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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Virginia Tech, USA	Expected May 2025
M.A. in Economics, Virginia Tech, USA	December 2021
Ph.D. in Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	Course Completion 2018
M.A. in Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	2007
B.A. in Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	Summa Cum Laude 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, International Trade, Development Economics, Economic Policy

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Frederic Bastiat Fellow at Mercatus Center, George Mason University, Aug 2022 – Aug 2023
2. Best Third-year Paper Award, Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, 2023
3. Rising Scholar Research Award, Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, 2023
4. Fellowship from Korea International Trade Association (KITA), 2020 – 2021
5. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance (MOF) of Korea Award, for “Contribution to the National Economic Development through Promotion of Export.” 2018
6. Minister of Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) of Korea Award, for “Contribution to the National Economic Development through Promotion of Export.” 2015
7. Korea International Trade Association Chairman Award, for “Outstanding Performance.” 2015
8. Graduate Research Assistantship, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, 2005 – 2007
9. Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, 2006, 2017
10. Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, 2003 – 2004

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director for Center for Future Work Places and Practices Fall 2023

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Economics, Virginia Tech (Dr. Suqin Ge)

Work in an NSF (National Science Foundation) granted project Fall 2021 - Summer 2023

- Project Topic: “The Impact of Technological Change on the Future of Work”

Department of Economics, Sungkyunkwan University (Dr. Kyung Hwan Baik)

Master Research Project (Advisor: Kyung Hwan Baik) 2005-2007

- Project Topic: “Effort Levels in Public-Good Contests with Budget Constraints”

Teaching Assistant

Department of Economics, Virginia Tech

Principles of Economics (Dr. Zhou Yang) Spring 2021

Senior Researcher, Korea International Trade Association (KITA)

2011 – 2020

Analysis & Forecasting Department, KITA

2014 – 2020

FTA & Regional Studies Department, KITA

2011 – 2013

- KITA is the largest non-profit, international trade organization in Korea with 70,000 member companies for whom it offers a range of services and manages policy issues

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "COVID-19 Pandemic and Changes in Employer Skill Requirements." Evidence from Job Postings
2. "Immigration Restrictions and Skill Requirements after COVID-19."
3. "China Shocks and South Korea's Local Employment, Wages, and Marriage Market."

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Will Foreign Direct Investment Accelerate the Economic Integration of East Asia?" KITA (2015)
Citations: Energy Economics (2019), Environmental Science (2016), SWP Research Paper (2017)
2. "Intra-Regional Trade in East Asia." (with Seongdae Cho), KITA (2014)

PUBLICATIONS AS A SENIOR RESEARCHER AT KITA

"The Economic Impacts of the US-China Trade War on China and Korea."	2018 – 2020
"The Impact and Prospects of Covid-19 on the Trade."	2020
"Annual Report on Korea's Trade: its Evaluation and Prospect."	2014 – 2020
"Analysis on the Economic Impacts of the US imposing High Tariffs on Automobiles."	2018
"An Analysis of New Industries in Creating Jobs and Competitiveness against China."	2018
"An Analysis on International Competitiveness of Korea's Semiconductor."	2017 and 2019
"Paradigm Changes in Global Value Chain and the Future of Korea's Trade."	2019
"Exports Trends and Prospects of Korea's Automotive Industry." Industry Focus at KOTRA	2019
"Improvement of Trade Statistics Product Classification System (HS-MTI Code)."	2017
"Is Korea's current account surplus driven by exchange rate depreciation?"	2017
"The Growth Strategy of Korea's Exporting Companies and Implications on Policy Options."	2018
"The Characteristics of Korea's Exports and their Contributions to Korea's Economy."	2017
"Comparative Studies on International and Domestic firms in Job Creation and Innovation."	2017
"Is Korea's current account surplus driven by exchange rate depreciation?"	2017
"Export Trends and Competitiveness of New Industries in the era of 4th Industrial Revolution."	2017
"Case Studies on the Japan and Germany Export Industries."	2016
"Comparative Analysis on Export Competitiveness of main items in International Markets."	2016
"Analysis on the Cause of Slowdown of Global Trade and the Prediction of its Future."	2016
"Impacts of the US Interest rates' hike to Korea Domestic Economy and Export."	2015
"Trends of Oil prices and their Implications to Korean Export."	2015, 2016, and 2020
"The Impacts of Off-shoring on Korea's Export."	2015
"Comparative Financial Statement Analysis between Exporters and Domestic Companies."	2015
"International Competitiveness as the No.1 Product in the World Export Market Share."	2015
"Impact of Japanese Yen Devaluation on Korean Exporters."	2014
"Current Status and Challenges of Korean Won Internationalization."	2014
"Analysis of Demand for Chinese Yuan of Export-Import Companies from China."	2014
"Market Expansion and Production Network Strengthening Opportunities with TPP."	2013
"Intellectual Property Disputes and US Protectionism."	2013
"Korea-US FTA Evaluation," and "Korea-Peru FTA 2 Year Achievement."	2013
"Technology Trade of Korea in accordance with OECD TBP Manual and the Creative Economy."	2013
"Latin America Infrastructure Market Trend and Promising Export Items."	2012
"The Status of Korea's Productivity and its Implications."	2014, and so and so forth
Press mentions: WSJ, VOA, Bloomberg #1 #2 #3 #4, Al Jazeera, SCMP, Korea Times, Gulf Times	

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION

Military Service	Naval Officer (Lieutenant Junior Grade), Republic of Korea Navy	2007 – 2010
Computer Skills	Stata, R, SAS, Matlab, L ^A T _E X, MS Office	

REFERENCES

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