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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### University of Melbourne

Senior Lecturer, School of Social and Political Sciences, Sept. 2025–.  
Lecturer, School of Social and Political Sciences, Jan. 2024–Aug. 2025.

### University of York

Lecturer, Department of Politics, Sept. 2021–Dec. 2023.

### University of California, San Diego

Korea-Pacific Program Fellow, School of Global Policy and Strategy, Jan. 2023–June 2023.

### Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Social Science, July 2020–June 2021.

### University of Southern California

US-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellow, Korean Studies Institute, Aug. 2019–June 2020.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Missouri, 2020.

M.A. Intelligence and International Security, King's College London, 2013.

B.Sc. Politics, University of Bristol, 2010.

## Books

3. Goldring, Edward. 2026. *Purges: How Dictators Fight to Survive*. Cornell University Press.
2. Goldring, Edward (editor). 2026. *Teaching Autocracy and Autocratic Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
1. Goldring, Edward, and Peter Ward. 2025. *Authoritarian Survival and Leadership Succession in North Korea and Beyond*. Cambridge University Press Elements series on Politics and Society in East Asia.
  - Winner of the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Arts' Dean's Award for Research Project of the Year, 2024.
  - Interviewed about the book on the *NK News* podcast, July 2025.
  - Reviewed in *Asian Affairs*.

## PUBLICATIONS

11. Goldring, Edward, and Rebecca Tapscott. 2026. "Succession in Uganda: What Do Ugandan Citizens Think of Muhoozi Kainerugaba?" *African Affairs*.
10. Goldring, Edward, Jonas Willibald Schmid, and Fulya Apaydin. 2025. "The Effects of Blame Shifting Strategies Following Large-scale Disasters: Evidence from Turkey." *Perspectives on Politics*: 1-24.
9. Goldring, Edward, and Peter Ward. 2024. "Elite Management Before Autocratic Leader Succession: Evidence from North Korea." *World Politics* 76(3): 417-456.
  - Winner of the 2025 Best Article Award, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section.
  - Featured in *World Politics' The Storied Teller*, "All the Autocrat's Men." July 23, 2024.
8. Goldring, Edward, and Austin S. Matthews. 2024. "Brothers in Arms No Longer: Who Do Regime Change Coup-Entry Dictators Purge?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68(10): 1,913-1,940.
7. Goldring, Edward, and Austin S. Matthews. 2023. "To Purge or Not to Purge? An Individual-Level Quantitative Analysis of Elite Purges in Dictatorships." *British Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 575-593.
6. Reeder, Bryce W., Michael Hendricks, and Edward Goldring. 2022. "All Peacekeeping is Local: Measuring Subnational Variation in Peacekeeping Effectiveness." *International Studies Quarterly* 66(2): 1-12.
5. Goldring, Edward, and Sheena Chestnut Greitens. 2020. "Rethinking Democratic Diffusion: Bringing Regime Type Back In." *Comparative Political Studies* 53(2): 319-353.
4. Wahman, Michael and Edward Goldring. 2020. "Pre-election Violence and Territorial Control: Political Dominance and Subnational Election Violence in Polarized African Electoral Systems." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 93-110.
3. Goldring, Edward, Brandon Beomseob Park, and Laron K. Williams. 2020. "Should We Talk About the Weather? How Party Competition and Coalition Participation Influence Parties' Attention to Economic Issues." *Party Politics* 26(6): 730-743.
2. Goldring, Edward, and Michael Hendricks. 2018. "Help is Close at Hand? Proximity and the Effectiveness of Peacekeepers." *Research & Politics*, October-December: 1-9.
1. Goldring, Edward, and Michael Wahman. 2018. "Fighting for a Name on the Ballot: Constituency-Level Analysis of Nomination Violence in Zambia." *Democratization* 25(6): 996-1,015.
  - Reprinted in *Violence and Candidate Nomination in Africa*, edited by Merete Bech Seeberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, and Michael Wahman. Routledge, 2020.

## OTHER WRITINGS

- Goldring, Edward, and Peter Ward. 2022. "The Kims Aren't Just Looking at Things: What Leadership Events Can Tell Us About North Korean Politics." *Woodrow Wilson Center and the National Committee on North Korea*.
- Goldring, Edward. 2022. "Before Categorising Autocracies, We Need to Count Them Accurately." *The Loop*.
- Goldring, Edward, and Austin S. Matthews. 2022. "The Logic of Autocratic Purges." *Political Violence at a Glance*.
- Goldring, Edward. 2020. Review of "The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un." *Journal of Asian Studies* 79(4): 1013-1014.
- Goldring, Edward. 2020. "How Would Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Handle North Korea?" *The Center for National Interest*.
- Goldring, Edward. 2020. "Body Politic: Why Kim Jong Un's Health Still Matters." *NK News*.
- Goldring, Edward, and Sheena Chestnut Greitens. 2019. "The Importance of Regime Similarity to Explain Democratic Diffusion." *Democratic Audit*.
- Goldring, Edward. 2018. "North Korea is Marching with South Korea at the Olympics Opening Ceremony. Does This Mean a Diplomatic Thaw is Coming?" *Washington Post*.
- Goldring, Edward. 2018. Review of "North Korea: Markets and Military Rule." *Democratization* 25(1): 187-188.
- Goldring, Edward. 2017. "Will U.N. Sanctions Stop North Korean Missile Tests? Don't Count On It." *Washington Post*.
- Goldring, Edward, and Michael Wahman. 2016. "Democracy in Reverse: The 2016 General Election in Zambia." *Africa Spectrum* 51(3): 107-121.

## CONFERENCES

- 2026: Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes.
- 2025: APSA, AusPSA, Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics, IPSA World Congress.
- 2024: Authoritarian and Challenging Environments Research Group Workshop, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics, EPSA, Seoul Workshop for Empirical Research in Politics.
- 2023: WPSA.
- 2022: APSA, EPSA, Korean Political Studies Colloquium, Korea Foundation Next Generation Policy Expert Network with Chatham House, MPSA, The Future of North Korean Studies at the University of Vienna, Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes.
- 2021: Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data, APSA, Empirical Political Science in Hong Kong, EPSA, ISA, MPSA.
- 2020: Asia Online Political Science Seminar Series, CKF Foreign Policy Seminar on Foreign Imposed Regime Change.

2019: California Workshop on Empirical Political Science, MPSA, 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars at the University of Michigan.  
2018: National Committee on North Korea's 'Knowing North Korea' conference.  
2017: African Studies Association Annual Meeting.  
2016: African Studies Association Annual Meeting.

### **INVITED TALKS**

2025: Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Democratic People's Republic of Korea Internal Stability, Keynote at Illinois State University Annual Conference for Students of Political Science, Monash University, University of São Paulo.  
2024: US Government, Yonsei University.  
2023: University of California San Diego.  
2022: University of Edinburgh, University of Strathclyde.  
2021: University of Reading, Woodrow Wilson Center and the National Committee on North Korea.  
2020: University of California San Diego, University of York.  
2018: University of Essex.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2025: Early Career Researcher Grant, University of Melbourne (\$17,111).  
2024: School of Social and Political Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Subjects, University of Melbourne (\$645).  
2024: Fieldwork Funding (\$3,275), University of Melbourne.  
2022-: European Centre for North Korean Studies Non-Resident Fellow.  
2022: Korea Foundation Field Research Fellowship (\$2,200 & round-trip airfare).  
2021, 2022: Research Development Fund, University of York (\$6,500 each year).  
2020-2021: Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$60,000, *declined*).  
2020-2021: James Joo-Jin Kim Program Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$59,000, *declined*).  
2019-2020: Graduate Studies Fellowship, Korea Foundation (\$25,000).  
2019-2020: Raymond White Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Missouri (\$12,000).  
2019: John D. Bies International Travel Scholarship, University of Missouri (\$2,058).  
2019: Nam Center for Korean Studies Travel Grant, University of Michigan (\$600).  
2019: David M. Wood Excellence in Political Science Research Award, University of Missouri.  
2019: Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (\$500).  
2018: Visiting Researcher, London School of Economics; funded by the Paul Wallace and Robin

Remington Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Missouri (\$9,000).  
 2018: Korean Language Fellowship, Korea Foundation (\$5,200 & accommodation).  
 2017: Visiting Summer Scholar, The Institute for Far Eastern Studies in Korea at Kyungnam University (\$2,900 & accommodation).  
 2017, 2018, 2020: Research Grant, Kinder Institute of Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri (\$2,000 each year).  
 2017: Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council at the University of Missouri (\$400).  
 2016: Visiting Research Fellow, South African Institute for Policy and Research.  
 2016: Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, Middlebury College's Korean Summer Language School (tuition, room, & board).  
 2016: Robin Remington Award for Outstanding New or First-Year Student, University of Missouri.

## **TEACHING**

### ***Graduate***

Geospatial Social Science Analysis, International Political Science Association at the National University of Singapore: Summer 2025

Asia Pacific: Zone of Conflict or Peace? University of Melbourne: Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Comparative Institutions and Public Policy, University of York: Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Spatial Interdependence in Theory and Practice (lab instructor), International Political Science Association at the University of São Paulo: Spring 2018

### ***Undergraduate***

Authoritarian Politics, University of Melbourne: Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Comparative Politics, University of Melbourne: Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026

Research Design, University of York: Fall 2023

Introduction to Democratic Politics, University of York: Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Political Enquiry, University of York: Spring 2022

Comparative Political Systems, University of Missouri: Spring 2019

## **SERVICE**

Media Appearances: *ABC, Expresso, NK News Podcast, Observador, and Pink News.*

Journal Reviewer: *Alternatives, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Asian Studies Review, Asian Survey, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Canadian Journal of Political Science, The China Journal, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Electoral Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, Government & Opposition, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of International Relations and Development, Journal of Peace Research, Journal*

*of Political and Military Sociology, The Journal of Politics, Modern Africa: Politics, History and Society, Pacific Affairs, Political Studies, Political Studies Review, Problems of Post-Communism, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research & Politics, Security Studies, and World Politics.*

Book Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press* and *SAGE Publications*.

Awards: Committee Member for 2026 Best Article Award, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section.

Discussant: Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series, 2020; Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, 2025; Authoritarian Political Systems Group, 2022; Conflict Dynamics Workshop, 2023; EPSA, 2024; IKSU K-Unification Friends International Conference for Young Scholars, 2023; Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, 2022; WPSA, 2023.

Seminar organizer: Korean Political Studies Colloquium, 2023-; York Department of Politics Research Seminar Series, 2022; York Quantitative Politics Research Seminar, 2022.

Coordinator: Early Career Academic Network Coordinator, University of Melbourne, 2025-2027.

Examiner: PhD Dissertation, 2022.

Chair: Poster Session for Democracy & Autocracy Section at APSA, 2022.

Mentor: The Laidlaw Undergraduate Leadership and Research Programme, 2022-2023.

## **FURTHER TRAINING**

*Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice*, University of York, 2023.

*Political Text Analysis*, The Australian National University, 2021.

*Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models*, Emory University, 2019.

*Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Boot Camp*, University of California San Diego, 2019.

*Korea Foundation Language Training Fellow*, Yonsei University Korean Language Institute, 2018.

*IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations*, University of São Paulo, 2018. *Korean Summer Language School*, Middlebury College, 2016.

## **FIELDWORK**

South Korea: 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022.

Uganda: 2024.

USA: 2019.

Zambia: 2016.

## **LANGUAGES**

Korean: intermediate/proficient.