

# Do Young Gong

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EDUCATION	<p><b>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</b> Urbana, IL</p> <p><i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> May 2026 (<i>expected</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: When Barracks Meet Battlefields: Coups and Civil Wars</li><li>• Committee: Alyssa Prorok (Chair), Paul Diehl, Rob Carroll, Wendy K. Tam</li></ul> <p><i>M.S. in Applied Statistics</i> May 2025</p> <p><b>Ewha W. University</b> Seoul, Korea</p> <p><i>M.A. in Political Science and International Relations</i> August 2018</p> <p><i>B.A. in English Language and Literature, Political Science</i> August 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange Program at Centenary University (NJ)</li><li>• Intensive Language Program in Chinese at Liaoning Normal University (Liaoning, China)</li></ul>
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political Violence (Civil Wars, Coups, Protests), Conflict Management & Resolution, Political Economy of Violence, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Gong, Do Young.</b>, Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and Yang, Yujeong. 2024. "Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad." <i>World Development</i> 178: 106566. (Equal contribution)</li><li>2. Yang, Yujeong., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and <b>Gong, Do Young.</b> 2023. "Kill Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China's Public Diplomacy." <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 67 (4): sqad087.</li><li>3. Kim, KyungWoo, Lyu, Hyeon-Suk., &amp; <b>Gong, Do Young.</b> (2020). "Weeding out False Information in Disasters and Emergencies: Information Recipients' Competency." <i>International Review of Public Administration</i>, 25(4), 261-278.</li></ol>
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. "Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering." (with Myung Jung Kim) (<b>R&amp;R, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i></b>)</li><li>2. "Bullets to Bargains: Wartime Coup Attempts and Civil War Management and Resolution." (<b>Invited to resubmit, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i></b>)</li><li>3. "Varieties of Post-Coup Politics and Civil War Dynamics." (under review)</li><li>4. "Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector." (with Seung-Uk Huh) (under review)</li><li>5. "Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts." (with Jaeseok Cho)</li><li>6. "Play it Again?: Mandates and Missions in Successor UN Peace Operations." (with Paul Diehl)</li><li>7. "Who Coups, Who Quits? Varieties of Wartime Coups and the Dynamics of Ceasefires."</li><li>8. "What Rebels Tell Generals: Civil War Dynamics and Varieties of Coups."</li></ol>

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Illinois** | Research Assistant Urbana, IL  
*Project on Successor Operations in Peacekeeping* Jan 2025 - Aug 2025  
• PI: Paul Diehl (University of Illinois)

**University of Illinois** | Research Assistant Urbana, IL  
*Project on Cooperation in Multi-Dyadic Civil Wars (NSF-funded)* Jan 2023 - Present  
• PIs: Prof. Alyssa Prorok (University of Illinois), Prof. Elizabeth Menninga (University of Iowa)

**The Korea Institute of Public Administration** | Assistant Researcher Seoul, Korea  
Jan 2019 - Jun 2020  
• Project on Enhancing the Reliability of Disaster Safety Information and Risk Communication

**The Sejong Institute** | Research Assistant Pangyo, Korea  
Oct - Dec 2018  
• The East Asian Railroad Community Initiative for 2018 Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum and Intergovernmental Meeting

**Ewha Research Institute for Social Science** | Research Assistant Seoul, Korea  
2017 - 2018  
• Project on Sino-American Relations and Globalization

**Political Science at Ewha W. University** | Research Assistant Seoul, Korea  
2016 - 2017  
• Project on Korean and Japanese Students' Perceptions of Historical Issues in East Asia, Funded by Seoul National University Law School

**Ewha Institute for the Humanities** | Research Assistant Seoul, Korea  
2016 - 2017  
• Projects on Posthumanism

**The Korea Society** | Administrative Staff New York City, NY  
2014 - 2015  
• Research Projects and Lecture Series in Korean Studies

**China Women's Development Foundation** | Intern Beijing, China  
2013  
• Programs on China's Development Initiatives in Western China

CONFERENCE PRESENTA- TIONS AND INVITED TALKS	“Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts.” (with Jaeseok Cho)	
		MPSA 2025; ISA-Midwest 2024; Junior IO Workshop 2024
	“Bullets to Bargains: The Impact of Wartime Coup Attempts on Civil War Management and Resolution.”	
	APSA 2025; Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies (University of Illinois) 2024; ISA 2024	
	“Violence Begets Peace? Failed Coup Attempts and Civil War Peace Processes.”	
		ISA 2024; ISA-Midwest 2023
	“Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector.” (with Seung-Uk Huh)	
		ISA 2025; GSIPE 2024; MPSA 2024
	“Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering.” (with Myung Jung Kim)	
		MPSA 2024; MPSA 2023
	“The Politicization of Chinese Investment: Electoral Competition and Anti-China Protests in Central Asia and Africa.” (with Shuyuan Shen)	
		MPSA 2022
FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>Cline Center Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship (\$7000)</b>	
	University of Illinois	2025
	<b>Arms Control &amp; Domestic and International Security Fellowship (\$6000)</b>	
	University of Illinois	2022
	<b>East Asia Institute Fellowship Program</b>	
	East Asia Institute	2018 - 2019
	<b>ASAN Academy</b> A Fully Funded Education Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)	
	ASAN Institute for Policy Studies	2013
	<b>Graduate Scholarship (\$7000)</b>	
	Korea Student Aid Foundation	2017

AWARDS AND HONORS	<b>APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Grant</b>	
	APSA	2025
	<b>Travel Grant &amp; Pay-It-Forward</b>	
	ISA	2025
	<b>Travel Grant &amp; Pay-It-Forward</b>	
	ISA-Midwest	2023, 2024
	<b>Graduate Student Travel Grant</b>	
	Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, University of Illinois	2024
	<b>Travel Grant</b>	
	Department of Political Science, University of Illinois	2021 - 2025
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship</b>	
	MPSA	2024
	<b>Best Dissertation Award</b>	
	Ewha W. University	2018
	<b>Travel Grant</b>	
	Ewha W. University	2017
	<b>Dean's List</b>	
	Ewha W. University	2011, 2015
	<b>Independent Instructor</b>	
	East Asian Political System (Online)   Central Michigan University	Spring 2025, 2026
MENTORING EXPERIENCE	Quantitative Research Design in Political Science   University of Illinois	Math Camp 2025
	Ordinary Least Squares in R   University of Illinois	Math Camp 2023, 2024
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	
	The New Middle East (Prof. Avital Livny)   University of Illinois	Spring 2022
	Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Prof. Avital Livny)   University of Illinois	Fall 2021
	American Foreign Policy (Prof. Nicholas Grossman)   University of Illinois	Fall 2022
	Law and Representation (Prof. Wendy K. Tam)   University of Illinois	Fall 2020
	<b>University of Illinois</b>	Urbana, IL
	Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program	Fall 2023 - present
	Departmental program for first-year Ph.D. students	Fall 2023 - present
COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH	<b>Ewha W. University</b>	Seoul, Korea
	Undergraduate Career Mentoring Program	Spring 2018
	Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program	Spring 2018
	Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Violence, Civil War, Conflict Management and Resolution, Peace Studies, East Asian Politics, Middle East Politics, Human Rights, Democratic Backsliding, Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences, R programming for Social Science Research, Causal Inference, Mixed Methods Research, Survival Analysis	

SKILLS	<b>Languages:</b> Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Chinese (Fluent, Old HSK Level 6), Japanese (Advanced, JLPT 1) <b>Programming:</b> R, Python, SPSS, Stata, $\text{\LaTeX}$	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<b>Teaching   University of Illinois</b> Urbana, IL <i>Department of Political Science</i> Political Science Seminar Series on Pedagogy (Prof. Paul Diehl) Spring 2023 <i>Center for Innovation in Teaching &amp; Learning</i> Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom Certificate 2025 Graduate Teacher Certificate 2024 Graduate Mentoring Certificate 2024	
	<b>Methods   Syracuse University</b> Syracuse, NY The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Summer 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admitted with full coverage for participation fee, stipend, and accommodation</li> </ul>	
SERVICE	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop Organizing Member</b> Fall 2024 - present <b>Math Camp</b>   Political Science (University of Illinois) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Fall 2024 - Summer 2025</li> <li>Committee Fall 2022 - Summer 2023</li> </ul> <b>Culture Committee</b>   Political Science (University of Illinois) Fall 2021 - Spring 2024	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	<b>American Political Science Association</b> <b>Midwest Political Science Association</b> <b>International Studies Association</b>	

## REFERENCES

### **Alyssa K. Prorok**

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### **Paul F. Diehl**

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