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PROFILE

Jeffery Aung is a Senior Researcher at the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) and a third-year undergraduate at Pomona College in Claremont, California, where he is pursuing a double major in Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (PPE) and Asian Studies. His research sits at the intersection of political theory, comparative politics, and international relations, with a particular focus on Southeast Asian political development, religious nationalism, and hybrid regimes.

At Pomona, Jeffery serves as a Staff Writer for the Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy and an Editor for the Claremont Journal of International Relations, where he engages with contemporary debates on governance, legal reform, and regional security. He has also worked as a Research Assistant for multiple professors, contributing to the drafting and publication of academic articles and book chapters on topics including Buddhist nationalism, postcolonial state formation, strategic resources, and human rights in Asia. He presented his research at the 2025 ASIANetwork Annual Conference, where he discussed the rise of electric vehicles and green energy in Myanmar.

In his current capacity at MISIS, Jeffery leads policy-oriented research on issues of comparative politics, US-Myanmar relations, foreign policy strategy in Myanmar. His recent projects include analyses of US-Congressional interest in Myanmar and comparative political analysis of Myanmar-Egypt domestic and foreign policy.

Jeffery's academic and professional work reflects a deep commitment to understanding the moral and institutional foundations of power. As an aspiring lawyer, he hopes to bridge the realms of theory and practice—using legal scholarship and policy research to advocate for justice, democratization, and sustainable governance in Southeast Asia. His broader interests encompass comparative constitutionalism, post-colonial state formation, and the intersection of religion and politics in shaping state legitimacy.

Research Interests

- US-ASEAN Relations
- Religious Violence
- Comparative Politics
- Political Theory
- Strategic Resources
- US-Myanmar Relations