

# MORGAN POTTS

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## EDUCATION

### **MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY**

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE / SEP 2012 – JUN 2014

- Dissertation: “Is North Korea a Rational Actor? Evaluating ‘Rationality’ and ‘Agency’ in International Relations”
- Modules:
  - Theories of International Relations
  - International Politics of Asia and the Pacific
  - Strategic Aspects of International Relations
- Essays:
  - “Trans Gender Matters: Applying Trans Theory to International Security”
  - “The Bilateral ‘Defense Spider Web’: Analyzing ASEAN’s Security Arrangements”
  - “Pivot Notwithstanding: The US’ Hegemonic Decline as Evidenced in East Asia”
  - “Blurred Lines Between Combatant and Civilian: Cyber Espionage and the Snowden Leaks”
- Member of the Editorial Board of Millennium: Journal of International Studies

### **BA (HONS) INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MINOR IN HISTORY**

RICHMOND, THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN LONDON / SEP 2007 – DEC 2010

- Awards: 1st Class Honours Degree; summa cum laude; \$12,000 annual scholarship; Outstanding Graduate award

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

### **Is North Korea a Rational Actor? The Right and Wrong Questions to Ask**

(excerpt from MSc. Thesis), Sino-NK, 5 December 2013.

**Pyongyang’s (Non-Static) Perspective on Beijing**, conference paper, London School of Economics, 5 February 2014.

**Why South Korea Shuns the American Missile Defence Programme**, Newsbrief, The Royal United Services Institute, forthcoming (summer 2014).

**Assigning Meaning to the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands**, conference paper, University of Leeds, forthcoming.

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## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

### ASSISTANT EDITOR

NOV 2013 – PRESENT

[SINO-NK](#) DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT / London, UK

- Author and co-author articles on North Korean politics and North-East Asian geopolitics
- Data-deepening initiatives, source-reading on Sino-DPRK dynamics
- Chinese media translation and analysis
- Editorial work, coordinating with a globally-located team

### PRODUCTION EDITOR

JUN 2014 – PRESENT

[THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR KOREAN STUDIES \(BAKS\)](#) / London, UK

- Overseeing daily workflow
- Project management and coordination, ensuring deadlines are met
- Edit Book Reviews for content and copy, especially Romanization and style consistency
- Web design and general IT

### RESEARCH ANALYST (INTERNSHIP), NUCLEAR ANALYSIS

OCT 2013 – DEC 2013

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE (RUSI) / London, UK

- Focus on North-East Asian nuclear and maritime security
- Engagement with Chinese and North Korean think tanks
- Research for internal and external publication

### WEB ASSISTANT, EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

NOV 2012 – MAY 2013

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES (IISS) / London, UK

- Wrote 100+ literature abstracts for books on security studies, published in Survival
- Caught 500+ errors in new website user acceptance testing
- Ensured style consistency, corrected formatting and image placement on web pages

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## SKILLS

**RESEARCH:** Primary research, familiarity with both print and electronic resources, fact checking, analytical skills, editorial

**TECHNICAL:** Web design, MS Office, HTML, Photoshop, InDesign, iWork, social media

**ADMIN:** Event planning, scheduling, digitally coordinating across continents

**LANGUAGES:** French (proficient), Mandarin Chinese (beginning)

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## REFERENCES

To maintain the privacy of my colleagues, references are not made public but are available upon request.