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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Kookmin University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations. September, 2024 – present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations. September, 2018 – August, 2024.

University of California, Irvine

Visiting Researcher, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies. September, 2024 - August, 2025.

Korea University

Research Professor, SSK International Human Rights Center, Graduate School of International Studies. March, 2018 – August, 2018.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. August, 2016 – August, 2017.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2016.

Master of International Studies, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, *With Distinction and Valedictory Speaker*, 2006.

B.A. English Language & Literature and Korean Language & Literature, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2002.

RESEARCH

Published Articles

"Populist Elite Cues and Public Attitudes toward International Organizations: Experimental Evidence from South Korea on the UN Human Rights Bodies." (with Moohyung Cho, Ewha Womans University & Jeheung Ryu, Sungkyunkwan University). 2026. *Journal of Human Rights*, 25(3): 1-18.

"Theorizing Populist Foreign Policy: Anti-elitism and the Restoration of National Sovereignty" (with Moohyung Cho, Ewha Womans University). 2024. *The Korean Journal of Area Studies*. 42(4): 41-72. (in Korean)

"The Political Effects of Digital Authoritarianism: Theory and Practice" (with Jeheung Ryu, Ewha Womans University, Yong-il Moon, University of Seoul, Moohyung Cho, Ewha Womans University). 2024. *Ewha Journal of Social Sciences*, 40(1): 5-33 (in Korean).

"Political Dynamics of Peer State Objections and Withdrawal of Reservations from the Convention on the Rights of the Child." 2023. *Peace Studies*, 31(2): 77-123.

"Understanding the Crisis of Liberal International Order and the Rise of Digital Authoritarianism." (with Jeheung Ryu, Ewha Womans University, Yong-il Moon, University of Seoul, Moohyung Cho, Ewha Womans University). 2023. *21st Century Political Science Review*, 33(3): 109-135. (in Korean).

"Electing More Women to National Legislatures: An Interplay between Global Normative Pressure and Domestic Political Regimes" (with Nam Kyu Kim, Korea University). 2022. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4).

"Footprints of South Korean Human Rights Diplomacy in the UN Human Rights Mechanisms" (with Buhm-suk Baek, Kyung Hee University). 2022. *Seoul International Law Journal*, 29(1): 19-53 (in Korean).

"Digital Development of the 4th Industrial Revolution and Africa: A Case of Drones." 2019. *Africa Issues Briefing*, 2(1) (in Korean).

"How Do External Territorial Threats Affect Mass Killing." (with Nam Kyu Kim, Sungkyunkwan University). 2019. *Journal of Peace Research*, 56(4).

"Politics of Pursuing Justice in the Aftermath of Civil Conflict." (with Nam Kyu Kim, Sungkyunkwan University). 2019. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(5).

"Deeper Commitment to Human Rights Treaties: Signaling and Investment Risk Perception" (with Gary Uzonyi, University of Tennessee, Knoxville). 2018. *International Interactions*, 44(6): 1040-1064.

"Legal Commitments to UN Human Rights Treaties and Higher Monitoring Standards in the Universal Periodic Review." 2018. *Journal of Human Rights*, 17(5): 660-673.

Book Chapters

"Footprints of South Korean Human Rights Diplomacy in the UN Human Rights Mechanisms" (with Buhm-suk Baek, Kyung Hee University). In *South Korea's UN Diplomacy and the Role of International Law.* 2025. Iljogahk. (in Korean)

"Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Norms." In *Modern Human Rights History of the Republic of Korea*. 2020. National Human Rights Commission of Korea, 495-530 (in Korean).

Manuscripts in Progress

"Exposure to Interstate Wars and Willingness to Fight for One's Country."

"What Triggers Populist Attitudes in South Korea: Survey Experiments on How Citizens Respond to a Gender Quota Message from Different Messengers."

"Public Support and the Legitimacy of International Organizations: Evidence from an IMF Survey Experiment in South Korea."

"The Decentralized Migration Governance in East Asia." (with Kamal Sadiq at the Department of Political Science, the University of California, Irvine).

"The United Nations and COVID-19: The Role of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council."

"North Korea in the UN Human Rights Mechanisms: A Comparison between Independent Expert Body Reviews and State-driven Reviews" (in Korean).

"The Violation of International Humanitarian Laws in Ukraine War" (with Buhm-suk Baek, Kyung Hee University & A Member of the Advisory Committee to the UN Human Rights Council).

"Vying for a Good Reputation: Autocratic Participation in the United Nations' Universal Periodic Review."

"Autocrats with New Support Coalitions and Multiple Ratifications of Human Rights Treaties"

"Autocrats with New Support Coalitions and Deeper Commitment to Human Rights Treaties"

Public Writings

"International Efforts to Constrain the Violence of War" 2024. *uniK.* Kookmin University (in Korean)

"Digital Technologies and the UN Human Rights Mechanisms" 2022. *IIRI Online Series*. Ilmin International Relations Institute (in Korean).

"The End of the Afghanistan War." 2021. *ON Mirae*. Center for Future Policy Studies.

Government Projects

"A Study of Unification Discourse from a Global Perspective" 2024. Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea (in Korean).

"Strengthening Human Rights and Democracy Diplomacy through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships" 2023. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (in Korean).

"Implementation Procedures of National Reports to the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies" 2022. Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea (in Korean).

"A Policy Proposal on the Action with Women and Peace Initiative" 2021. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (in Korean).

"International Organizations Governance of the Republic of Korea" 2020. National Assembly Future Institute (in Korean).

"Vision and Future Strategies for South Korea's United Nations Diplomacy" 2018. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (in Korean).

AWARDS and GRANTS

2023. Research Fund, Center for Artificial Intelligence Convergence Society, Kookmin University.

2021. Best Lecture for the Spring Semester, Kookmin University (Top 10% of the All Instructors).

2020. Best Lecture for the Spring Semester, Kookmin University (Top 20% of the All Instructors).

2020-2021. National Research Foundation of Korea Grant

2016. Fieldwork Travel Award, Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2016. Research Fund, Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2016. Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

2016. William Zimmerman Summer Award, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2016. Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2015. Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2015. Rackham Graduate Candidate Research Grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2015-2016 Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association.

2011. Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association.

2010-2012 & 2014-2015 Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2010-2011. Summer Research Collaboration Fellowship (with Barbara Koremenos), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2010. Bobbe and Jon Bridge Research Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2007-2012. Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies Fellowship.

2006. PIC Award for Academic Excellence (valedictory speaker), Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

2006. Best Master's Thesis Award, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

2002. Summa Cum Laude, College of Liberal Arts, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

Fall 1997, Spring/Fall 1998, Spring 2000. Honors for academic excellence, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kookmin University, Seoul, Korea

International Organizations (U, G), International Human Rights (U, G), Global Security and Cooperation (U), Introduction to International Relations (U), Basic Statistics for Social Science (U), Practice Politics (U), Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, UROP (U)

University Flagship Extra Curriculum

Careers at IO & INGOS! (also Kookmin in Geneva) (U), January 21-29, 2026, June 26-July 4, 2024, January 20-28, 2024 & January 22-31, 2023, select and take 5-10 undergrads to Geneva, Switzerland to attend and observe various sessions of the UN human rights mechanisms and organize small brown bags with professionals in the fields. (https://www.youtube.com/@KOOKMIN-in-GENEVA)

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

International Human Rights (G), Seminar on Global Security (G)

Sogang University, Seoul, Korea

Human Rights and International Relations (U)

University of Seoul, Seoul, Korea
Political Economy of East Asia (U)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States
Graduate Student Instructor
Introduction to World Politics (U)
Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate Seminar in International Politics (U), International Cooperation (U), Public International Law (U), A Game-Theoretic Approach to West European Politics (U)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Editor, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 2022-present.

Board Member, Human Asia, 2022-present.

Board Member, Korean Association of Human Rights Studies, 2021-present.

Deputy Director of General Affairs, Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System, 2018 – 2020.

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Review of International Organizations, International Interactions, Journal of Human Rights, Social Science Quarterly, Globalisation, Societies and Education, Korean Journal of International Studies, Asian Women.*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Korean Political Science Association, Korean Association of International Studies, Korean Association of Human Rights Studies, Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request.