Ye-eun Cho

Computational linguist

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Education

2022.02 - current Ph.D. candidate in English linguistics

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea

• Research interests: Computational linguistics, Pragmatics

• Advisor: Hanjung Lee

2019.09 - 2022.02 M.A. in English language translation

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea

2009.03 – 2015.02 B.S. in Hotel management

Sejong University, Seoul, South Korea

Professional experience

2022.02 - current Research Assistant

@ SKKU Language and Cognition Lab Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea

- Conducting English corpus extraction, classification, annotation, and statistical analysis.
- Exploring and optimizing prompting strategies of generative AI.
- Analyzing and comparing capabilities of LLMs with human language processing mechanisms.
- Investigating human-AI interaction in second language acquisition (SLA)

2023.02 – 2024.12 AI Language Specialist

LKbase, Seoul, South Korea (Collaborating with SK Telecom NLU team)

Project 1. AI chatbot "A-dot"

- Conducting construction, annotation, classification, and refinement of Korean linguistic datasets.
- Engineering persona-driven dialogue prompts to enhance the interaction quality.

Project 2. AI speaker "NUGU"

- Developing and implemented Korean rule-based text generation systems.
- Optimizing and refined existing speech recognition rules for improving system accuracy.
- Contributing to the creation and maintenance of Korean language databases for AI applications.

2019.09 – 2021.12 English Grammar Instructor

Kimyoung - Megastudy, Seoul, South Korea

• Instruction and analysis of English grammar tests for university transfer entrance exams.

2016.10 – 2019.08 English Language Instructor

Megastudy, Gyeonggi, South Korea

• Instruction and analysis of English language tests for middle- and high-school curricula.

Academic activities

Publications

2025 Can Vision-Language Models Infer Speaker's Ignorance? The Role of Visual and Linguistic Cues. arXiv preprint arXiv:2502.09120

Ye-eun Cho and Yunho Maeng

Prompting strategies of Generative AI for Korean pragmatic inference. *Korean journal of linguistics.*

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Semantic and contextual constraints on the causative alternation in English: A multifactorial analysis. To appear in *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*.

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Pragmatic inference of scalar implicature by LLMs. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics* (Vol. 4, pp. 10-20)

Ye-eun Cho and Seong mook Kim

Grammatical illusions in BERT: Attraction effects of subject-verb agreement and reflexive-antecedent dependencies. *Linguistic Research*, 40(2), 317-352.

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Presentations

2025 Can Vision-Language Models Infer Speaker's Ignorance? The Role of Visual and Linguistic Cues. *EMNLP 2025 UncertaiNLP*, Suzhou, China. November 5-9, 2025.

Do large language models possess pragmatic competence? A methodological approach. *The 50th Anniversary International Conference of The Linguistic Society of Korea*, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea. October 31-November 1, 2025.

A typology of L2 learners' feedback requests and ChatGPT's corrective feedback in L2 writing. 2025 KAFLE-KAMALL Joint International Conference, Myongji University, Seoul, South Korea. September 27, 2025

The effects of using ChatGPT on complexity, accuracy, and fluency in second language writing. *AAAL 2025*, Denver, Colorado, United States. March 22-25, 2025.

Pragmatic inference of scalar implicature by LLMs. *The 2024 Linguistic Society of Korea Winter Conference*, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea. November 23, 2024.

Pragmatic inference of scalar implicature by LLMs. ACL 2024, Bangkok, Thailand. August 11-16, 2024.

Prompting strategies of Generative AI for Korean pragmatic inference. *The 2024 Seoul International Conference on Linguistics (SICOL-2024)*, Kyunghee University, Seoul, South Korea. August 8-9, 2024.

Academic Service

Reviewer, EMNLP UncertiNLP (2025)

Grants & Funding

- Research Assistant (RA) stipend, NRF (2025.06 current)
- Research Assistant (RA) stipend, NRF (2024.01 2025.05)
- The Brain Korea 21 (BK21) research grant (2022.03 2023.01)
- Teaching Assistant (TA) stipend, SKKU (2022.03 2022.12)

Awards & Scholarships

- SKKU Research Matters Plus 2024 Third place award (2025.02)
- SKKU Simsan scholarship (2023.11)
- SKKU Graduate Merit scholarship (2020.04)

Skills

Linguistics, Python, R, Linux, RegEx, Git, LaTeX

Languages

Korean — Native English — Proficient