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ACADEMIC POSITION

Pacific Forum, Honolulu, HI May-December 2017
Non-resident Korea Foundation Fellow

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 2023 (Expected)
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Department
Concentration: International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Methods
Dissertation: “The Mass Public, Political Elites and Nuclear Proliferation”
Committee: Matthew Fuhrmann (Chair), Hyeran Jo, Erik Peterson, Jasen Castillo

American University, Washington D.C. 2016
M.A., International Relations
School of International Service (SIS)
Capstone Project: “U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea”
Advisor: Miles Kahler

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea 2015
M.A., International Relations
Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)
Dissertation: “Russia’s Gas Pipeline Politics towards East Asia: A Comparative Study of EU-Russia Gas Relationship”
Committee: Jong-Hoon Lee, Jeong Yeon Lee, Jeffrey Robertson

Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea 2012
B.A., Theology (with Distinction)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: International Security, Nuclear and Alliance Politics, Public and Elite opinion
Methods: Quantitative Research Methods, Experimental Methods
Regions: Northeast Asia, United States, Europe

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kyung Suk Lee and Kirby Goidel. 2022. “The System is Broken: Give Us More?,” *Social Science Quarterly*, forthcoming [\[link\]](#)

Kyung Suk Lee and Kirby Goidel. 2022. “Public Support for the U.S.-NATO Alliance,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, forthcoming [\[link\]](#)

Kyung Suk Lee, James Kim, and Hwalmin Jin, and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2022. “Nuclear Weapons and Low-Level Military Conflict,” *International Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming. [\[link\]](#)

Kyung Suk Lee and Kyu Young Lee. 2017. “U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea: An Ongoing Riddle between the U.S. and China.” *Korean Journal of Defense Analysis* 29(3): 455-473. [\[link\]](#)

Kyung Suk Lee and Kyung-Mi Kim. 2016. “Foreign Relations between North Korea and East Germany during the Cold War period (1953-1989): Cooperation and Conflict.” *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 34(3): 149-180. (In Korean) [\[link\]](#)

Kyung Suk Lee. 2016. “New Approach of South Korea’s Middle Power Diplomacy: Focusing on Global Agenda Setting.” *Global Politics Review* 2(2): 40-57. [\[link\]](#)

Non-Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

Kyung Suk Lee and Kyu Young Lee. 2018. THAAD Deployment: Warm Peace or Cold Peace in East Asia? in *Solidarity*, edited by Yonghae Kim. Seoul: Pagijong Press. pp. 159-188. [\[link\]](#)

Op-Eds and Select Research-Based Commentary

Kyung Suk Lee and Joshua Nezam. “A Declaration to End of the Korean War Matters: 3 Steps to Moving Forward.” *The Diplomat* (September 14, 2018) [\[link\]](#)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Cost Sensitivity and Public Support for Nuclear Weapons”

“The Microfoundations of Nuclear Proliferation: Evidence from South Korea”

WORKING PAPERS

“Protégé’s Credible Signaling in the Era of Great Power Competition: Evidence from South Korea” (with Hankyeul Yang, Daekwon Son)

“U.S. Public Opinion on Military Alliances” (with Kirby Goidel)

“U.S. Public Opinion on Allied Nuclear Proliferation”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Who follows Whom?: Elite Responsiveness to Public Support for Nuclear Weapons”

“Who follows Whom?: Elite Framing on Public Support for Nuclear Weapons”

“Chinese Elites and Opinion and One China Policy” (with Daekwon Son)

“Taiwanese Public Opinion on Declaration of Independence” (with Daekwon Son)

“Globalization and Populism” (with Steven Wu and Kirby Goidel)

“Audience Costs in a Triadic International Environment” (with Hankyeul Yang)

INVITED TALKS

Republic of Korea Naval Academy, Jinhae, South Korea
“International Relations and Nuclear Politics”

April 2022

Republic of Korea Naval Academy , Jinhae, South Korea “Nuclear Politics and Political Science Methodology”	2020
University of Warsaw , Warszawa, Poland “North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Development in Kim Jong-un’s Era”	2018
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt , Eichstätt, Germany “Security Environments on the Korean Peninsula after Pyeongchang Olympic”	2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Who Follows Whom: Elite Responsiveness to Public Support for Nuclear Weapons” American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA)	September 2022 (scheduled)
“Protégé’s Credible Signaling in the Era of Great Power Competition” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)	April 2022
“U.S. Public Opinion on Allied Nuclear Proliferation” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA)	January 2022
“U.S. Public Opinion on Military Alliances” European Political Science Association (EPSA) Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA) American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA)	June 2022 January 2022 October 2021
“Public Support for the U.S.-NATO Alliance” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA) American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference (AAPOR)	January 2021 May 2021
“Cost Sensitivity and Public Support for Nuclear Weapons” The Ewha Institute of Unification Studies, Ewha Womans University, South Korea Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA) Texas Triangle International Relations Annual Conference Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University	January 2022 April 2021 January 2021 February 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (RESEARCH ASSISTANT)

Texas A&M University , College Station, TX Dr. Kirby Goidel Dr. Matthew Fuhrmann Dr. Alexander Pacek	Fall 2020-Present Fall 2018-Spring 2020 Fall 2018-Spring 2020
American University , Washington D.C. Dr. Quansheng Zhao	Spring 2016-Fall 2016
Yonsei University , Seoul, South Korea Dr. Jeong Yeon Lee	Fall 2013-Fall 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Texas A&M University , College Station, TX POLS 420: Nuclear Politics (undergraduate)	Fall 2022 (scheduled)
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Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University , College Station, TX	
Introduction to Political Science Research Methodology (undergraduate)	
Instructor: Dr. Carlo Holz	Spring 2022
Instructor: Dr. Hyeran Jo	Fall 2019
American University , Washington D.C.	
Japan, China, the US and East Asia (graduate)	Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Quansheng Zhao	
Yonsei University , Seoul, South Korea	
Introduction to International Economy (graduate)	Fall 2013-Fall 2014
Instructor: Dr. Jeong Yeon Lee	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU) , Seoul, South Korea	May 2017-April 2018
Research Associate	
Unification Policy Studies Division	
Center for North Korean Human Rights Studies	
Pacific Forum , Honolulu, HI	2017-Present
Young Leader	
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars , Washington, D.C.	July-August 2016
Intern at the History and Public Policy Program	
Korean-German Junior Forum	Goslar (2013), Seoul (2014), Berlin (2019)
Representative of Korean Junior Leader	
Seoul Metropolitan Government , Seoul, South Korea	October 2010
German translator for the G-20 Seoul Summit	
Republic of Korea Army , Gapyeong, South Korea	January 2008-December 2009
M-60 Machine Gunner, 66th Infantry Division	

POLICY PROJECTS

Korea Institute for Defense Analyses	
Germany's Military Reform (Die Reform der Bundeswehr) (with Dr. Jae Ok Paek)	2018
Germany's NATO Budget Sharing (with Dr. Jae Ok Paek)	2017

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Graduate Summer Research Grant, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts, \$1500	2022
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, \$300	2022
Research Bursary, Texas A&M Political Science Department, \$1000	2021
Research Bursary, Texas A&M Political Science Department, \$1000	2019
United Methodist Church Fellowship, \$15,000	2015-2016
Kyeongwon Cultural Organization Fellowship, \$15,000	2015-2016
Yonsei University Scholarship	2013-2014
Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary Scholarship	2010-2012
Commander in Division's Award for Best Squad Commander, 66th Infantry Division	2009

LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE

Korean (native), German (proficient)
Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

REFERENCES

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