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Educational Qualifications

- PhD China and Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University, ROC Taiwan** 2005-2009
- Dissertation: “Taiwan’s Diplomacy towards Former Yugoslavia and its Successor States”
- MA Chinese Studies, University of Leeds, UK** 2003-2004
- Thesis: “Environmentalism and Nationalism Combined: Taiwan’s Perspective” [Distinction]
- BA Chinese and Japanese Studies, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia** 1996-2002
- Diploma: “The Question of Taiwan and Japanese Dilemmas” [Overall grade average: 9.3/10]

Awards and Achievements:

- Certificate for completing the Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters Professional Training on Chinese Language Teaching & Materials (Tianjin, PR China, 2010)
- Award for an outstanding doctoral dissertation, National Sun Yat-sen University (Kaohsiung, ROC Taiwan, Nov 7, 2009)
- Scholarship for doctoral study, ROC Taiwan Ministry of Education (2005-2008)
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation grant for organizing the symposium “Mainland China and Taiwan - cooperation and/or competition” (Fiesa, Slovenia, Aug 29-31, 2008)
- Tetley and Lupton Scholarship, University of Leeds, UK (2003-2004)
- AD Futura Scholarship, Science-Education Foundation, Slovenia (2003-2004)
- Slovenian Government scholarship for postgraduate students of great talent (2003-2004)
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation research grant, University of Heidelberg, Germany (Aug 2004)
- Scholarship by Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute to participate in Study Tour Award Program for Outstanding Students of the Japanese Language (Kansai, June 1998)
- Scholarship by the ROC Taiwan Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to learn Chinese at the National Taiwan Normal University (Sep 1998 - Aug 1999)
- Scholarship by the Association of International Education, Japan (AIEJ) to participate in the Student Exchange Program, University of Tsukuba, Japan (Sep 2000 - Aug 2001)
- Slovenian Government scholarship for students of great talent (Oct 1999 – Oct 2002)

Visiting Scholar and Guest Lecturer

- Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb 18-12 Dec 2014
- Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana Oct 2010-Jun 2012
- Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana Mar-Jun 2012
- Faculty of Humanities, University of Zagreb Apr-Jun 2012
- Krka, d.d., Novo mesto Apr-May 2009

Professional Associations

- President, Taiwan Research Center (TRC), Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Board Member, European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)
- European Advisory Board member, European Research Center on Taiwan Studies (ERCCT)
- Board Member, Slovene Student Sinological Association Yuan
- Member, Slovene-Taiwanese Friendship Association
- Member, Slovene-Chinese Friendship Association

Articles and other Component Parts

1.01 Original scientific article

1. ISTENIČ, Saša. Tajvan-Kitajska : gordijski vozle ostaja zvezan. *Časopis za kritiko znanosti, domišljijo in novo antropologijo*, ISSN 0351-4285, 2014, letn. 42, št. 258, str. 189-197. [COBISS.SI-ID [56775010](#)]
2. ISTENIČ, Saša. The role of media in democratic consolidation of Taiwan and Slovenia. V: ROŠKER, Jana S. (ur.), VAMPELJ SUHADOLNIK, Nataša (ur.). *100 years of modern China : social, political and cultural changes*, (Asian and African studies, ISSN 1408-5429, vol. 16, issue 2). 1st ed. Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete: = University Press, Faculty of Arts, 2012, str. 67-77. [COBISS.SI-ID [50063458](#)]
3. ISTENIČ, Saša. Opportunities, obstacles and challenges for mainland China and Taiwan in adopting CBMS in the military/security domain. *Chinese (Taiwan) yearbook of international law and affairs*, ISSN 0731-0854, 2011, vol. 27: 2009, str. 1-42, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [48185698](#)]
4. ISTENIČ, Saša. Slovenian foreign policy toward Taiwan : implications of regional and interregional dynamics. *Azijske in afriške študije*, ISSN 1408-5429, 2009, vol. 13, no. 1, str. 301-322. [COBISS.SI-ID [40665698](#)]

1.02 Review article

5. ISTENIČ, Saša. The EU's endeavors to achieve a discernible political and security role in Asia in the framework of ASEM : the Taiwan issue. *Issues and studies - Institute of International Relations*, ISSN 1013-2511, 2007, vol. 43, no. 3, str. 53-96. [COBISS.SI-ID [41131106](#)], [[JCR](#), [SNIP](#)]

6. ISTENIČ, Saša. Slovenia on the global stage : role in the Taiwan strait conflict?. *Issues and studies - Institute of International Relations*, ISSN 1013-2511, 2008, vol. 44, no. 4, str. 129-166. [COBISS.SI-ID [41130594](#)], [JCR, SNIP, WoS up to 28. 4. 2010: no. of citations (TC): 0, without self-citations (CI): 0, weighted no. of citations (NC): 0, Scopus up to 24. 4. 2013: no. of citations (TC): 1, pure citations (CI): 1, normalized no. of pure citations (NC): 5]

1.04 Professional article

7. ISTENIČ, Saša. Politics and wildlife protection in China. *Leeds East Asia papers*, ISSN 0965-8548, 2004, no. 64, str. 1-15. [COBISS.SI-ID [41153122](#)]

8. ISTENIČ, Saša. Taiwan's bussiness communities in mainland China : contesting influence over cross-strait economic policy. *Leeds East Asia papers*, ISSN 0965-8548, 2004, no. 65, str. [1]-12. [COBISS.SI-ID [41153890](#)]

1.05 Popular article

9. ISTENIČ, Saša. Institutional profile (II) : Taiwan Research Center in Slovenia. *EATS news*, ISSN 2053-6143, 2014, issue 3, str. 16-17, ilustr. <http://eats-taiwan.eu/news/newsletter-3/>. [COBISS.SI-ID [54104674](#)]

10. ISTENIČ, Saša. Siluoweiniya zongtong daxuan kaipao le. *Zhoukan Baergan*, 2012, no. 2, str. 10-11, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54098786](#)]

11. ISTENIČ, Saša. Shen wei Siluoweiniyaren. *Zhoukan Baergan*, 2012, no. 2, str. 12-17, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54098530](#)]

12. ISTENIČ, Saša. Siluoweiniya you ke lao shu teng bu ku. *Zhoukan Baergan*, 2012, no. 2, str. 18-22, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54100066](#)]

13. ISTENIČ, Saša. Ouzhou Bei lanqiu sai ji jiang kailuo!. *Zhoukan Baergan*, 2013, no. 44, str. 42-47, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54101346](#)]

14. ISTENIČ, Saša. Tajvan : majhen otok z veliko dušo. *Svet & ljudje*, ISSN 1408-7952, 2000, letn. 3, št. 9, str. 90-99, fotogr. [COBISS.SI-ID [41127522](#)]

1.08 Published scientific conference contribution

15. ISTENIČ, Saša. In search for mor sun : Taiwan's international space. V: *Di shiyi jie Zhong Ou guanxi zhong de Taiwan wenti xueshu yantaohui 2014 nian 9 yue 14 ri-16 ri = The 11th Annual Conference on the Taiwan Issue in China-Europe Relations, September 14-16, 2014 : huiyu lunwen = conference papers*. Shanghai: Shanghai guoji wenti yanjiuyuan: = Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, 2014, str. 119-137. [COBISS.SI-ID [55612770](#)]

16. ISTENIČ, Saša. New geopolitical realities in East Asia & old Westphalian realities vis-à-vis Taiwan's international space. V: *Di shi jie "Zhong ou guanxi zhang de Taiwan wenti" xueshu yantaohui 2013 ninen 7 yue 28 ri-31 ri = The tenth annual conference on the Taiwan question in China-Europe relations, July 28th-31th, 2013*. Shanghai: Shanghai guoji wenti yanjiuyuan: = Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, 2013, str. 60-67. [COBISS.SI-ID [53268834](#)]

17. ISTENIČ, Saša. The diplomatic battle between the ROC and PRC : example of Macedonia. V: BELINA, Linda (ur.). *International sinology symposium 2004-2009 : reader*. Ljubljana: Center for Chinese Studies at Faculty of Arts: Yuan Sinology Society, 2011, str. 47-65, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [47151714](#)]

18. ISTENIČ, Saša. The new developments in relations between China and Taiwan and future outlook. V: BELINA, Linda (ur.). *International sinology symposium 2004-2009 : reader*. Ljubljana: Center for Chinese Studies at Faculty of Arts: Yuan Sinology Society, 2011, str. 164-172, ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [47149922](#)]

1.12 Published scientific conference contribution abstract

19. ISTENIČ, Saša. Japan's Image in Slovene media coverage of the Senkaku, Diaoyu, Diaoyutai Islands Disputes. V: The 14th International Conference of the EAJS, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, August 27-30, 2014. *Book of abstracts*. [Ljubljana]: Ljubljana University Press, Faculty of Arts, 2014, str. 329, ilustr. <http://aas.ff.uni-lj.si/datoteke/eajs/334/bookofabstractseajs2014ljubljana3.pdf>. [COBISS.SI-ID [55468642](#)]

20. ISTENIČ, Saša. The role of the media in democratic consolidation of Taiwan and Slovenia. V: VAMPELJ SUHADOLNIK, Nataša (ur.). *One hundred years of modern China*. Ljubljana: Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, [2011?], str. 23. [COBISS.SI-ID [47138402](#)]

1.16 Independent scientific component part or a chapter in a monograph

21. ISTENIČ, Saša. Izgradnja zaupanja v tajvanski ožini. V: ROŠKER, Jana S. (ur.), VAMPELJ SUHADOLNIK, Nataša (ur.). *Tradicija v objemu modernosti : stoletje kitajskega preporoda*, (Zbirka Razprave FF). 1. izd. Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete, 2012, str. 47-58. [COBISS.SI-ID [51145826](#)]

1.20 Preface, afterword

22. ISTENIČ, Saša. Introduction. *Azijske in afriške študije*, ISSN 1408-5429, 2011, vol. 15, issue 2, str. V-VIII. [COBISS.SI-ID [47162466](#)]

1.25 Other component parts

23. ISTENIČ, Saša. Otvoritev Tajvanskega raziskovalnega centra. *Glasofil*, ISSN 1855-394X, 2010, letn. 7, št. 19, str. 5, portret. [COBISS.SI-ID [54063714](#)]

24. ISTENIČ, Saša. Mesec tajvanske kulture. *Glasofil*, ISSN 1855-394X, 2010, letn. 7, št. 20, str. 5, portret. [COBISS.SI-ID [54060130](#)]

25. ISTENIČ, Saša. Filozofska fakulteta podpisala sporazum s Centrom za tajvanske študije Nacionalne univerze Chengchi. *Glasofil*, ISSN 1855-394X, 2010, letn. 7, št. 21, str. 5, portret. [COBISS.SI-ID [54061922](#)]

Monographs and other Completed Works

2.01 Scientific monograph

26. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Taiwan's diplomacy : former Yugoslavia and its successor states*. Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, 2009. 245 str., ilustr. ISBN 978-3-639-15637-9. [COBISS.SI-ID [41116258](#)]
Nagrada: Priznanje Nacionalne univerze Sun Yat-sen (Kaohsiung, Tajvan) za izjemno znanstveno delo

2.08 Doctoral dissertation

27. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Taiwan's diplomacy towards former Yugoslavia and its successor states : doctorate thesis*. [S. l.: S. Istenič], 2009. VIII, 236 f., ilustr., tabele. [COBISS.SI-ID [42085474](#)]

2.09 Master's thesis

28. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Environmentalism and nationalism combined : Taiwan's perspective*. [S. l.: S. Istenič], 2004. 38 f. [COBISS.SI-ID [42238562](#)]

2.13 Treatise, preliminary study, study

30. ISTENIČ, Saša, SERNELJ, Tea. *Izbirni predmet kitajščina : gimanzija : učni načrt : 140 ur*. Ljubljana: Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost, kulturo in šport: Zavod RS za šolstvo, 2012. 31 str., tabele.
http://eportal.mss.edus.si/msswww/programi2013/programi/media/pdf/un_gimnazija/2013/un_ip_kitajscina_gimnazije.pdf. [COBISS.SI-ID [54942562](#)]

31. ISTENIČ, Saša, SERNELJ, Tea. *Program osnovna šola, Kitajščina : izbirni predmet, Učni načrt*. Ljubljana: Ministrstvo RS za šolstvo: Zavod RS za šolstvo, 2011. 39 str., tabele.
<http://www.mizks.gov.si/fileadmin/mizks.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/os/pdf/Kitajščina.pdf>. [COBISS.SI-ID [51311202](#)]

Performed Works (Events)

3.12 Exhibition

32. ISTENIČ, Saša (exhibitor). *Vtisi iz Tajvana : [fotografska razstava, 12. 5. 2010, klub LokalPatriot, Novo mesto]*. Novo mesto, 2010. [COBISS.SI-ID [54058594](#)]

3.14 Invited lecture at foreign university

33. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Cross-strait relations and Asia-Pacific security : [predavanje na Fakulteti za politične znanosti Univerze v Zagrebu, 8. 12. 2014]*. Zagreb, 2014. [COBISS.SI-ID [56875106](#)]

34. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Položaj in vloga Tajvana v mednarodni skupnosti : [predavanje na Filozofski fakulteti Univerze v Zagrebu, 27. 4. 2012]*. Zagreb, 2012. [COBISS.SI-ID [54048354](#)]

3.15 Unpublished conference contribution

35. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Japan's Image in Slovene Media Coverage of the Senkaku, Diaoyu, Diaoyutai Islands Disputes* : [prispevek na 14th International Conference of the EAJS, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, August 27-30, 2014]. Ljubljana, 2014. [COBISS.SI-ID [55461218](#)]
36. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Media coverage of the Senkaku/Diaoyu/Diaoyutai islands disputes and Taiwan's image in Slovenia* : [prispevek na 11th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS), Portsmouth, 30th April-2nd May, 2014]. Portsmouth, 2014. <http://eats-taiwan.eu/conference/eats-2014/>. [COBISS.SI-ID [54869858](#)]
37. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Problematika z vidika Tajvana* : [predavanje na delavnici Zakaj so pomembne skale v morju, SAZU, Ljubljana 14. 3.2014]. Ljubljana, 2014. [COBISS.SI-ID [54107746](#)]
38. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Cross-strait relations : The uncertain political roadmap of one China* : [prispevek na mednarodnem seminarju "Taiwan: Challenges and achievements", Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb October 11, 2013]. Zagreb, 2013. [COBISS.SI-ID [53132898](#)]
39. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Saša Istenič* : [predavanje na 3. mednarodnem simpoziju Oddelka za azijske in afriške študije Filozofske fak., Univ. v Ljubljani "Language, thought, realities", 18.10.2012]. Ljubljana, 2012. [COBISS.SI-ID [50309986](#)]
40. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Zgodovinski in politični oris Tajvana* : [predavanje v okviru "Meseca tajvanske kulture", Filozofska fakulteta, Ljubljana, 10. 10. 2012]. Ljubljana, 2012. [COBISS.SI-ID [52236386](#)]
41. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Building confidence across the Taiwan strait* : [prispevek na 1. mednarodnem simpoziju Oddelka za azijske študije z naslovom Cooperation and conflicts in East and South Asia: Contemporaneity, Historical and Cultural Aspect, Filozofska fakulteta, Ljubljana, 23. 3.-24. 3. 2011]. Ljubljana, 2011. [COBISS.SI-ID [52222050](#)]
42. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Od lepotic betelovih orehov do duhov* : vse kar niste vedeli o kulturi, tradiciji in običajih Tajvana : [prispevek na Simpoziju Taiwan II, 24. marca 2010]. Ljubljana: Slovenski etnografski muzej, 2010. [COBISS.SI-ID [42096226](#)]
43. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Opportunities, obstacles and challenges for China and Taiwan in adapting CBMs in the military/security domain* : [prispevek na 7th annual conference of the European association of Taiwan studies (EATS), Tübingen, April 9, 2010]. Tübingen, 2010. [COBISS.SI-ID [45087074](#)]

3.16 Unpublished invited conference lecture

44. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Azijska kultura* : [vabljeni predavanje na "Dnevih medkulturne komunikacije '12: Ekonomska šola Novo mesto, Višja strokovna šola, 19.-23. 3. 2012]. Novo mesto: Ekonomska šola, Višja strokovna šola, 2012. [COBISS.SI-ID [52235618](#)]
45. ISTENIČ, Saša. *The role of the media in democratic consolidation of Taiwan and Slovenia* : [vabljeni predavanje na 2nd International Conference on Specific Topics in Chinese Studies (STCS) "100 years in Modern China", Ljubljana, October 14-17, 2011. Ljubljana: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Department of Asian and African Studies, 2011. [COBISS.SI-ID [46924642](#)]
46. SAJE, Mitja, ISTENIČ, Saša. *New trends in cross-strait relations and implications for Slovenia* : [vabljeni predavanje na Symposium "New trends in the relations between Taiwan and China and

implications for Slovenia", 1. dec. 2009]. Ljubljana: Filozofska fakulteta, 2009. [COBISS.SI-ID [42091618](#)]

3.25 Other performed works

47. ŠABIČ, Zlatko (discussant), ŠKRK, Mirjam (discussant), SAJE, Mitja (discussant), ROŠKER, Jana S. (discussant), BEKEŠ, Andrej (discussant), ISTENIČ, Saša (discussant), BERTALANIČ, Boštjan (discussant). *Zakaj so pomembne skale v morju : zaostrovanje odnosov med Japonsko in Kitajsko : okrogla miza, Ljubljana, SAZU, 14. marca 2014.* Ljubljana, 2014. [COBISS.SI-ID [54107234](#)]

48. ISTENIČ, Saša. *Kulturni sprehod po Tajvanu : [predavanje v klubu LokalPatriot v Novem mestu, 27. 4. 2010].* Novo mesto, 2010. [COBISS.SI-ID [54058850](#)]

Secondary Authorship

Editor

49. ISTENIČ, Saša (guest editor). *Special edition on Taiwan*, (Asian and African studies, vol. 15, issue 2). 1st ed. Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete: = University Press, Faculty of Arts, 2011. VIII, 122 str., ilustr. ISBN 978-961-237-458-7. [COBISS.SI-ID [257988864](#)]

Supervisor for Undergraduate Theses

50. ROBIČ, Urša. *Izobraževanje tajvanskih deklet pod japonsko vlado 1895-1945 : model dobre žene, modre matere : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [U. Robič], 2014. 122 str., ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54973282](#)]

51. LUSKOVEC, Kaja. *Naravnost obveznega vzgojno-izobraževalnega sistema na Tajvanu = Taiwan yiwu jiaoyu janjiu : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [K. Luskovec], 2014. 107, XXIV f., ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [54819170](#)]

Supervisor for Undergraduate Theses (1st cycle Bologna study programme)

52. KRIZMANCIC, Tina. *Film Rt številka 7, mejnik v tajvanski filmski industriji = "Hai jiao liu hao" wei Taiwan dianyingye zhi li chengbei : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [T. Krizmancic], 2013. 43 str., ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [53346402](#)]

53. TRAMPUŠ, Anja. *Koncept wu xing in potek diagnoze v tradicionalni kitajski medicini = Zhongguo chuautong yixue de zhenduan guo chen yu wuxing gainian : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [A. Trampuš], 2012. 46 str., ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [50000738](#)]

54. LAMPRET, Andreja. *Obdobje vladanja Demokratično napredne stranke na Tajvanu = Taiwan minjindang de zhizheng shidai : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [A. Lampret], 2012. VII, 48 fol., Ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID [49947746](#)]

55. NOČ, Katarina. *Tajvanski staroselci v obdobjih različnih tujih nadvlad ter analiza staroselske politike NS in DNS od leta 1945 do danes = Taiwan waizhi shiqi yiji 1945 nianyilai Guomindang shiqi, Minjindang shiqi de yuanzhumin zhengce bijiao yu yanjiu : diplomsko delo.* Ljubljana: [K. Noč], 2012. 64 fol. [COBISS.SI-ID [49977954](#)]