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1/ The polls have closed and it seems you'd like me to expose a 'China Watcher', so here goes....

What topic would you like to read in my next Twitter thread?

— The Daily Mao (@TheDailyMao) [December 10, 2020](#)

2/ Our China Watcher today is James Lin, a respectable professor for a respectable school with a sizeable Chinese student body

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Fields of Interest

Capitalism East Asia Economics Environmental History Global and Transnational History of Science Intellectual History Modern China Postcolonial Taiwan

Biography

B.A., History, University of California, Berkeley, 2007

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Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

James Lin is a historian of Taiwan and its interactions with the world in the 20th century. His research examines international agrarian development, beginning with rural reform and agricultural science in China and Taiwan from the early 20th century through the postwar era, then its subsequent re-imagining during Taiwanese development missions to Africa, Asia, and Latin America from the 1950s onward. James Lin is the first faculty to be hired as part of the Jackson School's new [Taiwan Studies Program](#), which is a joint project involving the UW, the Taiwan Government and an anonymous private donor.



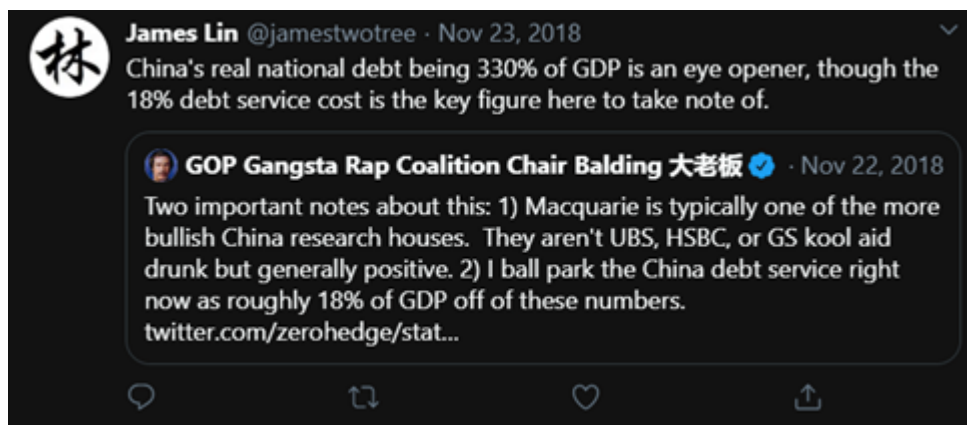
3/ How did I hear about James? Well, a few months ago, someone sent me these screencaps



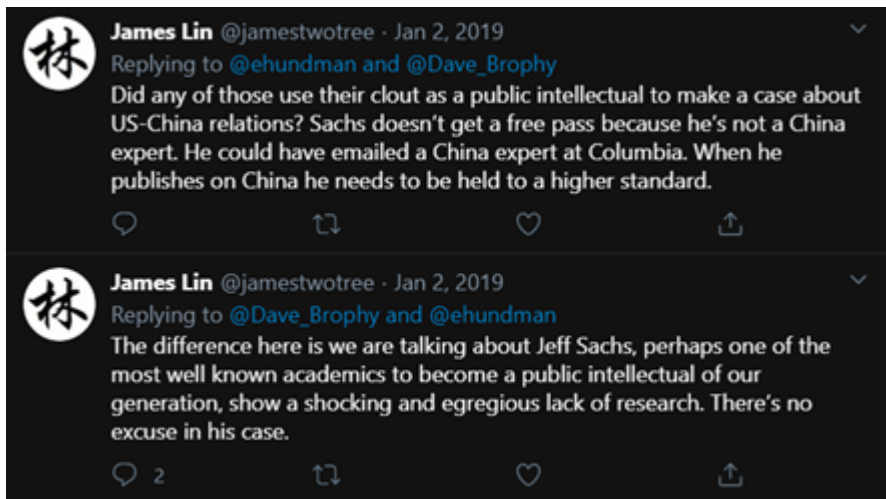
4/ He tags me and invites me to take some courses... then blocks me. I'm intrigued, what is this guy hiding?



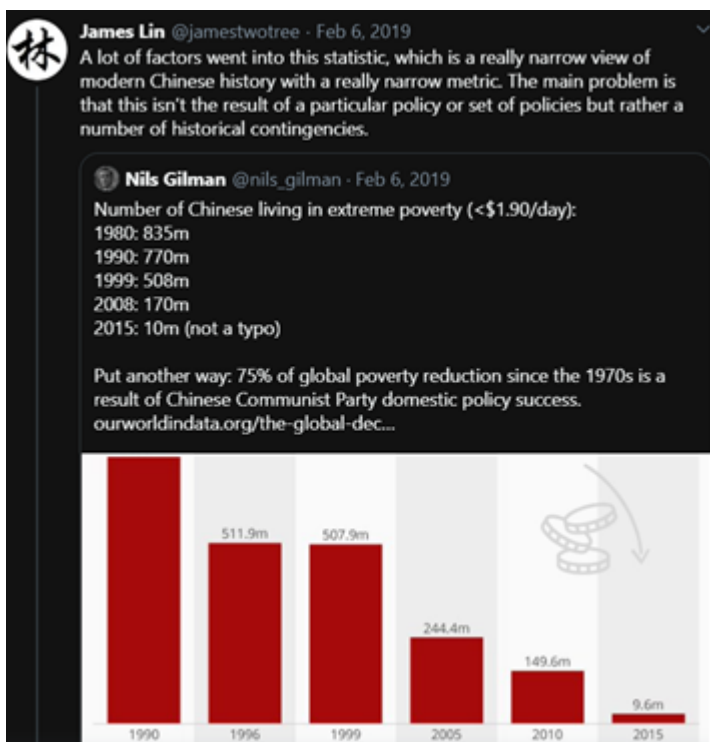
5/ To start with, some standard China Watcher stuff, such as "China's economy is a house of cards and will collapse! Also US military flexing on China's borders = totally innocent"



6/ Tone policing China scholars and delegitimizing Chinese perspectives... all this seems ordinary...



7/ ...until we get to "Chinese economic growth is not poverty reduction"... wait, what?



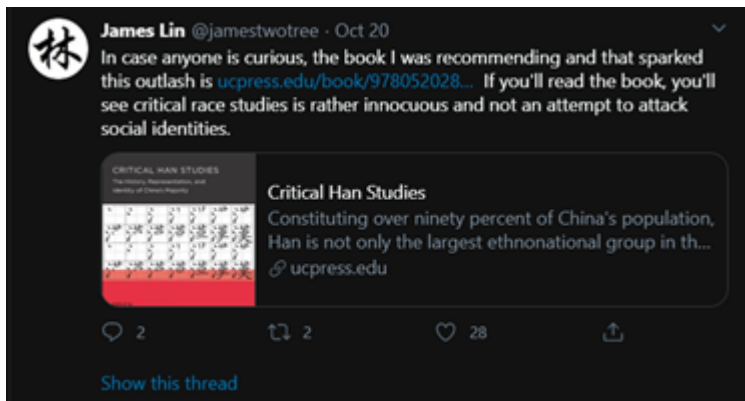
8/ But Chinese growth definitely is like the white walkers (???)



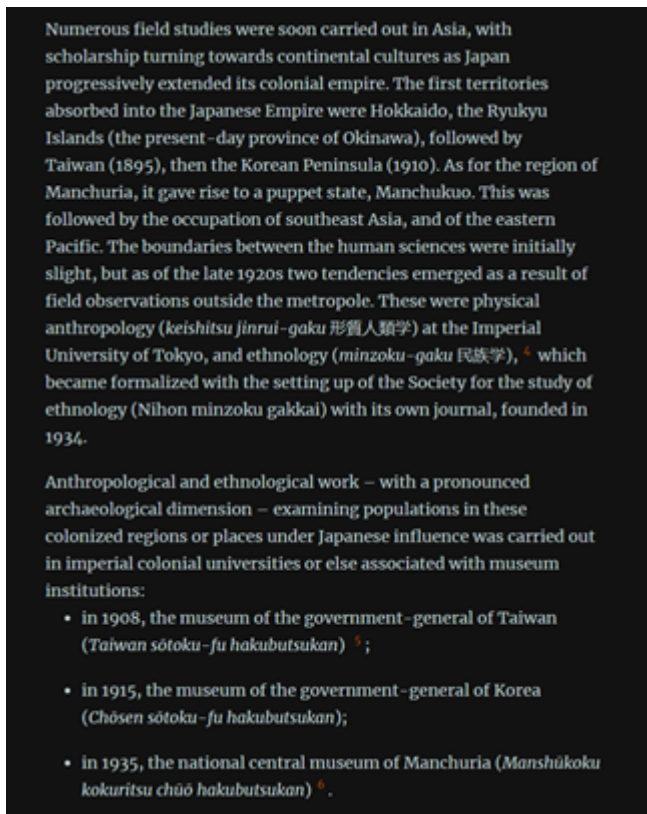
9/ Taiwan islanders only speak Chinese because the KMT made them (????)



10/ Because the ethnicity that makes up 92% of China is an artificial construct (?????)



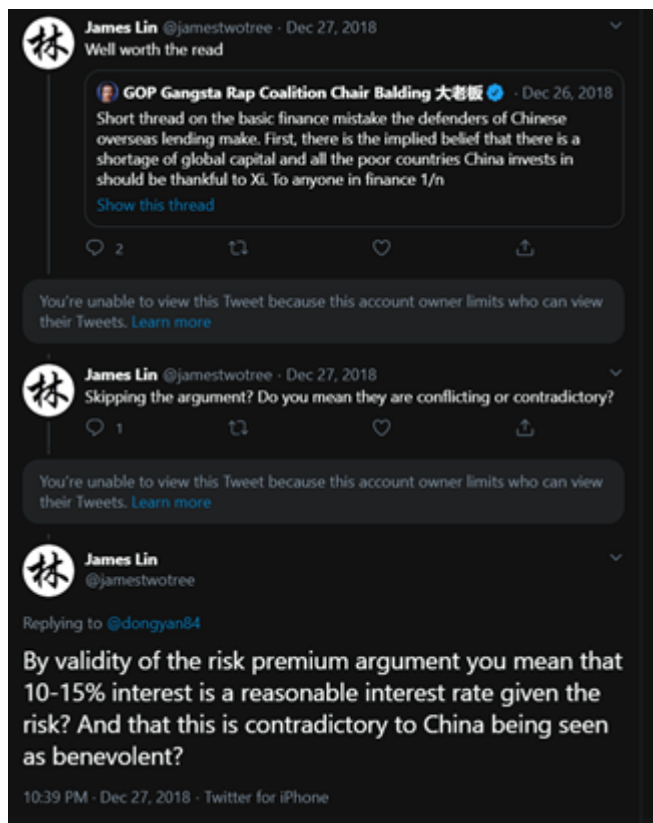
11/ You know who seeded this type of research? The Imperial Japanese Army. While it was invading China.



12/ And guess what type of 'colonization' Professor Lin likes because it brings 'civilization'?



13/ But James doesn't just like Imperial Japan. He thinks it's 40 year campaign of wanton bloodlust in Asia - which killed 20 million people - compares favorably to China's Belt and Road project



14/ James also gets pretty touchy when you say anything about Japan doing anything remotely aggressive in the present day



15/ James sure likes thinking about Japan doesn't he, but he has never tweeted, once, about the Nanking Massacre, Comfort Women, state-sponsored narcotics dealing in Manchukuo, or biological warfare in Unit 731

16/ But he did tweet one thing about Imperial Japan between 1931 and 1945... their trains. Because trains are super cool and what the IJA built while killing and enslaving everyone is definitely the same as China's BRI /sarcasm



17/ All this could just be coincidence, but the other day, he straight up liked a post denying the Nanking Massacre



根本沒有南京大屠殺。

「大屠殺」的人除了已經被取銷的照片和不少從來沒說過這種話。

「京人口是二十萬（國際統計）八城十萬二十萬（南京外國人會）一個月後的人五萬（皇軍調查外國人帶來）的三十萬人？」

「從哪裡來，為什麼這樣呢？杜月笙是商人，不盡確。當時還有海外記者，問了。」

「石潤了很多記者會，有一點說說屠殺。」

「這麼發展，建造很多大樓和地鐵初一月當明也沒發現。」

「屠殺」是國民軍宣傳部為了引起美國做的吹噓（「這可嚇唬，日政府幫忙日本。」）

「以後美國（為了海關長時，海島等等）提議吹噓。」

「那共知過了周延喧嘩，海島。一品質很壞日本是宗教的（的日本政府不能取用，却給日本很多支援錢。」）

「家相信了。」

「戰」江面席卷，南京城是正在包圍戰局的大勢よりみれば今後の交戦はただ利なし古蹟の「旧都」にして民の苦痛なり山陵など古蹟の名國創集し、病然東非文あり。

「者に對しては極めて残酷にして苛酷なり民衆及び敵意なき中國軍隊に對しては寛を要せず、東軍交戦に對しては之を保護必ずや敵を免れ難し、而して千載の文官は十年の經營は全く毀壞せざるん。」

「官は日本人を代表し貴軍に報告す。」

「を平和裡に開放し、而して左記の範圍に



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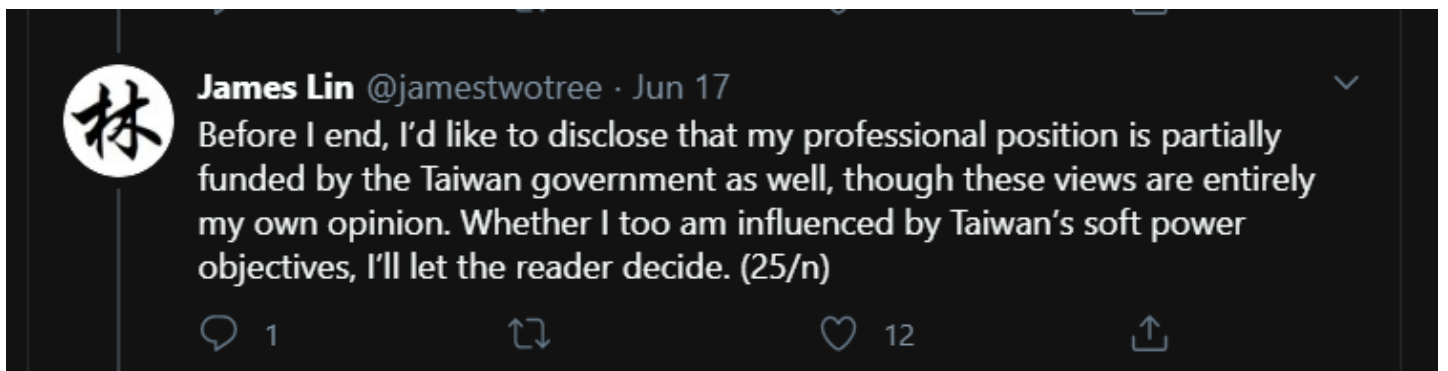
New from Cornell University Press: *Reinventing Licentiousness: Pornography and Modern China* by Y. Yvon Wang @yyvonwang @History_UofT @CornellPress #China



19/ But this isn't just Twitter, continuing Imperial Japan's "China ethnography studies" is his day job

then its subsequent re-imagining during Taiwanese development missions to Africa, Asia, and Latin America from the 1950s onward. James Lin is the first faculty to be hired as part of the Jackson School's new [Taiwan Studies Program](#), which is a joint project involving the UW, the Taiwan Government and an anonymous private donor.

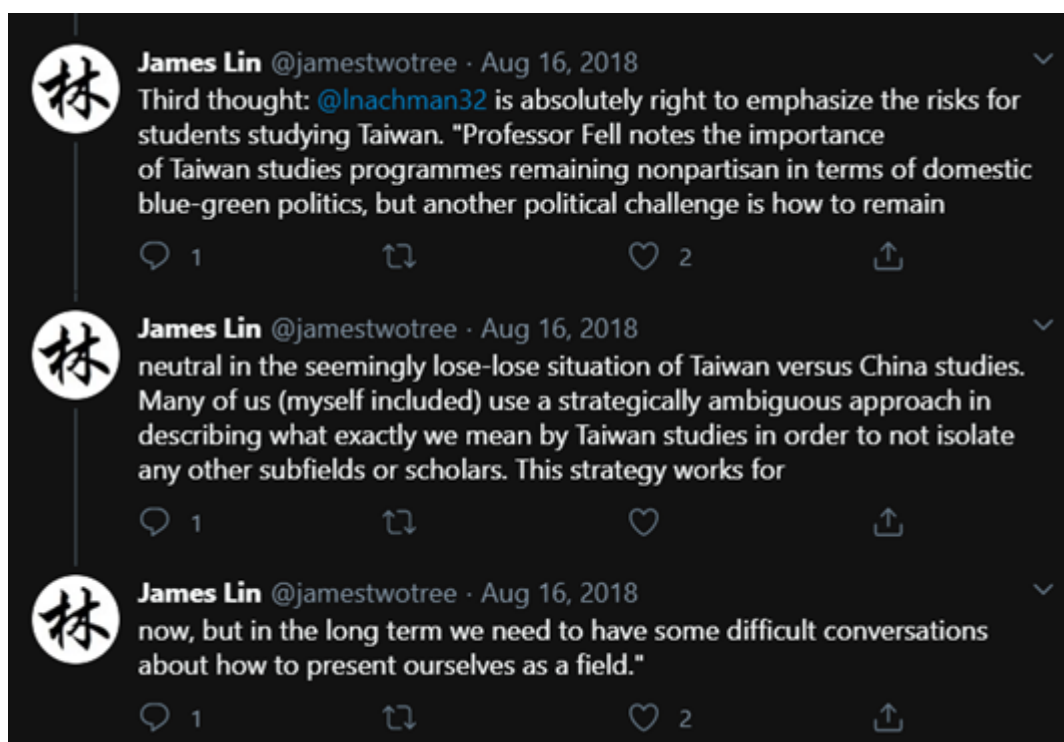
20/ James: "I am not influenced by money but my career as a junior faculty is precarious and only senior faculty consistently stand up to govt pressure"



21/ Also James: "all the funding for me is totally innocent!" Also also James: "Taiwan studies needs more funding"

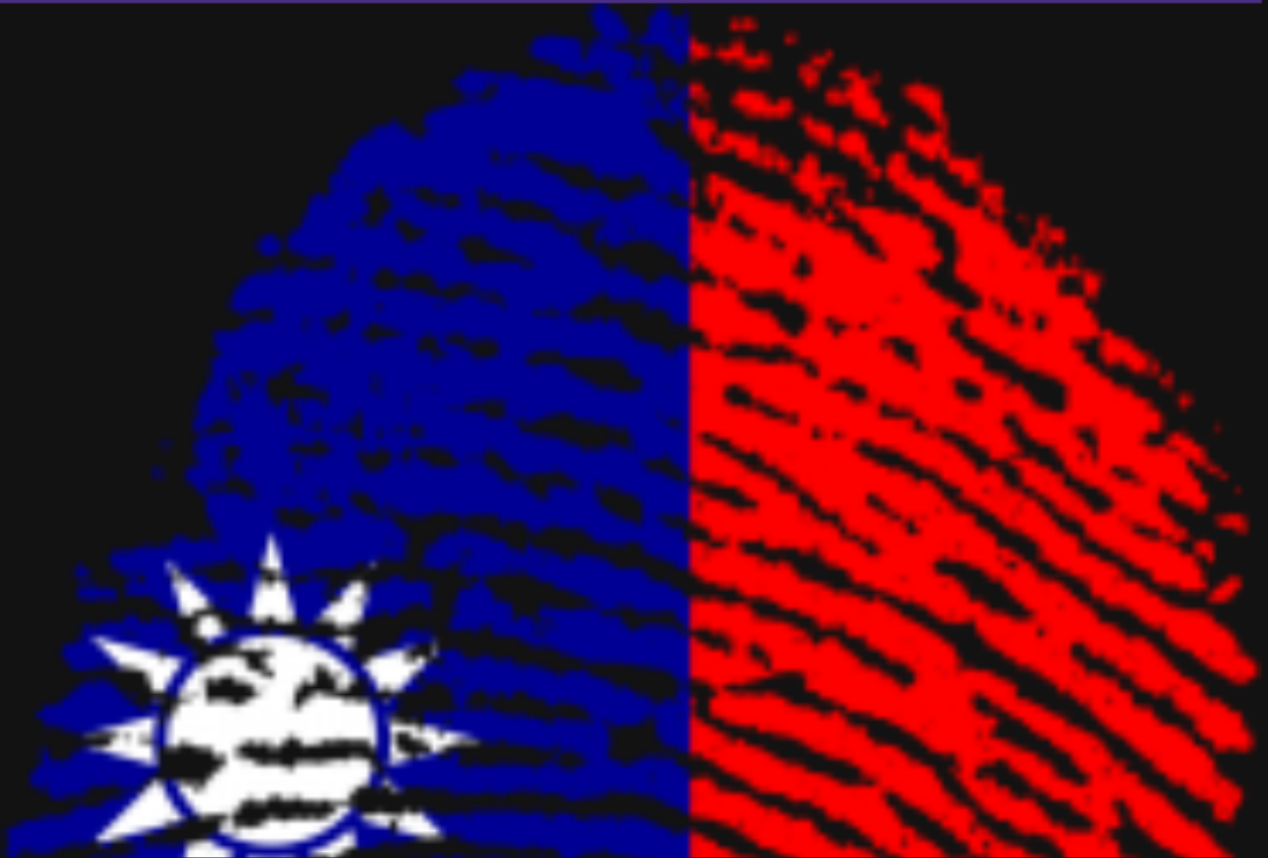


22/ Also also also James: "And even though Taiwan pays our bills, we should totally keep hiding what that funding is used for"



23/ But James isn't just funded by Taiwan's government. He's also funded by an anonymous donor... which totally isn't influencing the views of our ever-so-eager Imperial Japanese apologist

Jackson School starts new Taiwan Initiative



FEBRUARY 22, 2016



In introducing the Feb. 18 panel discussion “Taiwan 2016 Elections: Retrospect and Prospect,” Jackson School of International Studies Director Reşat Kasaba also highlighted the start of a new initiative at the School around the study of Taiwan.

Thanks to a recent major grant and a generous gift from an anonymous donor, the School plans to help bring together expertise and knowledge of Taiwan and make these resources more available to students and public.

24/ So if it's innocent, why not share it? Maybe James should share his donor's name with all of us. But he'll probably toss out an excuse about respecting their wish to remain anonymous, so let's give him that

25/ But we don't have to give him an ounce of the supposed objectivity or legitimacy he quite so obviously craves.

end/ And though they likely give more than \$200M per year today in tuition, as long as James is paid by [@UW](#), neither should Chinese families give [@UW](#) a single cent of their hard-earned money [@amcauce](#)

Autumn 20-21 Visas by Country, Seattle Campus

Country	Students/..	F1/F2	J1/J2	Others
Albania	3	3		
Argentina	4	3	1	
Armenia	2	2		
Australia	19	16		3
Austria	2	1	1	
Azerbaijan	3	2	1	
Bahrain	1		1	
Bangladesh	15	11	1	3
Belgium	1	1		
Bhutan	1	1		
Bolivia, Plurinational St..	1	1		
Botswana	1	1		
Brazil	29	26	1	2
Brunei Darussalam	2	2		
Bulgaria	2	2		
Cambodia	3	3		
Cameroon	1	1		
Canada	163	142	1	20
Chile	13	8	5	
China	4,135	4,082	2	51
Colombia	18	10	8	
Congo, Democratic Re..	1	1		
Costa Rica	5	4	1	
Croatia	1	1		
Cyprus	2	2		
Czech Republic	3	3		
Denmark	3	2	1	
Ecuador	9	9		
Egypt	6	4	2	
El Salvador	2		1	1
Ethiopia	4	4		