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Education

M.A., Political Science and International Relations (IR Major), Seoul National University (Expected in 2026)	
2025–Present	
B.A., International Relations, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	2023
B.A., Arabic (with specialization on Area Studies), Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	2023

Research Interests

Conflicts and Political Violence, Political Regimes and Political Control, State-Society Relationship, State Capacity, Middle East and North African Politics, Political Geography and Geospatial Analysis

Publications

Working Paper

'Does Ethnic Political Exclusion Empower Corruption Grievances? Evidence from Riot Escalations in Africa'

- Master's Thesis
- In preparation for journal submission

'Remittance Inflows and Investment in Fiscal Capacity: Evidence from VAT Introduction in Post-Independence African Countries'

- w/ Bumjun Park and SeongJae Hong, in preparation for journal submission
- Presented in 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science by coauthor

Academic Presentations

2025, 'Does Ethnic Political Exclusion Empower Corruption Grievance? Evidence from Riot Escalations in Africa', Presented in poster session, 2025 Princeton-SNU Summer Institute, at Gwanak-Gu, Seoul

2025, 'Remittance Inflows and Investment in Fiscal Capacity: Evidence from VAT Introduction in Post-Independence African Countries', Co-presented with coauthors (Bumjun Park and SeongJae Hong) in poster session, 2025 New Frontiers in Experimental Political Science Conference, at Gwanak-Gu, Seoul

2022, 'Policy recommendation for Korean Arctic Strategy: On reflection to the sanctions regime against Russia by the West', 2022 Arctic Research Specialist Fostering Project, at Haeundae-Gu, Busan

Research and Teaching Assistantship

Research Assistant

Historical Violence and Ethnic Diversity in the MENA
(Advisor: Prof. Brandon Ives) 2023–Present

Teaching Assistant

Politics in the Middle East (A Survey of Contemporary Issues) Spring 2025

Prof. Brandon Ives

Civil War and Conflict: Domestic and International Causes and Consequences Fall 2025
(A Survey of Comtemporary Issues)

Prof. Brandon Ives

International Political Economy of Finance and Development Fall 2025
Prof. Jong Hee Park

Methodological Training

Research Methods for Political Science and International Relations 2	Fall 2025
KOSSDA GIS and Spatial Statistics: Basic & Advanced (Certificate)	Summer 2025
Topics in Contemporary Political Science (Experimental Political Science Research) (Audit)	Spring 2025
Quantitative Political Analysis	Spring 2024
Data Analysis for Humanities (Audit)	Fall 2023
Research Methods in International Politics 1	Spring 2023

Non-academic Presentations

- 2024, 'Political and Economic Development in Africa: The Role of the Youth for Prosperity and Stability',
Korea-Africa Youth Forum, at Gangnam-Gu, Seoul
2021, 'Impact of Climate Change in the Arctic: The Need for Arctic Environmental Security Regime', 2021 7th
Korea-Arctic Academy, Online

Other Experiences

Administrative Assistant	2023–Present
SNU College, Seoul National University (Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul, Rep. of KOREA)	
Participant	2024
Pan-African Youth Forum at Oran, Algeria	
Leader	Spring 2023
Member	Fall 2023
El-Naafidha: Joint Student Society of the Middle East Studies	
Panelist	2021
Arctic Youth Panel, 2021 Arctic Partnership Week, at Haeundae-Gu, Seoul	

Grants and Scholarships

Participation Grants for 2025 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science (Partial)	2025
Seoul National University	
Merit/Needs-Based Scholarship	2023–2024
Seoul National University	
Travel Grants for 2024 Pan-African Youth Forum (Partial)	2024
Korea-Africa Foundation	
LD & LT Veritas Scholarship	2017-2022
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	
Honors Prize for 2021 7th Korea-Arctic Academy	2021
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries	
Travel Grants for Arctic Youth Panel, 2021 Arctic Partnership Week, (Partial)	2021
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries	

Skills

Programs

R, QGIS, L^AT_EX, Stata, GeoDa

Languages

Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Arabic (Intermediate)

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