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EDUCATION

- 2019-present Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea |
Expected Summer 2026
Dissertation: *Queer Democracy: The Formation of LGBTQ Rights Movement and Anti-Discrimination Project in South Korea*
Qualifying Examinations: Sociological Theory, Qualitative Research
Methods, Sociology of Human Rights, Feminist Theory
- 2017-2019 M.A. in Sociology Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011-2017 B.A. in German Language and Literature & Sociology Chung-Ang University,
Seoul, South Korea

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality, Social Movements, Human Rights, Queer Theory, Qualitative Methodology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* corresponding author

International Journal

- 2025 Lee, Heeyoung, and Jeong, Seong-Jo. "Gender Differences in the Relationship between Coming Out as LGB to Family and Depression in South Korea." *Society and Mental Health* 15(2), 181-197. [2024 Paul Meadows, Excellence in Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, University at Albany, SUNY; 2023 Excellence Award, The 20th Young Sociologists Award, Department of Sociology, Chung-Ang University]
- 2025 Jeong, Seong-Jo, Heeyoung Lee, and Chan S. Suh. "Moving Apart, Coming Together: The Formation of an LGBTQ Movement Community in South Korea." *Journal of Homosexuality* 72(7), 1375-1400.

Korean Journal

- Forthcoming Song, Min-su, Lee, Seung-ryul, and Jeong, Seong-Jo*. "Can I Be Myself at Work? A Multilayered Analysis of Coming Out and Discrimination Experiences of LGBTQ Employees in South Korea (직장에서 커밍아웃할 수 있는 조건은 무엇인가: 한국 성소수자 노동자의 경험 분석)" *Korean Journal of Industrial Relations*.
- 2025 Jeong, Seong-jo, Cho, So-yeon, and Lee, Na-young. "The December 3rd

- Impeachment Plaza and Queer Visibility (12·3 탄핵 광장과 퀴어 가시성)." *Korean Journal of Sociology* 59(4), 95-132.
- 2025 Cho, So-Yeon, **Jeong, Seong-Jo**, and Lee, Na-Young. "Encountering Between Fandom and Impeachment Square: Experiences of 2030 Women and Gendered Cultural Politics (팬덤과 광장의 조우: 2030 여성들의 유석열 탄핵 광장 참여 경험을 통해 본 젠더화된 문화정치)." *Media, Gender & Culture* 40(3), 115-155.
- 2024 Lee, Hyemin, Park, Jeongeun, Chun, Wonkeun, Kim, Jongbin, Yi, Horim, and **Jeong, Seong-Jo***. "Trends and Implications of Sexual and Gender Minority Research in South Korea: Systematic Review and Text Analysis (한국 성소수자 연구 동향과 과제 : 체계적 문헌고찰 및 텍스트 분석)." *Economy and Society* 143, 303-341.
- 2024 **Jeong, Seong-jo**, Kim, Bomi, and Shim, Kiyong. "Discrimination Experiences and Social Needs of Sexual and Gender Minority Young Adults: Legal and Policy Implication (청년 성소수자의 차별 경험 및 사회적 욕구와 법정정책 함의)." *Korean Journal of Gender and Law* 15(2), 103-150.
- 2023 **Jeong, Seong-Jo** and Lee, Heeyoung. "Open, Discreet, and Repressive Closet: Latent Class Analysis on the Patterns of LGBTQ+ Youth's Coming Out (개방형, 은둔형, 억압형 벽장: 청년 성소수자의 커밍아웃 양상에 관한 잠재집단분석)." *Korean Journal of Sociology* 57(4), 49-93.
- 2023 Kim, Sungi, Kwon, Subin, **Jeong, Seong-Jo**, Cha, Hyunjae, and Lee, Sang-Gil. "A Study on the Conflict Cases between IRB and Humanities & Social Sciences Researchers (인문사회 분야 연구자들의 기관생명윤리위원회(IRB) 갈등 경험 및 인식 연구)." *Social Science Review* 54(2), 245-274.
- 2023 Kwon, Subin, Kim, Sungi, **Jeong, Seong-Jo**, Cha, Hyunjae, and Lee, Sang-Gil. "Institutionalization of Vulnerability: Issues from IRB Reviews of Vulnerable Subject Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences ('취약성'의 제도화?: 인문사회 분야 IRB의 '취약한 대상' 연구 심의에서 나타나는 갈등과 쟁점)." *Journal of Social Science* 34(4), 133-159.
- 2022 **Jeong, Seong-Jo** and Choung, Yonglim. "LGBTQ Youth and Safe Space: Alternative Spaces Created by the Excluded (청소년 성소수자와 안전공간: '배제된 이들'이 만들어가는 대안 공간들)." *Space and Environment* 32(2), 103-141.
- 2021 Lee, Hee-young, Jeong, Da-wool, and **Jeong, Seong-jo***. "A Democratic Response to COVID-19 or a Governance with People without Rights: The Itaewon 'Gay Club' Mass Infection in South Korea (민주적 방역, 혹은 권리 없는 자들과의 협치: 이태원 클럽 집단 감염 사례를 중심으로)." *Memory & Prospect* 45, 272-314. [Awarded the "Banjjak-Banjjak" Thesis Award, Institute for Participatory Society, 2022; Academic Paper Award on Democracy, Korea Democracy Foundation, 2021]
- 2019 **Jeong, Seong-Jo**. "The Critical Reconstruction of the 'Youth Generation' Discourse : Focusing on Gender and Sexuality ('청년 세대' 담론의 비판적 재구성: 젠더와 섹슈얼리티를 중심으로)." *Economy and Society* 123, 12-39.

- 2018 **Jeong, Seong-Jo** and Lee, Na-Young. "Invisible Others: Institutional Homophobia and Identities of Sexual Minority in the Korean Military (보이지 않는 군인들: 한국 군대의 제도적 동성애혐오와 성소수자 정체성)." Culture and Society 26(3), 83-145.

In Progress

1. **Jeong, Seong-Jo**. "When Intimacy Becomes Politics: The Rise and Dissolution of the South Korean LGBTQ Student Coalition, 2013-2021." (R&R)
2. Jeong, Dayoung, Bomi Kim, Chan S. Suh, **Seong-Jo Jeong***. "Between Silence and Voice: Reaction to Discrimination and Mental Health among LGBTQ Youths in South Korea." (Under review)
3. **Jeong, Seong-Jo**, and Na-Young Lee. "Anti-Discrimination Project: The South Korean LGBTQ Movement and Intersectional Solidarity." (Under review)
4. **Jeong, Seong-Jo**, Bomi Kim, Heeyoung Lee, and Hyemin Lee. "Substance Use and Mental Health Outcomes among Gay and Bisexual Men in South Korea: A Cross-Sectional Study." (Under review)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

- Forthcoming Chan, Yuan-Yuan, **Seong-Jo Jeong**, and Keie Sou. "LGBTQ+ Workplace Inclusion and Mental Health: A Comparative Analysis of Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan." In: A WSPC Handbook of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – Volume 5: LGBTQ+ Inclusion at Work: A Global View.
- 2025 **Jeong, Seong-Jo**. "For Queer Democracy (퀴어 민주주의를 위하여)." Munhwa-Gwahak (문화과학) 121, 150-169.
- 2024 **Jeong, Seong-Jo**. "(Im)possibility of Mourning and AIDS in Cinema (영화 속 에이즈와 애도의 (불)가능성)." Queer Cinema Map 2024 (퀴어영화지도 2024), 63-84. (in Korean)
- 2021 **Jeong, Seong-Jo**. "Social Construction of the 'Youth Generation' ('청년 세대'의 사회적 구성)." Becoming a Young Researcher: An Introduction to Youth Studies (청년 연구자 되기: 청년학 개론), 24-49.

Translation to Korean

- 2023 Queer Korea. edited by Todd A. Henry. co-translated by Junior Scholars Network of LGBTIQ Research. Sancheoreom Publishing.
- 2022 Sexual Inversion. Henry Havelock Ellis, and John Addington Symonds. co-translated by Junho Park, Horim Yi, Donghyun Im, and Seong-Jo Jeong. Amormundi Publishing.

Technical Report

Forthcoming	"A Study on Labor Rights and Discrimination of LGBTQ People (성소수자의 노동권 및 차별에 관한 연구)." Dawoom, together4change. (in Korean)
Forthcoming	"Survey on Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (성적지향·성별정체성에 따른 차별실태조사)." National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK). (in Korean)
2024	<u>"2023 Survey on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Korean Film Industry (2023 한국영화산업 성희롱·성폭력 실태조사)." Korean Film Council (KOFIC). (in Korean)</u>
2022	<u>"'I Am Not the Only One': A Survey on the Social Needs and Realities of Young LGBTQ People (나 같은 사람이 혼자가 아니구나: 청년 성소수자 사회적 욕구 및 실태조사)." Dawoom, together4change. (in Korean)</u>
2022	<u>"A Study on the Conflict Experiences and Improvement Strategies regarding Institutional Review Boards (IRB) among Researchers in the Humanities and Social Sciences (인문사회 분야 연구자들의 기관생명윤리위원회(IRB) 갈등 경험 및 개선 방안 연구)." National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences. (in Korean)</u>
2021	<u>"2019 Survey on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Film Industry (2019 영화계 성희롱 성폭력 실태조사)." Korean Film Council (KOFIC) & Women in Film Korea. (in Korean)</u>

AWARD, GRANT, AND FELLOWSHIP

Awards & Honors

- **Paul Meadows Excellence in Research Award**, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY (2024)
- **The 9th Hakbong Award**, Seoul National University School of Law (2024)
- **Excellence Award**, The 20th Young Sociologists Award, Department of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2023)
- **"Banjjak-Banjjak" Thesis Award**, Institute for Participatory Society, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD) (2022)
- **"Field Knowledge x Good Research" Grant**, SIMIN (Society for Citizens) (2022)
- **Academic Paper Award on Democracy**, Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) (2021)
- **Excellence Award**, The 14th Young Sociologists Award, Department of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2017)

Grants & Fellowships

- **Graduate School Alumni Association Scholarship**, Chung-Ang University (2025)
- **Ph.D. Student Research Grant in Humanities and Social Sciences**, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) (2024–2026)
- **Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Research Professor (Type B)**, National

Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) (2022–2023)

- **Lee Nae-chang Memorial Grant**, Lee Nae-chang Memorial Association (2020)
- **Graduate Research Scholarship (Advanced Track "A")**, Chung-Ang University Graduate School (2019–2021)
- **Brain Korea 21 Plus (BK21 Plus) Research Fellowship**, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) & Dept. of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2019–2020)
- **Small Research Group Grant**, Korean Society for Cultural Sociology (2019)
- **Graduate Research Scholarship (Advanced Track "A")**, Chung-Ang University Graduate School (2017–2018)
- **Brain Korea 21 Plus (BK21 Plus) Research Fellowship**, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) & Dept. of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2017–2018)

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT

- 2024.9. ~
2026.8. **"Emotional Dynamics of the LGBTQ Movement in South Korea: Mechanisms of Coalition Building and Change."** | Principal Investigator (PI), Qualitative Research | *National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)*. (Doctoral Student Research Fellowship)
- 2024.9. ~
2026.6. **"Comparative Study of Three East Asian Countries (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan): LGBTQ+ Legal Systems, Public Attitudes, and Experiences of LGBTQ+ Communities"** | Principal Investigator (PI), Mixed Methods | *The East Asian Alliance on Equality and Anti-Discrimination Advocacy*.
- 2025.1. ~
2025.12. **"2025 Study on Labor Rights and Discrimination of LGBTQ People"** | Principal Investigator (PI), Mixed Methods | *Seoul National University School of Law*. (Conducted by *Dawoom: Sustainable Movement for Diversity*)
- 2025.6. ~
2025.11. **"Survey on Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity"** | Co-investigator, Mixed Methods | *National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK)*. (PI: Seong-soo Hong, Sookmyung Women's University)
- 2023.11. ~
2024.1. **"2023 Survey on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Korean Film Industry"** | Co-investigator, Quantitative Research | *Korean Film Council (KOFIC)*. (PI: Na-young Lee, Chung-Ang University)
- 2022.8. ~
2022.12. **"A Study on the Conflict Experiences and Improvement Strategies regarding Institutional Review Boards (IRB) among Researchers in the Humanities and Social Sciences"** | Co-investigator, Qualitative Research | *National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences (NRC)*. (PI: Sang-gil Lee, Yonsei University)
- 2022.9. ~
2023.8. **"Formation and Diffusion of LGBTQ Movements in Universities: Focusing on the Activities of the Coalition of University LGBTQ Student Groups 'QUV'"** | Principal Investigator (PI), Qualitative Research | *National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)*. (Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Research Professor, Type B)
- 2022.7. ~ **"Politics of Solidarity and the Movement for the Anti-Discrimination Act:**

- 2024.6. **Focusing on the Coalition for Anti-Discrimination Act and LGBTQ Rights Movements"** | Research Assistant, Qualitative Research | *National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)*. (Mid-career Researcher Support Program; PI: Na-young Lee, Chung-Ang University)
- 2021.8. ~
2021.12. **"A Study on Establishing a Mid-to-Long-term Development Plan for the Korean Center for Gender Equality in Film 'Deunduen'"** | Co-investigator, Qualitative Research | *Women in Film Korea*. (PI: Na-young Lee, Chung-Ang University)
- 2021.1. ~
2021.12. **"2021 Survey on the Social Needs and Realities of Young LGBTQ People"** | Principal Investigator (PI), Mixed Methods | *Seoul Metropolitan Government (Youth Bureau)*. (Conducted by *Dawoom: Sustainable Movement for Diversity*)
- 2019.12. ~
2020.9. **"A Study on the Development Plan for Support Projects for LGBTQ Youth"** | Research Assistant, Qualitative Research | *Seoul Metropolitan Youth Dream Center*. (PI: Hyun-ju Kim, Chung-Ang University)
- 2019.1. ~
2019.9. **"Voter Perception Survey on Gender"** | Research Assistant, Qualitative Research | *The Democratic Party of Korea*. (PI: Na-young Lee, Chung-Ang University)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chung-Ang University

- **Women's Human Rights and Peace in East Asia** (동아시아 여성 인권과 평화) | Lecturer (2024)
- **Body and Sexuality** (몸과 섹슈얼리티) | Lecturer (2023)

Guest Lectures

- **"History of LGBTQ Discrimination and Resistance"** | Dept. of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2025)
- **"LGBTQ Workers: Examining Queer Lives through Surveys"** | Dept. of Sociology, Pusan National University (2025)
- **"Understanding the Lives of LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults"** | Dept. of Education, Seoul National University (2023)
- **"Reflections on Challenges in Researching LGBTQ Populations"** | Junior Scholars Network of LGBTIQ Research (2022)
- **"Methodological Challenges in Qualitative Research and Thesis Writing"** | Dept. of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2019)

Certificates and Trainings

- **Qualitative Research Methods Training Program**, The Korean Oral History Institute (2018)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **"When Intimacy Becomes Politics: The Rise and Dissolution of the South Korean LGBTQ Student Coalition, 2013-2021"** International Postgraduate and Academic Conference (Taipei, 2025), SEAA-SNU Anthropology Conference (Seoul, 2025)
- **"Encountering Between Fandom and Impeachment Square: Experiences of 2030 Women and Gendered Cultural Politics"** Spring Conference, Korean Association for Women's Communication Studies (Incheon, 2025), Biannual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (Daegu, 2025)
- **"The December 3rd Impeachment Plaza and Queer Visibility"** Annual Conference, Korean Association for LGBTQ+ and Queer Studies (Seoul, 2025), Biannual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (Daegu, 2025), Spring Conference, Korean Association of Critical Sociology (Busan, 2025)
- **"LGBTQ as Workers, Workers as LGBTQ"** Annual Conference, Korean Association for LGBTQ+ and Queer Studies (Seoul, 2025), Academic Symposium, Inequality Research Group (Seoul, 2025), Early Career Researchers Summer Camp, Korean Association for Industrial Labor Studies (Hwaseong, 2025)
- **"Queer Democracy: The Formation of LGBTQ Rights Movement and Anti-Discrimination Project in South Korea"** Academic Conference, Junior Scholars Network of LGBTIQ Research (Seoul, 2024), The 100th Anniversary of the Hyeongpyeong Movement Conference, Korean Social History Association (Jinju, 2023)
- **"Trends and Implications of Sexual and Gender Minority Research in South Korea: Systematic Review and Text Analysis"** LGBTQ Rights Forum (Seoul, 2024)
- **"Gender Differences in the Relationship between Coming Out as LGB to Family and Depression in South Korea"** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, 2023)
- **"Between Silence and Voice: Reaction to Discrimination and Mental Health among LGBTQ Youths in South Korea"** Annual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (Jeonju, 2023)
- **"Open, Discreet, and Repressive Closet: Latent Class Analysis on the Patterns of LGBTQ+ Youth's Coming Out"** Monthly Seminar, Junior Scholars Network of LGBTIQ Research (Seoul, 2023)
- **"Discrimination Experiences and Social Needs of Sexual and Gender Minority Young Adults: Legal and Policy Implication"** EU-Taiwan Gender Equality Forum (Taipei, 2023), Monthly Forum, Korean Human Rights Association (Online, 2023), World Human Rights Cities Forum (Gwangju, 2022), LGBTQ Rights Forum (Seoul, 2022), "Speaking on LGBTQ Youth in Korea," National Assembly Forum (Seoul, 2022)
- **"Moving Apart, Coming Together: The Formation of an LGBTQ Movement Community in South Korea"** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, 2022), International Postgraduate and Academic Conference (Seoul, 2022), Monthly Presentation, Gender & Sexuality Research Institute SOOM (Seoul, 2022), Annual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (Seoul, 2021)
- **"A Democratic Response to COVID-19 or a Governance with People without Rights: The Itaewon 'Gay Club' Mass Infection in South Korea"** Spring Conference, Korean Association of Women's Studies (Seoul, 2022)
- **"LGBTQ Youth and Safe Space: Alternative Spaces Created by the Excluded"** Monthly Seminar, Junior Scholars Network of LGBTIQ Research (Seoul, 2021)

- **"The Critical Reconstruction of the 'Youth Generation' Discourse: Focusing on Gender and Sexuality"** Forum, Kyungpook National University Professors' Council for Democratization (Daegu, 2021), Spring Conference, Korean Association of Critical Sociology (Pohang, 2019)
- **"Invisible Others: Institutional Homophobia and Identities of Sexual Minority in the Korean Military"** LGBTQ Rights Forum (Seoul, 2019, 2018), International Sociological Association Forum (Toronto, 2018), Annual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (Seoul, 2018), Spring Conference, Korean Society for Cultural Sociology (Suwon, 2018), Graduate Student Conference, Korean Association of Critical Sociology (Seoul, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Discussant/Moderator

Academic Conference, Department of Women's Studies, Ewha Womans University (2025), Spring Conference, Korean Association for Cultural Studies (2025), International Postgraduate and Academic Conference (2024), Winter Conference, Korean Sociological Association (2023), Annual Conference, Korean Sociological Association (2022), Spring Conference, Korean Society for Health Policy and Administration (2022), Cultural Studies Forum G, Sinchon Culture & Politics Research Group (2019), Summer Workshop, Graduate School of Sociology, Chung-Ang University (2019)

Journal Reviewer

Economy and Society (경제와사회), Social Science Discourse and Policy (사회과학 담론과 정책), Society and Mental Health

Memberships

Korean Sociological Association (KSA), Critical Sociological Association of Korea (CSAK), Korean Association for LGBTQ+ and Queer Studies (KALQS), American Sociological Association (ASA)

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Organizer/Discussant/Moderator

LGBTQ Human Rights Forum (2017–2025), "The Need for a Gendered Approach to Youth Isolation" Forum (2025), Conference on LGBTQ Rights and Religious Freedom (2025), Queer Labor Rights Forum (2023), Canada-Korea Dialogue for LGBTQ National Statistics (2023), "Diagnosing the Reality of Hate and Discrimination Three Years after the Introduction of the Anti-Discrimination/Equality Act", National Assembly Forum (2023), "Significance and Tasks of the Supreme Court En Banc Decision on the Case of Targeting LGBTQ Soldiers", National Assembly Forum (2022), "Speaking on LGBTQ Youth in Korea", National Assembly Forum (2022), 9th ILGA (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association) ASIA Regional Conference (2019)

Report/Interview/Media

- **"'Others, Please Specify': Building Lives in the Gaps of Data"** | *KOSSDA (Korea Social Science Data Archive) Webzine* (2025) (in Korean)
- **"The 'Hard Work' of LGBTQ/Queer Studies: Challenges of Transitioning into an Academic Association"** | *KAQS (Korean Association for LGBTQ+ and Queer Studies) Webzine: Dochak* (2025) (in Korean)
- **"Far-Right Report: From LGBTQ Hate to Advocating Insurrection"** | *Rainbow Action against LGBTQ+ Discrimination & Coalition for Anti-Discrimination Act* (2025) (in Korean)
- **"LGBTQ People in the Square: Hello, Regardless of Gender or Age, Everyone"** | *Lee Nae-chang Memorial Association Webzine* (2025) (in Korean)
- **"Together, Equally, Naturally: Tasks Identified from the 2023 Survey on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Korean Film Industry"** | *KOFIC Magazine: Korean Cinema* (2024) (in Korean)
- **"South Korea Punishes LGBTQ People: Uncovering the Unconstitutionality of Indecent Acts under the Military Criminal Act"** | *Seoul National University Journal* (2023) (in Korean)
- **"Flickering Pride and the Queer Community"** | *National Andong University Community Culture Research Center Webzine* (2022) (in Korean)
- **"How COVID-19 Became an Issue of LGBTQ?: Homophobia and LGBTQ Movements in South Korea"** | *#CopingWithCOVID: The Well-Being of LGBTIQ Adolescents and Youth during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Asia and the Pacific* (2020)
- **"'Abnormal' Sexuality, or the Politics of Knowledge"** | *Chung-Ang University Graduate School News* (2020) (in Korean)
- **"Seeking Solidarity and Intersectionality in the Field"** | *The Sungkyun Shinmun* (2019) (in Korean)