitration Policy Options and Future Prospects*, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank/Taiwan Center for Security Studies, April 20, 2017, pp. 125–141.

—, “[South China Sea Policy Options in the Post-Arbitration Context](#),” in Fu-Kuo Liu, Keyuan Zou, Shicun Wu, and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Post-Arbitration Policy Options and Future Prospects*, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank/Taiwan Center for Security Studies, April 20, 2017, pp. 7–19.

—, “[Lessons for the South China Sea: Areas of Compatibility, Incompatibility, and Ambiguity](#),” in Fu-Kuo Liu and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Legal*

Academia Sinica

2015/07 - 2016/06

**International Conference Grants** · NCCU Office of Research and Development

2014, 2013

**IDAS Scholarships** · National Chengchi University

2014, 2013, 2012

**New International Student Scholarship** · National Chengchi Univ.

2012

**Mandarin Speaking Competition: 1st** · Univ. of Nottingham Ningbo, China

2009

**Employee Incentive Award** · UCAR/COSMIC

2006

## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### LANGUAGE

**English** · Native

**Chinese** · Fluent, Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) Level 5

2017/03

**Spanish** · Advanced

**TEFL Diploma** · Bridge Linguathec

2007/03

### EXPLORATION

**Trail Running** · Top 10 finisher in 5 events

**Mountain Search and Rescue** · Advanced training

**Wilderness Emergency Rescue** · TWMA Wilderness First Aid Certificate (jointly issued by Wilderness Medical Associates International and Taiwan Wilderness Medical Association)

**Taiwan Peak-to-Peak Trail Project** · Founding Member

**Taiwan Historic Trails** · Compiler and designer

**Taiwan Hundred Peaks** · 31/100

*Perspectives and International Responses to the Philippines v. China Arbitration Case*, January 29, 2016, pp. 159–167.

- , “[Philippines v. China Arbitration Case: Taiwan’s Diplomatic and Security Responses](#),” in Fu-Kuo Liu and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Legal Perspectives and International Responses to the Philippines v. China Arbitration Case*, January 29, 2016, pp. 127–137.

Jonathan Spangler and Olga Daksueva, “[Philippines v. China Arbitration Case: Background, Legal Perspectives, and International Responses](#),” in Fu-Kuo Liu and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *South China Sea Lawfare: Legal Perspectives and International Responses to the Philippines v. China Arbitration Case*, January 29, 2016, pp. 17–37.

Jonathan Spangler, “[Chinese Education Models in a Global Age: Myth or Reality?](#),” in Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Chinese Education Models in a Global Age*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 337–354, <doi:10.1007/978-981-10-0330-1\_24>.

- , “[Impacts of Online Education on Existing Education Models: Empirical Evidence from Taiwan](#),” in Chuing Prudence Chou and Jonathan Spangler (eds.), *Chinese Education Models in a Global Age*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 177–192, <doi:10.1007/978-981-10-0330-1\_13>.
- , “[The Evolution of Leadership Styles in the South China Sea: Contextual Factors and Shifting Approaches in China and the United States](#),” in Evan Berman and M. Shamsul Haque, *Asian Leadership in Policy and Governance*, Bingley: Emerald Group, 2015, pp. 159–185, <doi:10.1108/S2053-769720150000024007>

## Journal Articles

Cheng-yi Lin and Jonathan Spangler, “[China’s Diplomatic, Security, and Legal Perspectives on the South China Sea Disputes](#),” *Prospect Journal* 15, April 2016, pp. 57–84.

Mei-Shiu Chiu, Huei-Ming Yeh, and Jonathan Spangler, “[Public constructs of energy values and behaviors in implementing Taiwan’s ‘energy-conservation /carbon-reduction’ declarations](#),” *International Journal of Science Education* 6(1), 2016, pp. 46–67, <doi:10.1080/21548455.2014.969357>.

## Book Reviews

Jonathan Spangler, “[Resource Management and Contested Territories in East Asia, by Ralf Emmers](#),” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 15(1), April 2015, pp. 153–155, <doi:10.1017/S1598240800004203>.

- , “[The SSCI Syndrome in Higher Education: A Local or Global Phenomenon, by Chuing Prudence Chou](#),” *Review of Higher Education* 38(2), 2014, pp. 326–329, <doi:10.1353/rhe.2015.0011>.

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## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Languages** • R, BigQuery SQL

**Software** • RStudio, BigQuery, SPSS

## WEB DESIGN PROJECTS

[South China Sea Think Tank](#) • scstt.org

[Asia-Pacific Policy Research Association](#) • appolicy.org

[Taiwan Peak-to-Peak Trail Project](#) • taiwantrail.org

[Taiwan Historic Trails](#) • sites.google.com/view/taiwanhistorictrails/

[Taiwan No. 1](#) • taiwanno1.org

## DESIGN SOFTWARE

**Graphic** • Adobe Creative Cloud

**Web** • WordPress, Bootstrap, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

## REFERENCES

**Fu-Kuo Liu** • Executive Director, Taiwan Center for Security Studies; Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations  
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**Cheng-yi Lin** • Deputy Minister, Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan; Researcher, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica  
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**Richard Hu** • Maj. Gen. (Ret.), ROC Army; Deputy Executive Director, Taiwan Center for Security Studies  
jrichardhu@hotmail.com

—, [“Taiwan Education at the Crossroad: When Globalization Meets Localization, by Chuing Prudence Chou and Gregory Ching,”](#) *History of Education* 43(5), 2014, pp. 716–718, <doi:10.1080/0046760X.2014.913698>.

## Analysis and Commentary

Lipin Tien, Jonathan Spangler, and Dean Karalekas, [“Sea of Troubles: Stakeholders Eye Code of Conduct for South China Sea,”](#) *Strategic Vision* 6(34): 25–30, August 2017.

Jonathan Spangler and Guang-Chang Bian, [“‘Three Unforeseens’: Alarmist \(Mis\)understandings of Cross-Strait Relations,”](#) *Strategic Vision* 5(30): 24–30, December 2016.

Richard Juichou Hu and Jonathan Spangler, [“Three Ambiguities Driving Taiwan’s Defense Policy,”](#) *Strategic Vision* 5(29): 19–23, October 2016.

Jonathan Spangler, [“Benefiting from the Taiwan Factor in the South China Sea: How Rival Claimants Can Take Advantage of the ROC’s Policy Approach,”](#) *Strategic Vision* 5(28): 14–18, August 2016.

—, [“Taiping Island’s Hypothetical EEZ: Policy Options and Their Impacts on Taiwan’s Key Interests,”](#) SSRN, April 20, 2016.

—, [“Interview with Raul \(Pete\) Pedrozo: U.S. South China Sea Policy, Freedom of Navigation Operations, and Accession to UNCLOS,”](#) *Perspectives* 15(9), 2015, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

—, [“Interview with James Borton: Vietnamese Environmental Nationalism and the Campaign to ‘Save the East Sea’,”](#) *Perspectives* 16(8), 2016, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

Olga Daksueva and Jonathan Spangler, [“Commentary: President-Elect Tsai Ing-wen and the Future of Taiwan’s South China Sea Policy,”](#) *Perspectives* 16(7), 2016, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

Jonathan Spangler, [“Expert Views: Implications of U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea,”](#) *Perspectives* 15(5), 2015, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

—, [“Let’s Get Real about the South China Sea ‘Status Quo’,”](#) *Issue Briefings* 15(9). Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

—, [“Interview with James Borton: ‘Science Diplomacy’ as a Solution to the South China Sea Disputes?,”](#) *Perspectives* 15(1), 2015, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

—, [“Claimant and Non-Claimant Views on SLOCs and Freedom of Navigation,”](#) *Issue Briefings* 15(7), 2015, Taipei: South China Sea Think Tank.

—, [“Fear and Uncertainty: The Future of the Cross-Strait Services Trade Agreement,”](#) *The Diplomat*, March 27, 2014.

## Conference Papers

Jonathan Spangler, “**Taiwan’s Diplomatic Policy Options and Future Prospects in the Post-Arbitration South China Sea,**” presented at the National Defense University/National Chengchi University Joint Conference, Taipei: National Defense University/National Chengchi University, December 16, 2016.

—, “**Impacts of Online Education on Existing Education Models, Teachers, and Students: Empirical Evidence from Taiwan,**” presented at the Higher Education Research Association (HERA) Conference, Seoul: Higher Education Research Association, October 15–17, 2014.

—, “**Overcoming Inaction: Critical Pedagogy as Postmodern Feminist Action,**” presented at the International Conference on Language and Communication (ICLC), Bangkok: National Institute of Development Administration, December 12–13, 2013.

## Dissertations

Jonathan Spangler, *South China Sea Tensions: State Involvement and Prediction Using GDELT Event Data*, Taipei: National Chengchi University, February 2018.

—, *Intentions and Expectations versus Reality in Participatory Development: Case Studies from Peace Corps Ecuador*, Ningbo: University of Nottingham Ningbo, China, November 21, 2009.