

# YEONWOOK KANG

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## EDUCATION

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**KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School)** Sejong, Korea

M.P.P., Public Finance and Social Policy & Global Governance and Political Economy (TBD) Feb. 2022 – Present

- GPA: 3.86/4.00 *Magna Cum Laude* (TBD) (coursework completed)
- Dean's List (Every semester during coursework term), KDI School Admissions Scholarship (2022)
- Section Instructor: Quantitative Method (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: Language of Public Policy, and Topics in North Korean Economy (Spring 2022)

**Kookmin University**

Seoul, Korea

B.A., Political Science & International Relations

Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2022

- GPA: 4.0/4.5
- University Scholarship (6 times, 2016 - 2022)
- Thesis: *Korean peninsula development through humanitarian aid with North Korea: Analysis focused on Korea-Official Development Assistance by ICT* (in Korean)

**Ferris State University**

Big Rapids, MI

Exchange Student, Dept. of Political Science

Jan. 2020 – Jun. 2020

- GPA: 3.66/4.0

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative Politics, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Minority-Majority, North Korean Studies, and Public Policy

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- **The impact of awareness of power on receptivity of foreigner : Focused on the legislative and executive branches in Korea** Winter 2024
    - 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference for Sociology Graduate Students (Presentation)
  - **Perpetuating misperceptions about North Korean defectors: Exploring by perceptions regarding growth and distribution** Summer 2023
    - Korean Economic History Society Summer International Conference (Poster Section)

## WORK EXPERIENCES

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*Research Assistant*

- **Research on corporate maternity and parental leave policy research, KPPIF** Dec. 2023 – Present
  - Korea Peninsula Population Institute for Future (KPPIF)
  - Researched a study on parental and maternity policies within Korean corporations and their effectiveness
- **Population Policy Laboratory, KDI School** Apr. 2022 – Mar. 2023
  - Prof. Seulki Choi (KDI School), Wook Sohn (KDI School), Junesoo Lee (KDI School), Joeun Kim (KDI School)
  - Assisted implementing survey on “*Korean's set of values regarding marriage and family in the COVID-19 era*” including making questionnaires and codebooks (Excel, Stata)
  - Supported planning and implementing focus group interview and in-depth interview
- **Policy Forum for Youth, Cohosted by National Research Council** Jun. 2022 – Jan. 2023
  - National Research Council, KDI School, Korea Sociological Association

- Assisted organizing forums and assisted writing final paper- Final report: *Social science policy research forum for social problem: Youth Life and Policy* (by Korean) (ISBN:979-11-5567-614-1)
- **Undergraduate Research Internship Program, Kookmin University** Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021
  - Prof. Seungjin Jang (Kookmin Univ.), Hanil Chang (Kookmin Univ.), Sungkyung Park (Incheon National Univ.)
  - Collected information and data to conduct research on South Korean national parliamentarians and municipal parliamentarians
- **General joint study about Political Polarize, National Research Foundation of Korea** Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2021
  - Prof. Seungjin Jang (Kookmin Univ.), Jeonghoon Han (Seoul National Univ.), Jaeun Jung (Chungang Univ.)
  - Collected data for a study on political polarization through comments on 6 South Korean political YouTube channels
- **Research project about Common Group Identity, NYU -Abu Dhabi** Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2019
  - Prof. Leonid Peisakhin (NYU-Abu Dhabi), Hanil Chang (Kookmin Univ.)
  - Translated Data conversion of voice surveys among Koreans, North Korean defectors, and Chinese Koreans

## AWARDS & PARTICIPATIONS

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### Awards

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

### Participations

- **NASPAA Student Simulation tester completion with Appreciation (Topic: Refugees)** Oct. 2023  
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- **15<sup>th</sup> Euro-Asia Summer School completion** Jul. 2023 – Sep. 2023  
KDI School, Seoul National University, Hitotsubashi University, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacional, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
- **NASPAA Student Simulation Presentation competition (Topic: Wildfire)** Feb. 2023  
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- **Research Methodology Seminar at KDI School- Regression Analysis (Stata), and Python** Summer 2022  
KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- **53<sup>rd</sup> Diplomatic workshop for University Students completion** Jul. 2020  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **2019 Korean Youth Legislative Expert Course completion** Sep. 2019  
Corporation of Youth and Future
- **Presenter of the Gender Equality Society presentation** Aug. 2019  
Corporation of Seongsbuk Culture School
- **Peer counseling Program completion** Jul.2019 – Dec.2019  
Korea Youth Counselling & Welfare Institute (KYCI), Kookmin University Counseling Center

- **Parliamentary training course -Future political leaders completion** Jul. 2019  
National Assembly Secretariat
- **4<sup>th</sup> Unification and Diplomacy Academy completion** Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2016  
Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)
- **TAP Programme 2016 completion** Aug. 2016  
Renault Co. Malaysia, Help University, Kookmin University

## LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- **Student Representative, KDI School of Public Policy and Management** 2022 – 2023  
- Participate as a student representative in semesterly school and faculty meetings and jury member of school
- **Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> University National Assembly - Steering Committee** 2019  
- National Assembly and Corporation of Youth and Future  
- Participated as an operational executive
- **Advisor, Kookmin University Student Debate club “COSMOP”** 2019  
- Advised debate skills and attitude about Cross Examination Debate Association & Karl Popper debate style
- **Chair, Kookmin University Student Academic Society “Practice for Unification”** 2015 – 2016  
- Department of Political Science & International Relations, Kookmin University  
- Created and present a video of an educational organization’s research on reunification in South Korea

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

- **Volunteer at Korean Political Science Association, Korean Association of Party Studies** 2016, 2017, 2019  
Korea Political Science Association (KPSA), Korean Association of Party Studies (KAPS)
- **Volunteer at the local society mentoring** Jan. 2015 – Jul. 2016  
Corporation of Beautiful Learning

## SKILLS

Language	English (Fluent), Traditional Chinese (Intermediate), Korean (Native)	
Software	Stata, Python, SPSS, MS Office Suite	
Military Service	Social Work Personnel, Sejong City Hall, Sejong, Korea	Apr. 2017 – Apr.2019

*\*Last Update: January 2024*