

# LEESAK AN

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Identity in Politics, Political Behavior, Gender Politics, Experimental Survey, Methodology

## EDUCATION

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### Korea University

M.A., Political Science and International Relations

August 2025

GPA: 4.44 / 4.5

Thesis : “Are You a Feminist? The Labeling Effect of Feminism in South Korea”

### Hanshin University

B.A. in International Relations & Applied Statistics (Double Major)

August 2021

GPA: 4.29 / 4.5

Thesis : “Social Backgrounds and Political Efficacy among Voters” (in Korean)

## PUBLICATION

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Kang, Woo Chang , **Leesak An** and Eunjin Lee. 2023. *The Local Ordinance We Created: Politics Beyond the Classroom*. Seoul: Bunny on the Moon.

- A book published as the outcome of a student project on local ordinance proposals, documenting the process of learning local governance and participating in legislative drafting.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Jung, Joo-Youn and **Leesak An**. “(Working Title) Individualized Nationalism in China.”

- Examines the transformation of nationalist strategy under Xi Jinping, focusing on individualized, pragmatic, and cyber-based forms of identity construction.

Park, Sunkyoung, **Leesak An** and Siwon Lee. “Gender Discrimination Experience and Political Participation.”

- Analyzes how perceived gender-based discrimination influences political efficacy and participation, highlighting the moderating roles of gender and perceived structural discrimination.

An, Leesak. “How a Parade changes the world: Effects of LGBTQ+ Pride Parades on a Individual’s Attitude in South Korea.”

- Builds a local-level dataset of Pride events across South Korea (2013–2024) and analyzes how parade exposure influences public attitudes toward sexual minorities, highlighting the roles of visibility and geographic proximity.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Staffer in Peace and Democracy Institute (PDI)

Sep 2025 - present

- Data collecting, conference hosting, seminar promotion, etc.

### Head Research Assistant in Gender Politics Research Group

Sep 2023 - Aug 2025

- Collected National Assembly meeting records and built a Gender Sensitivity Dataset.
- Moderated Gender Sensitivity Seminars.
- Managed overall administrative affairs, including project contracts, budget management, and R&R.

### Research Assistant for “Gender Inequality in Language AI Models”

Mar 2025 - Aug 2025

- Assisted with several projects and conferences.

## PRESENTATION

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<b>2025 Annual Conference, Korean Association of Electoral Studies, Seoul</b>	<i>Dec 2025</i>
<b>2025 Summer Conference, Korean Political Parties Association, Jeonju</b>	<i>Jul 2025</i>
<b>Conference on Frontier Issues in Political Science</b>	<i>Jun 2025</i>
Academia Sinica, Korea Uni. and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Taipei	
<b>2025 New Frontiers in Experimental Political Science Conference</b>	<i>May 2025</i>
Seoul Uni. & Princeton Uni., Seoul	
<b>Graduate Research Seminar, Korea Uni. &amp; Sungkyunkwan Uni., Seoul</b>	<i>Sep 2024</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Korean Politics (Prof. Sunkyung Park), Korea Uni.</b>	<i>2023</i>
– Teaching Assistant, Student supervision and academic writing instruction.	
<b>Civic Politics (Prof. Woo Chang Kang), Korea Uni.</b>	<i>2023</i>
– Teaching Assistant, Supervised a student project proposing local ordinances.	
<b>Practice in Statistical Data Analysis, Hanshin Uni.</b>	<i>2020</i>
– Instructor, Led a winter workshop on statistical software (SAS & SPSS)	

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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<b>Research Grant, Gender Politics Research Group.</b>	<i>2024</i>
– Funded master's thesis experiment on feminism labeling effects.	
<b>Full-tuition Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Hanshin Uni.</b>	<i>2019</i>
<b>Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Hanshin Uni.</b>	<i>2017, 2020, 2021</i>

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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<b>Media Literacy Education, Korea Press Foundation</b>	<i>2023</i>
– Mentoring, Guided students' writing projects on everyday political issues.	
<b>Global E-school , Korea Uni.</b>	<i>2021 - 2022</i>
– Assistant, Coordinated academic exchange with foreign universities.	
<b>Global Exchange Program, Hanshin Uni.</b>	<i>2020</i>
– Peer Mentor for International Students.	

## METHODOLOGY COURSEWORK & TRAINING

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### Relevant Coursework

Regression Analysis I & II; Experimental Design; Statistical Programming; Sampling Theory; Practice in Statistical Survey Design; Time Series Analysis; Quantitative Analysis for Political Scientists(graduate), among others.

### Training in Methodology

Political Behavior Lab (Director: Prof. Woo Chang Kang), Korea University *2022 - present*

## SKILLS

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**Statistical & Programming Skills**  
R, Stata, SAS, SPSS, Qualtrics, Github, LATEX

### Languages

Korea(Native), English(Fluent), German(Basic)