

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

<b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers University)</b>	New Brunswick, NJ
- <b>Ph.D.</b> , Political Science	2025 – 2030(Expected)
<b>KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School) <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></b>	Sejong, Korea
- <b>MPP</b> , Global Governance and Political Economy & Public Finance and Social Policy	2022 – 2024
<b>Kookmin University</b>	Seoul, Korea
- <b>B.A.</b> , Political Science & International Relations	2015 – 2022
<b>Ferris State University</b>	Big Rapids, MI
- <i>Exchange Student</i> , Dept. of Political Science	Jan. 2020 – May 2020

### Research Interests

American Politics, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Majority minority, Voting Behavior, and Public Policy

### Working Papers & Selected Academic Presentations

#### *Working Papers*

#### **Impact of Cultural Assimilation and Voter Policy Preferences on Immigrant Politician Competitiveness in Homogeneous Societies (with Prof. Dongil Lee)**

- This research examines how cultural assimilation impacts the electoral prospects of immigrant candidates in South Korea. To investigate this topic, I utilized a conjoint experimental method, designing and conducting the entire survey. (This study will be presented at the Korean Association of Regional Studies in Spring 2025.)

#### **The Impact of Awareness of Power on Receptivity of Foreigners: Focused on the Legislative and Executive Branches in Korea**

- This research investigates how attitudes toward the executive and legislative branches may influence public acceptance of immigrants in South Korean society. It was presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference for Sociology Graduate Students (2024 Winter), and submitted as the thesis for my graduate studies at the KDI School.

#### *Presentations*

#### **Young Generation's Perception of Fairness in Korea** (Presented in English)

Summer 2024

- This study explores factors beyond socioeconomic variables that contribute to young people's perceptions of inequality in South Korea. It was presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Korean Inequality Symposium.

#### **Perpetuating Misperceptions about North Korean Defectors: Exploring Perceptions Regarding Growth and Distribution** (Poster Session in English)

Summer 2023

- This study examines the factors contributing to more negative perceptions of North Korean defectors compared to other foreigners in South Korea, particularly in relation to views on growth and distribution. It was presented at the poster session of the Korean Economic History Society Summer International Conference.

### Working Experiences

*Section Instructor* (KDI School)- All courses were exclusively in English

<b>Quantitative Methods</b>	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
<i>Research Assistant</i>	
<b>Research on Corporate Maternity and Parental Leave Policy</b>	Dec. 2023 – Sep. 2024
<b>Population Policy Laboratory</b>	Apr. 2022 – Mar. 2023
<b>Policy Forum for Youth</b>	Jun. 2022 – Jan. 2023
<b>Undergraduate Research Internship Program</b>	Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021
<b>Joint Study about Political Polarize by National Research Foundation of Korea</b>	Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2021
<b>New York University-Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) Research Project</b>	Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2019
<i>Teaching Assistant (KDI School)</i>	
<b>Language of Public Policy (Prof. Lisa Lim)</b>	Spring 2022
<b>Topics in North Korean Economy (Prof. Hong Tack Chun)</b>	

## Grants & Awards

### Grants

<i>Excellence Fellowship</i>	2025
- School of Graduate School, Rutgers University	
<i>KDI School Admission Scholarship</i>	2022-2023
- KDI School of Public Policy and Management	
<i>KDI School Dean's List</i>	2022-2023
- KDI School of Public Policy and Management	
<i>University Scholarship</i>	2016-2022
- Kookmin University	

### Awards

<i>First Place (Winner), NASPAA Student Simulation Presentation Competition</i>	Feb. 2023
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration ( <a href="#">NASPAA</a> )	
<i>Presidential Award, Kookmin University External Achievement graduating students</i>	Feb. 2022
- Kookmin University	
<i>Second Place, 2019 National University Student Unification Debate Competition</i>	Dec. 2019
- Ministry of Unification	
<i>Achievement Award, 2019 Assembly Health &amp; Welfare Committee Legislative proposal contest</i>	Sep. 2019
- Korea National Assembly and Corporation of Youth and Future	
<i>Fourth Place, 2016 National University and Graduate Student Unification Contest -Video Part</i>	Dec. 2016
- Ministry of Unification	
<i>Fourth Place, Unification Design Contest 2016</i>	Oct. 2016
- Ministry of Unification and Graduate School of Techno-Design at Kookmin University	
<i>Second Place, Kookmin University Video Festival "From Independence to Unification"</i>	Mar. 2016
- Ministry of Unification and Future Research of the Korean Peninsula Institute	
<i>Fourth Place, 2015 National University Student Unification Debate Competition</i>	Dec. 2015
- Ministry of Unification	

## Participations

<b>KOSTAT-UNFPA Summer Seminar on Population- Demographic (R) and Fertility (Stata)</b>	Summer 2024
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Statistics Korea (KOSTAT)	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Euro-Asia Summer School completion</b>	Jul. 2023 – Sep. 2023
- KDI School, Seoul National University, Hitotsubashi University, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internationals, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	
<b>NASPAA Student Simulation Presentation competition (Topic: Wildfire)</b>	Feb. 2023
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)	

<b>Research Methodology Seminar at KDI School- Regression Analysis (Stata), and Python</b>	Summer 2022
- KDI School of Public Policy and Management	
<b>53<sup>rd</sup> Diplomatic workshop for University Students completion</b>	Jul. 2020
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
<b>2019 Korean Youth Legislative Expert Course completion</b>	Sep. 2019
- Corporation of Youth and Feature	
<b>Presenter of the Gender Equality Society presentation</b>	Aug. 2019
- Corporation of Seongbuk Culture School	
<b>Peer counseling Program completion</b>	Jul.2019 – Dec.2019
- Korea Youth Counselling & Welfare Institute (KYCI), Kookmin University Counseling Center	
<b>Parliamentary training course -Future political leaders completion</b>	Jul. 2019
- National Assembly Secretariat	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Unification and Diplomacy Academy completion</b>	Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2016
- Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)	
<b>TAP Programme 2016 completion</b>	Aug. 2016
- Renault Co. Malaysia, Help University, Kookmin University	

## Leadership Activities

<i>Pilot tester, NASPAA Student Simulation Competition (Topic: Refugees) with Appreciation</i>	Oct. 2023
<i>Student Representative, KDI School of Public Policy and Management</i>	2022 – 2023
<i>Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> University National Assembly - Steering Committee</i>	2019
<i>Chair, Kookmin University Student Academic Society “Practice for Unification”</i>	2015 – 2016
<i>Mentor, Corporation of Beautiful Learning</i>	2015 – 2016

## Skills

<b>Software:</b>	R (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), QGIS (Basic), LATEX
<b>Language:</b>	English (Fluent), Traditional Chinese character (Intermediate), Korean (Native)
<b>Audited Course:</b>	R Fundamentals for Public Policy, Machine Learning for Social Scientists (KDI School)

## Reference

### Dr. Seulki Choi

Standing Commissioner (Deputy Secretary), Presidential Committee on Ageing Society and Population Policy  
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### Dr. Dongil Lee

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