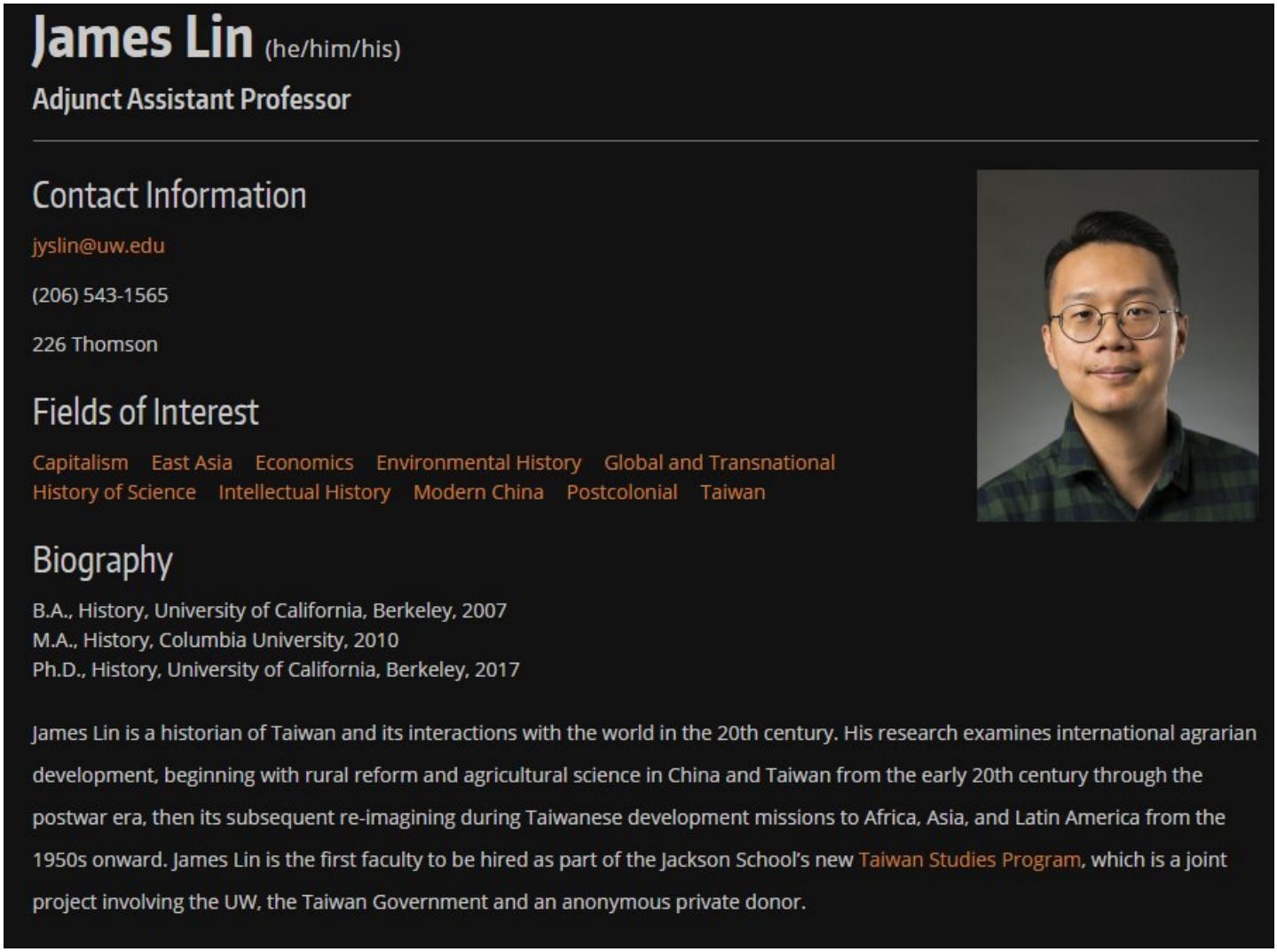
Twitter Thread by The Daily Mao

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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



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



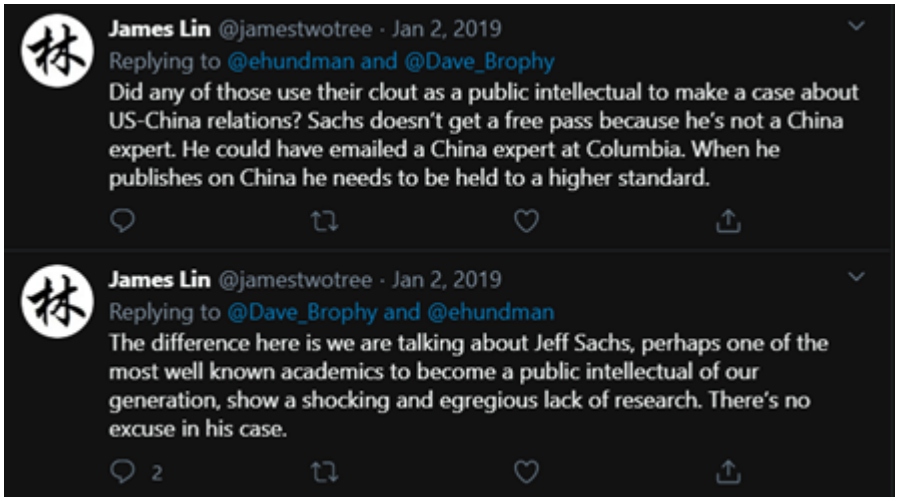
4/ He tags me and invites me to take some courses... then blocks me. I'm intrigued, what is this guy hiding?



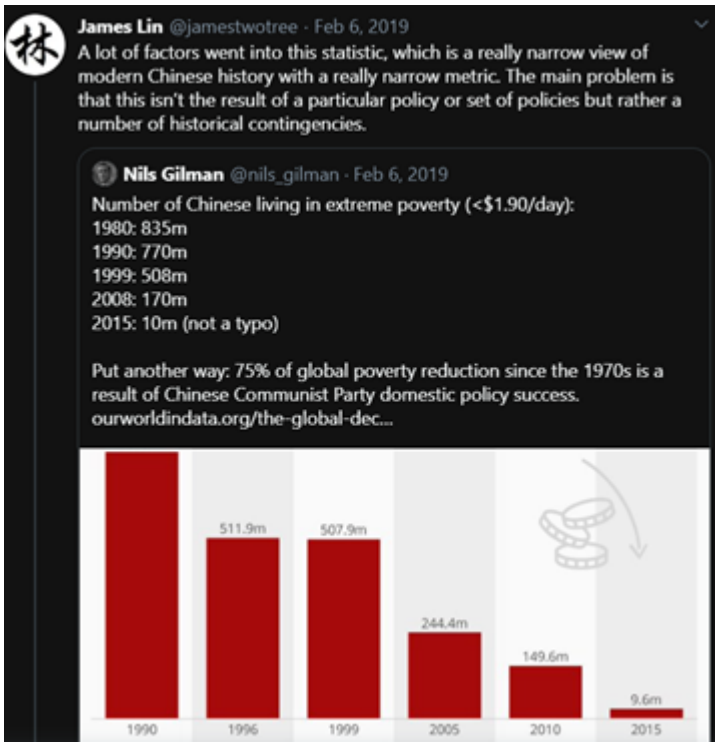
5/ To start with, some standard China Watcher stuff, such as "China's economy is a house of cards and will collapse! Also US military flexing on China's borders = totally innocent"



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?



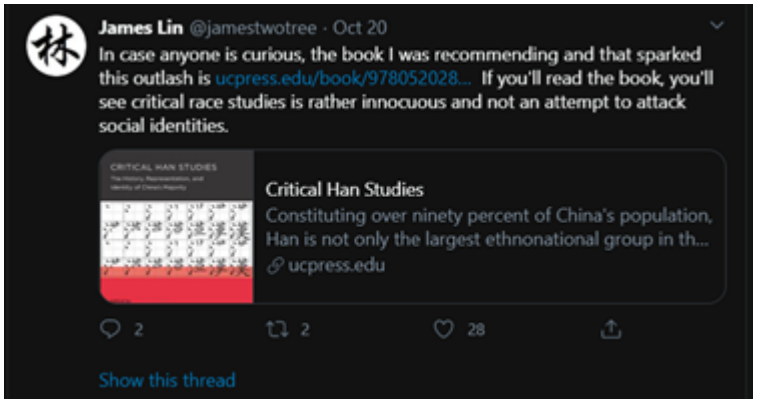
8/ But Chinese growth definitely is like the white walkers (???)



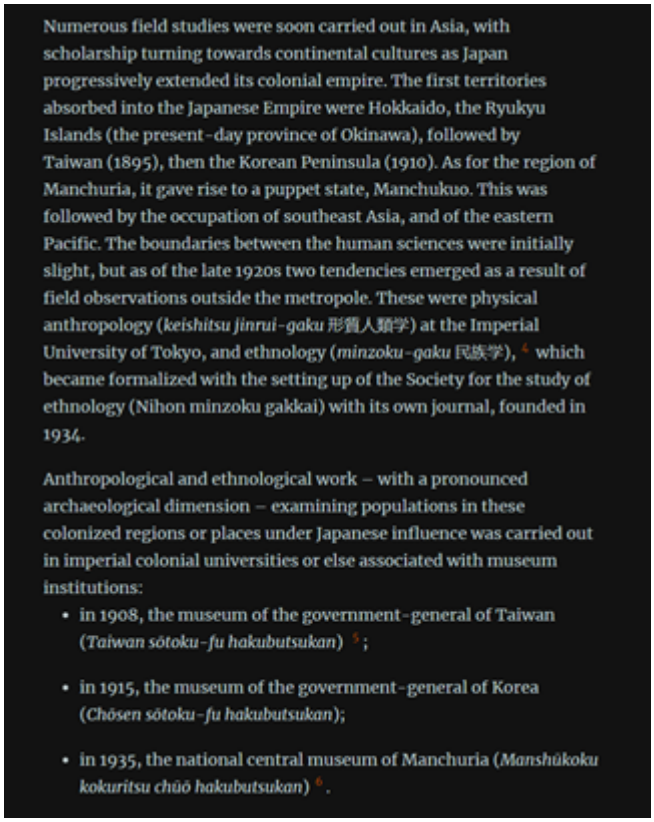
9/ Taiwan islanders only speak Chinese because the KMT made them (????)



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.



Numerous field studies were soon carried out in Asia, with scholarship turning towards continental cultures as Japan progressively extended its colonial empire. The first territories absorbed into the Japanese Empire were Hokkaido, the Ryukyu Islands (the present-day province of Okinawa), followed by Taiwan (1895), then the Korean Peninsula (1910). As for the region of Manchuria, it gave rise to a puppet state, Manchukuo. This was followed by the occupation of southeast Asia, and of the eastern Pacific. The boundaries between the human sciences were initially slight, but as of the late 1920s two tendencies emerged as a result of field observations outside the metropole. These were physical anthropology (*keishitsu jinrui-gaku* 形質人類学) at the Imperial University of Tokyo, and ethnology (*minzoku-gaku* 民族学), [4] which became formalized with the setting up of the Society for the study of ethnology (Nihon minzoku gakkai) with its own journal, founded in 1934.

Anthropological and ethnological work – with a pronounced archaeological dimension – examining populations in these colonized regions or places under Japanese influence was carried out in imperial colonial universities or else associated with museum institutions:

- in 1908, the museum of the government-general of Taiwan (*Taiwan sōtoku-fu hakubutsukan*) [5];
- in 1915, the museum of the government-general of Korea (*Chōsen sōtoku-fu hakubutsukan*);
- in 1935, the national central museum of Manchuria (*Manshūkoku kokuritsu chūō hakubutsukan*) [6].

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



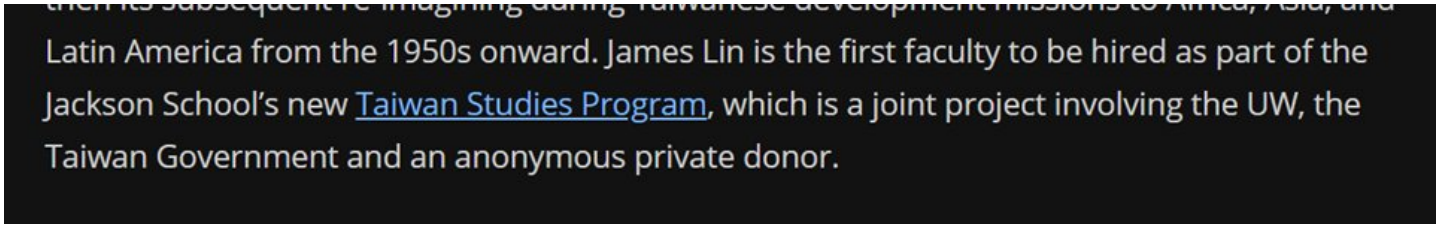
17/ All this could just be coincidence, but the other day, he straight up liked a post denying the Nanking Massacre



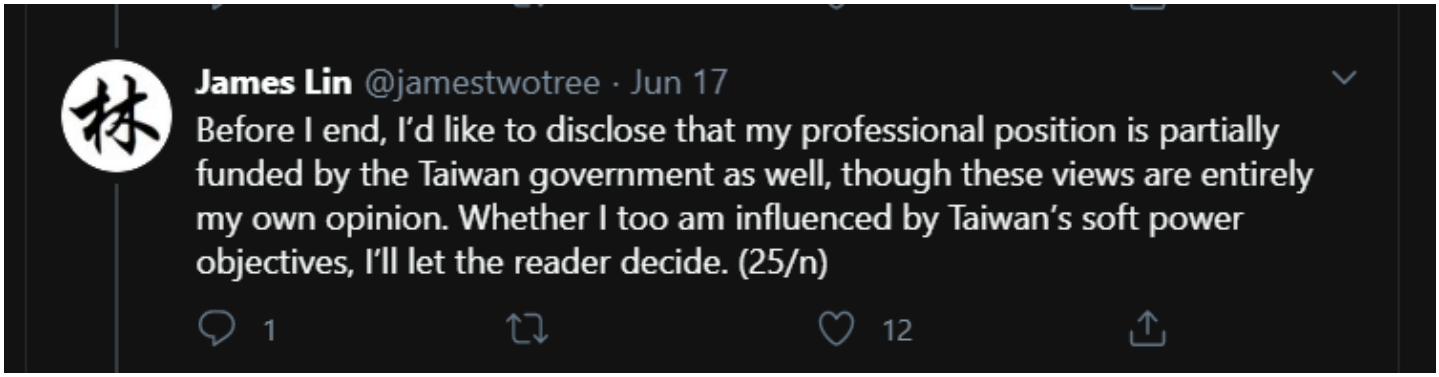
18/ You could think this is all due to some odd racial hierarchy James has absorbed in his head…



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



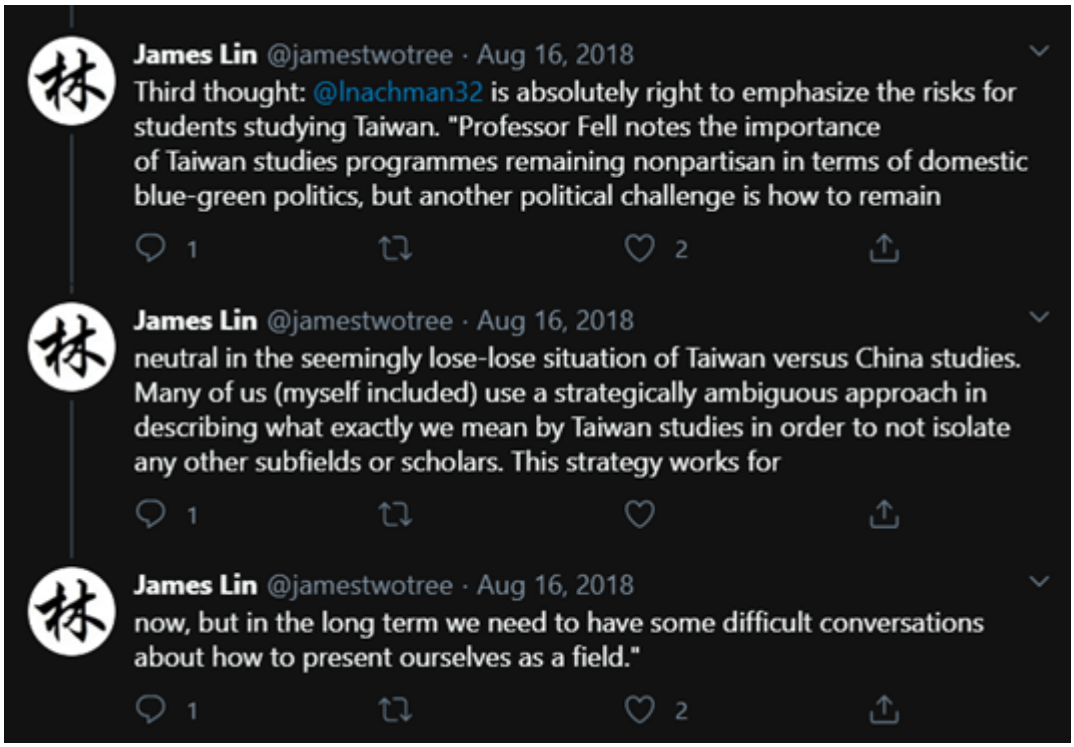
20/ James: "I am not influenced by money but my career as a junior faculty is precarious and only senior faculty consistently stand up to govt pressure"



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

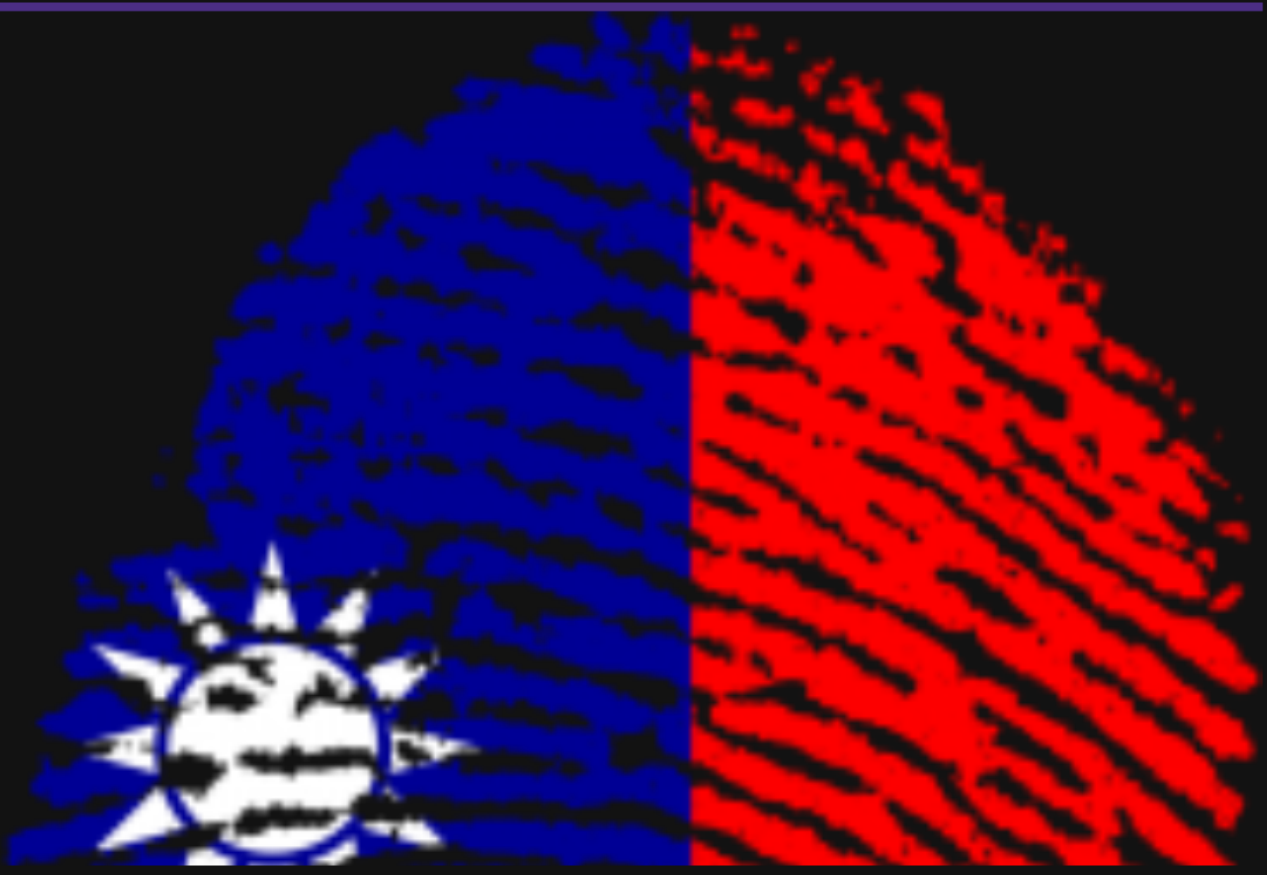


22/ Also also also James: "And even though Taiwan pays our bills, we should totally keep hiding what that funding is used for"



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 Imperal 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		