

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

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| KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School) <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | Sejong, Korea |
| - MPP, Global Governance and Political Economy & Public Finance and Social Policy | 2022 – 2024 |
| - Dean's List (Every semester during coursework term), KDI School Admissions Scholarship (2022) | |
| - Thesis: <i>The Influence of the Perceptions on Legislative and Executive Branches on Foreigner Acceptance</i> (in English) | |
| Kookmin University | Seoul, Korea |
| - B.A., Political Science & International Relations | 2015 – 2022 |
| - University Scholarship (6 times, 2016 – 2022) | |
| - Thesis: <i>Korean peninsula development through humanitarian aid with North Korea: Analysis focused on Korea-Official Development Assistance by ICT</i> (in Korean) | |
| Ferris State University | Big Rapids, MI |
| <i>Exchange Student</i> , Dept. of Political Science | Jan. 2020 – May 2020 |
| - GPA: 3.66/4.0 | |

Research Interests

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

Working Papers & Selected Academic Presentations

Working Papers

My Cultural Assimilation is Not Enough for Winning?: Survey Experimental Evidence from South Korea's Voting Choice (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 23rd 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 11th 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

Quantitative Methods

Spring 2023, Spring 2024

- Taught quantitative methods for social science, including SPSS package and statistic methodology
- Evaluated quality of instructor by students, 4.7/5.0 in Spring 2023, and 4.8/5.0 in Spring 2024

Research Assistant

Research on Youth Friendly City Promotion System and Educational Program Policy

Jan. 2025 – Present

- Office for Government Policy Coordination Prime Minister's Secretariat
- Conducted surveys and preliminary research for the development of educational programs to implement youth-friendly city initiatives

Research on Corporate Maternity and Parental Leave Policy

Dec. 2023 – Sep.2024

- Korea Peninsula Population Institute for Future (KPPIF)
- Conducted a study on parental and maternity policies within Korean corporations and their effectiveness

Population Policy Laboratory

Apr. 2022 – Mar. 2023

- Prof. Seulki Choi, Prof. Wook Sohn, Prof. Junesoo Lee, Prof. Joeun Kim (KDI School)
- Assisted in implementing a survey on “*Korean's set of values regarding marriage and family in the COVID-19 era*” including designing questionnaires and codebooks
- Supported the planning and implementation of Focus Group Interviews (FGIs) and 1:1 in-depth narrative interviews

Policy Forum for Youth

Jun. 2022 – Jan. 2023

- National Research Council (NRC), KDI School, Korea Sociological Association
- Assisted in organizing forums and writing the final report: *Social science policy research forum for social problem: Youth Life and Policy* (in Korean) (ISBN:979-11-5567-614-1)

Undergraduate Research Internship Program

Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Prof. Seungjin Jang, Prof. Hanil Chang (Kookmin Univ.), Prof. Sungkyung Park (Incheon National Univ.)
- Collected data to conduct research on South Korean national parliamentarians and municipal parliamentarians

Joint Study about Political Polarize by National Research Foundation of Korea

Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2021

- Prof. Seungjin Jang (Kookmin Univ.), Prof. Jeonghoon Han (Seoul National Univ.)
- Collected data for a study on political polarization through comments on 6 South Korean political YouTube channels

New York University-Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) Research Project

Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2019

- Prof. Leonid Peisakhin (NYUAD), Prof. Hanil Chang (Kookmin Univ.)
- Transcribed data obtained through voice surveys among Koreans, North Korean defectors, and Chinese Koreans for the project “*Post-Conflict Reconciliation Through an Appeal to Common Pre-Conflict Identity*”

Teaching Assistant (KDI School)

Language of Public Policy (Prof. Lisa Lim)

Spring 2022

Topics in North Korean Economy (Prof. Hong Tack Chun)

Awards & Participations

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

- KOSTAT-UNFPA Summer Seminar on Population- Demographic (R) and Fertility (Stata)** Summer 2024
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Statistics Korea (KOSTAT)
- NASPAA Student Simulation tester completion with Appreciation (Topic: Refugees)** Oct. 2023
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- 15th 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
- 53rd 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 Feature
- Presenter of the Gender Equality Society presentation** Aug. 2019
- Corporation of Seongbuk 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
- 4th 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

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- Pilot tester, NASPAA Student Simulation Competition (Topic: Refugees) with Appreciation* Oct. 2023
 - Identify and address program issues prior to simulation competition
 - 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, 2nd University National Assembly - Steering Committee* 2019
 - National Assembly and Corporation of Youth and Feature
 - Participated as an operational executive
 - 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
 - Mentor, Corporation of Beautiful Learning* 2015 – 2016
 - Volunteer teacher in underprivileged areas, introduced major and tutoring for middle school students

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

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

Reference

Dr. Seulki Choi

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