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Climate change & sustainability lecturer; published on sustainability, conservation, & political economy; awards for teaching excellence; Environmental Technology Master thesis supervisory committee & faculty member, TU Wien; UN Green Commodities Programme expert; research associate in Group of Forest Management and Development, ETH Zurich.

Profile

Expertise on political economy of global sustainable development and sustainability transition.

Research on UN Sustainable Development Goals, and on trade-offs between sustainability, economic development, and social well-being.

Teaching and research expertise in Climate Change Politics; Globalisation and Sustainability; Development Studies; International Political Economy; Political Economy, Deforestation, and Forest Conservation in Indonesia.

Environmental Technology & International Affairs MSc programme Master thesis supervisor on Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Conservation, & Deforestation, at Technical University of Vienna.

Member of the UN Green Commodities Programme consultant group.

Extensive experience teaching communications-, presentation-, & professional English skills to non-native speakers.

Education

PhD, Political Science, City University Of Hong Kong	2014 - 2018
MSc, Environmental Technology, International Affairs Technical University/Diplomatic Academy, Vienna	2007 - 2009
BA (Hons), Chinese Studies, University Of Leeds, UK	1995 - 1999

Awards

City University of Hong Kong

Outstanding Academic Performance Award for Research Degree	2015
Chow Yei Ching Award for Teaching Excellence	2015
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Award Teaching Award	2018

Publications

Journal articles

Maxton-Lee, B. (2020). Depoliticised ecology: streamlined participation in hegemonic neoliberalism; *Democratization*, 27 (3).

Maxton-Lee, B. (2018). Narratives of sustainability: a lesson from Indonesia; *Soundings*, Project Muse 45-57.

Maxton-Lee, B. (2018). Material realities: Why Indonesian deforestation persists and conservation fails; *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 48 (3), 419-444.

Maxton-Lee, B. (2017). The Oil Palm Complex: Smallholders, agribusiness and the state in Indonesia and Malaysia; *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 47(2) 312-314.

Books

Maxton, G. & Maxton-Lee, B. (2020). *A Chicken Can't Lay a Duck Egg: How Covid-19 Can Solve The Climate Crisis*; Changemakers Books, ISBN 978-1789047615

Maxton-Lee, B. (2020). *Forest conservation and sustainability in Indonesia: A political ecology study of international governance failure*; Routledge, ISBN 978-0-367-17348-7

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Opinion articles

Maxton-Lee, B. (21 August 2020). Forests, carbon markets, and capitalism. How deforestation in Indonesia became a geo-political hornet's nest; REDD-Monitor

Maxton-Lee, B. (3 July 2015). An ecosystem approach to understanding deforestation in Indonesia: From Frank and Grainger to Polanyi and Luxemburg; Perspectives Internationales.

Conference participation and guest lectures

Tropical forest and landscape management challenges, undergraduate lecture, invited by Dr. Claude Garcia, Group of Forest Management and Development, Department of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zurich, 2018

Historical bloc and the illusion of consensual transformation, research paper presentation in *Transition Impossible? Ambiguous Transformations and the Resilience of Unsustainability*, at Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Wirtschaftsuniversität Vienna, 2018

Depoliticised ecology: streamlined participation in hegemonic neoliberalism, research paper presentation in *Activation – Self-Management – Overload: Political Participation beyond the Post-democratic Turn*; at Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Wirtschaftsuniversität Vienna, 2017

Cutting-edge cases of institution building and development, graduate lecture for *Cutting Edge Cases in Development under Late Capitalism*, invited by Prof. Dr. Toby Carroll, City University of Hong Kong, 2017

Themes of Development: Environment for *Theories of Development*, undergraduate lecture, invited by Prof. Dr. Aliena Ortwein, City University of Hong Kong, 2017

Throwing more wood on the fire: PES, MSI and enclosures; a critical analysis of conservation market leaders in Indonesia, research paper presentation in *Redefining state and market relationships in East Asia: Private interests in national agendas*, Congrès Asie Paris, 2017

The deforestation crisis in Indonesia: A public-private product, research paper presentation in ISA Asia-Pacific Hong Kong Conference, 2016

Themes of Development: Environment for *Theories of Development*, undergraduate lecture, invited by Prof. Dr. Aliena Ortwein, City University of Hong Kong, 2016

Swiss Re Expert Forum on The State and Fate of the World's Rainforests, moderator, Rüşchlikon, Switzerland, 2015

The political economy of deforestation in Southeast Asia, undergraduate lecture, invited by Prof. Dr. Regina Hitzenberger, Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna, Austria, 2013

Club of Rome Change Course Conference, chair of closing session, Winterthur, Switzerland, 2013

The dynamics of environmental destruction, moderator and panel discussant, public conference on nature and the environment, Singapore, 2010

Professional experience

Climate Change Lecturer; Faculty Member, Technical University of Vienna **Since 2020**
Credited Master course (15 units). In module *Surveillance and Sustainable Development*, with curricular subjects Climate Change & Climate Control, covering climate science, mitigation and control, industry analysis, & global climate policy.

Communications Coach, Lado Taiwan **Since 2019**
Coaching professionals enhanced communications and presentation skills. Workshop facilitator & co-facilitator on presentation skills, and professional writing. Industries: pharmaceuticals, technology (supply-side, engineering, and sales), finance, electronics, automotive, insurance.

Research Associate, Group Of Forest Management & Development, ETH Zurich **Since 2018**
Developed post-doctoral research agenda on pan-European and Asian sustainability narratives. Undergraduate lecture in 2018 on Southeast Asian deforestation and forest conservation.

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Doctoral Researcher, City University of Hong Kong **2014-2018**

'Common Sense' versus Good Sense: A Critical Analysis of Forest Conservation and Deforestation in Indonesia

Case studies: REDD+; Norway-Indonesia Bilateral Partnership; Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.
Fieldwork in Indonesia, United States and Switzerland.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Technical University of Vienna CEC, Austria **Since 2011**

Three-part annual seminar on Deforestation and the Global Economy for Master's students of environmental science and international politics.

Faculty member and member of thesis supervisory committee.

Independent Technical Reviewer, United Nations **2015**

Desk review for UN agency (UNREDD) of proposal to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in Myanmar. Reviewed project viability, technical competencies, and accuracy of data, objectives, and stakeholders.

Editing Consultant & Language Instructor, Freelance **2011 - 2014**

Proof-read, edited, and coached corporate presentations. Taught language and presentation skills to corporate, private, and public-sector-assigned clients.

General Manager, Jane Goodall Institute **2009 - 2011**

Head of Institute in Southeast Asia. Initiated rainforest conservation programme in Kalimantan, Indonesia. Led sustainability education programme in Singapore. Coordinated with government and regulatory agencies and liaised with financial stakeholders. Conducted fund-raising and media relations.

Senior Manager, Conferences, Asia Pacific, Economist Intelligence Unit **2005 - 2007**

Researched and organised international industry conferences and government events on banking, finance, technology, and manufacturing throughout Asia, including CEO debates and government roundtables.

Founder & Managing Director, Translatasia **2003 - 2006**

Consultant for events and translation (Chinese – English).

Languages

English (mother tongue)
German (intermediate)
French (basic)
Mandarin (basic)

References

Ao.Univ.Prof.i.R. Dipl.-Ing. Dr.techn. Hans Puxbaum

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