

# Tsung-Chun Chen

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## Education

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### The University of Illinois College of Law

*Candidate, Doctor of Science of Law (J.S.D.), 2019–present*

- **Doctoral Dissertation:** (in progress)
  - *Does Civil Disobedience Defend Liberal Constitutional Democracy? A Historical Analysis of Democratic Taiwan (2006–2021)*
  - Committee: Francesco Biagi, Jimmy Chia-Shin Hsu, Jason Mazzone (chair), Colleen Murphy, Jacqueline E Ross
- **Doctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany** (Expected 06/2025–10/2025)
- **Adjunct Instructor:**
  - *LLM Legal Writing and Research* (College of Law, under the guidance of Professors Shannon M. Moritz and Travis McDade, tasks including lectures and student assignment evaluations, 08/2024)
- **Teaching Assistant (TA):**
  - *The Best of American Case Law* (College of Law, various professors, responsible for class coordination, 07/2021)
  - *Constitutional Law I* (College of Law, Professor Jason Mazzone, responsible for holding TA office hours and conducting review sessions, 01/2024–05/2024)
- **Research Assistant (RA):** (College of Law, 10/2022–01/2024)
  - Assisting Professor Matthew W. Finkin in researching ancient wage labor systems in Chinese dynasties from the late Shang dynasty (around 1100-1046 BC) to the end of the Jin dynasty (around 420 AD).
- **J.S.D. representative (10/2023–present):**
  - Coordinating between JSDs and the College of Law, and organizing the JSD & Visiting Scholars Workshop twice per semester.
- **Law as Science Project** (founded by former JSD/SJD candidates across the U.S. dedicated to incorporating scientific methodologies into legal studies and hosting regular lectures, <https://www.lawasscience.org/>):
  - **Representative** (promoting Law as Science lectures at the University of Illinois College of Law, 08/2023–present)
  - **Coordinator** (organizing and hosting Law as Science lectures on a rotating basis, 08/2024–present)
- **Administrative Editor, *The Elder Law Journal*** (one article, Volume 32, Number 2, 2024)
- **Peer Reviewer, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*** (one article, 2023)

### The University of Iowa College of Law

*Master of Laws (LL.M.) (Research Track), 2019*

- **LL.M. Research Track Thesis:** (unpublished)
  - *A Systematic Analysis of the Legitimate Issues of Judicial Review in the United States*
  - Advisor: Professor John C. Reitz
- **Research Assistant (RA):** (College of Law, 09/2018–06/2019)

- Assisted Professor Lea VanderVelde in researching the original intent of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Analyzed the Congressional Globe of the 38th Congress to explore the Radical Republicans' influence on the Reconstruction Congress.

### **Soochow University (Taiwan)**

*Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2017*

- **Master's Thesis:** (published in THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (In Chinese))
  - *The Historical Development of the Right of Freedom of Assembly in the United States: A Comparative Study on Tensions and Conflicts Between Public Order and Freedom of Assembly in Taiwan*
  - Committee: Nigel N. T. Li, Jenny H.Y Shyu, Sea-Wain Yau (chair)
- **Class representative** (09/2013–06/2015)
- Attended while working full-time at National Police Agency

### **Central Police University (Taiwan)**

*Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Police Administration, 2011*

- **Undergraduate Thesis:** (published in NATIONAL TAIWAN POLICE COLLEGE BULLETIN (In Chinese))
  - *An Ethical Study on Police Issuing Traffic Tickets: Ethical and Legal Dilemmas* (2011)
  - Advisor: Tsui-Fang Weng
- Gender Equity Education Committee (student representative; Summer 2010–Spring 2011)
- Bayou Connection Exchange Program, University of Houston-Downtown (Winter 2011)

### **National University of Kaohsiung**

*College of Law, Department of Government and Law, fall 2007–summer 2009*

- Attended while working full-time at Pingtung County Police Bureau
- Transferred to Central Police University after sophomore year

### **Taiwan Police College**

*Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Police Administration, 2005*

### **Work Experience**

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**Special Police Sixth Headquarters, National Police Agency (Taiwan)** 2011–2018; 2020–2022

- *Lieutenant Captain*
  - Served as personal security detail for high-ranking officials, including four Premiers and the Chief Justice, in Taiwan.
  - The Second Grade Police Medal (Awarded by the Ministry of the Interior, Taiwan, 2016)

**Pingtung County Police Bureau (Taiwan)** 2005–2011

- *Police Officer*
  - First-line officer
  - Granted paid study leave to pursue a bachelor's degree at Central Police University (ranked in the top 10 out of 1,407 candidates), 2009–2011

### **Research Interests**

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My research interests include constitutional theory and law, civil disobedience, democratic backsliding, liberal and critical theories, and Taiwanese studies. My dissertation explores the realist study of civil disobedience in defending the traditional features of liberal democratic constitutionalism, utilizing long-term newspaper coverage in Taiwan as the research sample.

## Publications (All under double-blind peer review)

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- Tsung-Chun Chen, *A Comparative Study of Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED) in the United States and Taiwan*, 35 CENTRAL POLICE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 165–219 (2018) (Taiwan) (written in Chinese) (陳宗駿，過失侵權行為致第三人「休克損害」之美國法比較研究，中央警察大學法學論集，第 35 期)
- Tsung-Chun Chen, *An Ethical Study on Police Issuing Traffic Tickets: Ethical and Legal Dilemmas*, 6-8 NATIONAL TAIWAN POLICE COLLEGE BULLETIN 1–12 (2018) (Taiwan) (written in Chinese) (陳宗駿，警察人員舉發交通違規之倫理研究—法律規範及執法倫理之探討，警專學報，第 6 卷第 8 期)
- Tsung-Chun Chen, *The Historical Development of the Right of Freedom of Assembly in the United States: A Comparative Study on Tensions and Conflicts Between Public Order and Freedom of Assembly in Taiwan*, 42-4 THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW 375–434 (2017) (Taiwan) (陳宗駿，美國集會遊行自由權保障之歷史發展—兼論我國集會遊行與公共秩序之折衝，憲政時代，第 42 卷第 4 期)

## Works in Progress

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- Tsung-Chun Chen, *A Constitutional Analysis of Slavery Elements in the U.S. Constitution of 1787: Content, Historical Context, Social Contract Theory, and Constituent Power* (under review)
- Tsung-Chun Chen, *A Theoretical Analysis of the Tensions Between Popular Sovereignty and the Informal Constitutional Changes through Judicial Review*

## Miscellaneous Publications

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- 陳宗駿，因應疫情而禁止高中以下師生出國，是否違憲？憲法觀點下的顧慮有哪些？法律白話文運動 <https://plainlaw.me/2020/05/18/covid-19-2/> (This analysis examines the constitutionality of Taiwan's ban on overseas travel for high school and below teachers and students due to COVID-19.)
- 陳宗駿，由中原大學招明威事件，看美國校園反歧視與言論自由間的兩難。法律白話文運動 <https://plainlaw.me/2020/06/23/freedom-of-speech-003/> (This analysis examines a Taiwanese professor's stereotypical remarks about Chinese students and reflects on how the U.S. navigates the fine line between freedom of speech and discrimination.)

## Presentations

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- *Does Civil Disobedience Defend Liberal Constitutional Democracy? A Historical Analysis of Democratic Taiwan (2006-2021)*
  - **2022 National S.J.D. Roundtable**, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., April 7–8, 2022
  - **The 9th Asian Constitutional Law Forum**, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica (IIAS), Taipei, Taiwan, May 13–14, 2022
  - **Doctoral Student Colloquium** (with the University of Luxembourg), University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, November 1, 2022
  - **The 2023 Global Summit on Constitutionalism**, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Austin, Texas, March 16-18, 2023
  - **JSD Symposium**, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, October 7, 2023
  - **Illinois-Luxembourg Exchange Conference**, The Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) at the University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, October 23-27, 2023

- **2024 National S.J.D. Roundtable**, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., April 12, 2024
- *Necessity Film Series, Part I: Oil, Water, and Climate Resistance*, **Spurlock Museum Workshop**, Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, April 5, 2024 (commentator)
- *Empirical Analysis of Democratic Backsliding in Modern Taiwan (2006-2021)*, **JSD Symposium**, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2, 2024

## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)