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ACADEMIC POSITION

Pacific Forum, Honolulu, HI
Non-resident Korea Foundation Fellow

May-December 2017

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
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

2022 (Expected)

American University, Washington D.C.
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

2016

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
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

2015

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

2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Nuclear Politics, International Security, Alliance Politics, Public and Elite opinion

Methods: Quantitative Research Methods, Experimental Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kyung Suk Lee and Kirby Goidel. 2022. “The System is Broken, Give Us More,” *Social Science Quarterly*, forthcoming

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)

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

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

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

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

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

INVITED TALKS

Republic of Korea Naval Academy , Jinhae, South Korea	April 2022
“International Relations and Nuclear Politics”	

Republic of Korea Naval Academy , Jinhae, South Korea	2020
“Nuclear Politics and Political Science Methodology”	

University of Warsaw , Warszawa, Poland	2018
“North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Development in Kim Jong-un’s Era”	

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)	June 2022
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA)	January 2022
American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA)	October 2021
“Public Support for the U.S.-NATO Alliance”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA)	January 2021
American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference (AAPOR)	May 2021
“Cost Sensitivity and Public Support for Nuclear Weapons”	
The Ewha Institute of Unification Studies, Ewha Womans University, South Korea	January 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)	April 2021
Texas Triangle International Relations Annual Conference	January 2021
Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University	February 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (RESEARCH ASSISTANT)

Texas A&M University , College Station, TX	
Dr. Kirby Goidel	Fall 2020-Present
Dr. Matthew Fuhrmann	Fall 2018-Spring 2020
Dr. Alexander Pacek	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)

Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University , College Station, TX	
Introduction to Political 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, \$5000

2013-2014

Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary Scholarship, \$12,000

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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