

Htet Thiha Zaw

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Historical Political Economy, Economics of Education, Southeast Asia	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor , Ann Arbor, MI M.A. Political Science, April 2021 Ph.D., Political Science, <i>Expected:</i> Summer 2023 Chinese University of Hong Kong , New Territories, Hong Kong B.Sc. (Hons), Global Economics and Finance, July 2016	
DISSERTATION	The Societal Origins of State Education Dissertation Committee: Mark Dincecco (Chair), Allen Hicken, Nahomi Ichino, Dan Slater, Marlous van Waijenburg (Economics)	
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." <i>Comparative Education Review</i> 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." <i>International Journal of Educational Research</i> 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." <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i> 54 (2017): 8-17.	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	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). 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).	
WORKING PAPERS	"The Societal Origins of State Education." <i>Available at SSRN</i> . "The Pre-colonial Roots of Colonial Coercion: Evidence from British Burma." Under Review. <i>Available at SSRN</i> . - 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).	

WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Repression in Time: Learning from Troop Movements of British Empire, 1890-1936.”</p> <p>“Institutional Change after Franchise Expansion: Evidence from British India, 1916-1940.” (with Mitchell Bosley)</p> <p>“Wasting Away in Education: Estimates for Educational Inefficiency in Primary and Lower Secondary Education, 2002-17.” (with Suguru Mizunoya and Erika Tsuruyama)</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 Troop Movements of British Empire, 1890-1936.” Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2020-11-20.</p>
INSTRUCTOR	<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 2021 Burmese coup d’état.) <p>POLSCI 993 - Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Training Fall 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Coordinator: Mark Dincecco <p>POLSCI 389 - Historical Political Economy Summer 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Self-designed course)
TEACHING ASSISTANCE	<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 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	<p>University of Michigan - Ann Arbor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2020 (US\$ 4,000)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

“The Societal Origins of State Education.”

- 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)

“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

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| 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

OTHER SKILLS

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

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EXPERIENCE

November 2021 - January 2022: British Library (London, UK)

REFERENCES

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