

# LEESAK AN

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

## EDUCATION

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### Korea University

August 2025

M.A., Political Science and International Relations

GPA: 4.44 / 4.5

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

### Hanshin University

August 2021

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

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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

## METHODOLOGY COURSEWORK & TRAINING

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<b>Relevant Coursework</b> 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.	
<b>Training in Methodology</b> Political Behavior Lab (Director: Prof. Woo Chang Kang), Korea University	<i>2022 - present</i>

## SKILLS

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<b>Statistical &amp; Programming Skills</b> R, Stata, SAS, SPSS, Qualtrics, Github, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Languages</b> Korea(Native), English(Fluent), German(Basic)