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Education

Washington University in St. Louis
  Ph.D., Political Science, expected 2025
  Field: Comparative Politics, Methodology, Political Communication, Public Opinion, Misinformation

Seoul National University
  MA, Political Science, 2017
  BA, Political Science, 2015

Dissertation Project

Online Group Identity, Persuasion, and Correcting Misinformation (Book)
Committee: Margit Tavits (Chair), Jacob Montgomery, Christopher Lucas

Job Market Paper: Online Ingroup Bias Helps Correct Misinformation [Latest Version]

  Abstract: The spread of misinformation, especially within online clusters of like-minded individuals, poses a critical threat to democracies, increasingly leading to radicalization and mobilized violence worldwide. How can we dispel misinformation within online groups? Extending social identity theory to the virtual community, I argue that corrections from ingroup peers within online communities can reduce misperceptions and do so more effectively than corrections from other sources. Using three original studies from South Korea, I provide observational and experimental evidence that confirms the prevalence of peer corrections, the existence of bias in favor of online ingroup, and the effectiveness of ingroup peer corrections in reducing misperceptions. These results highlight the importance of leveraging online social identities to correct misinformation, offering a potentially scalable solution to combat misinformation in the digital age. This study contributes to our understanding of digital publics and their effects on attitude change and persuasion.

Publications

Damann, Taylor, **Dahjin Kim***, and Margit Tavits. 2024. "Women and Men Politicians During War: Evidence from Ukraine." *International Organization* 78(2):321-340. [Paper]

Muraoka, Taishi, **Dahjin Kim**, Christopher Lucas, Jacob Montomery, and Margit Tavits. "Speaking Their Language?: Descriptive Representation of Language Constituencies in Global Democracies." Accepted at *American Journal of Political Science*

Kim, Dahjin, Gechun Lin, and Keith Schnakenberg. 2024. "Informative Campaigns, Overpromising, and Policy Bargaining." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 36(4):344-366. [Paper]

Kim, Dahjin, Gechun Lin, and William Nomikos. "American social media is ideologically polarized about foreign policy during the war in Ukraine." Accepted at *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*

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Under Review

Kim, Dahjin*, Taishi Muraoka, Christopher Lucas, Jacob Montgomery, and Margit Tavits. "Polarization but Not Populism Strengthens the Association Between Presidential Election Results and Emotions." *Revise & Resubmit, Political Science Research and Methods*

Working Papers

Kim, Dahjin. "International Attention, Protest Support, and Perceived Popularity Among Citizens."

Kim, Dahjin and Evan Jo. "Misperceptions, Elite Cues, and Overconfidence."

Grants & Awards

2024	**APSA** Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant ($8,900)
2023	**APSA** Best Paper Award (Foreign Policy Division)
	Weidenbaum Center Small Research Grant ($11,000)
2022	**Department** Research Grant ($5,000)
	Department Travel Grant ($400)
	Peace Science Society Travel Grant ($400)
	APSA Travel Grant ($150)

Conference Presentations

2024	**APSA** (Paper), **Society for Political Methodology** (Poster), **MPSA** (Paper)
2023	**MPSA** (Paper)
2022	**APSA** (Paper), **Peace Science Society** (Paper)

Teaching

Guest Lecturer
Understanding Political Protest and Violence (Sunita Parikh, 2022)

Teaching Assistant
Graduate Level:
Text as Data (Brandon Stewart, 2023)
Quantitative Political Methodology I (Ted Enamorado, 2021)
Mathematical Modeling in Political Science (Randall Calvert 2020)

Undergraduate Level:
Understanding Political Protest and Violence (Sunita Parikh, 2022)
Intro to Environmental Politics (Zachary Bowersox, 2022)
Political Violence (Deniz Aksoy, 2021)

Field Work & Research Experience

Field work in South Korea (September, 2023)
Project Manager, *Populist Rhetoric on Social Media and Its Effects on Democracies* (NSF#2215008) (2023)

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Service

Cohort representative (2024-2025)
Organizer of 11th Comparative Political Annual Conference (2024)
Graduate Mentor for WUSTEPS (Political Science Pipeline Program) (2023)

Skills

Language: Korean, English
Software: R, Python, LaTeX