

# Seongjoon Ahn

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Political Science, Aug 2019 - Present

*Subfield: American Politics, Political Theory*

### The University of Chicago

MA in the Social Sciences (MAPSS), Aug 2018

*Concentration: Political Theory (Advisor: Matthew Landauer)*

### Korea University

MA in Political Science and International Relations, Aug 2017

*Concentration: Political Theory (Advisor: Nam-Kook Kim)*

BA in Political Science and International Relations, Feb 2015

### The London School of Economics and Political Science

General Course in Government, Oct 2011 – Feb 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Ahn, Seongjoon and Kim, Nam-Kook. 2019. "Popularizing Grief: Tragedies and Tragic Events in Ancient Athens". *The Korean Review of Political Thought*. 25 (2): 9-38.

### Editorial Contributions

- Baradat. Leon P., *Political Ideologies: Their Origins and Impact*, 12<sup>th</sup> ed. (Korean Translation), Myung In Publishers, Seoul, 2017 (Copy Editor)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### Bound by Exposure: Assessing How Exposure to Uncivil Political News Affects Elite Approval

*A randomized survey experiment reveals that the more one is exposed to uncivil political news, the more one is likely to endorse political elites' use of contentious rhetorical styles such as populist appearances, references to conspiracy theory, and defamation as legitimate parts of democratic politics.*

### Varieties in Democracy Perceptions: An Alternative Perspective on Measuring Perceptions of Democracy

*Existing democracy indices focus on measuring the conditions of democracy – whether a democratic regime is "more" or "less" democratic relative to its authoritative neighbors. Less has been explicated on ways to measure how people shift from one perspective of democracy to another. This study seeks to create a novel measurement of democracy based on various normative discussions of democratic theory.*

### The Myth of Imperial Presidency: Executive Unilateral Action in South Korea

*The South Korean public's worry over a potential return to authoritarianism has mostly waned since its turn to democracy in 1987. However, its worries over an overly strong executive remains salient. This study reviews South Korean presidents' use of unilateral action to examine the validity of this worry.*

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- “The Vulnerable and the Compassionate: A Populist Turn to Grief”  
2018 May, University of Chicago MAPSS Academic Conference: Understanding Movements at their Extremes
- “Deliberating Among Impartial Spectators: Rhetoric, Emotion, and Deliberative Democracy in Adam Smith”  
2017 April, 2017 Western Political Science Association, Vancouver: The Affects of Democracy
- “Differences in Unison: Democratic Deficit in the EU and the ASEAN”  
2016 June, 2016 EU Studies Association Asia Pacific, Hong Kong: Postgraduate Student Workshop
- “Dining Together at the Church of Antioch: Post-Crucifixion Christian Perspective on Tolerance Discourses in Modern Secular Politics”  
2016 April, 2016 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago: Selves and Souls in the Modern State

## SELECT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Dean S. Dorman Scholarship – \$500 Research Funding (2020)  
University of Chicago Summer Language Scholarship (For Ancient Greek Studies) (2018)  
University of Chicago Social Sciences Scholarship (2017)  
European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific Conference Travel Grant (2016)  
Korea University International Conference Travel Grant (2016)  
Korea University Brain Korea 21 Grant (2015)  
Korea University School of Political Science and Economics Undergraduate Scholarship (2014)

## SELECT AWARDS

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Teachers Ranked as Excellent [PS 270 - TA] (2020)\*  
Korea University Best Graduate Dissertation-Proposal (2016)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign LAS Edmund J. James Scholar (2010)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATES

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### Instructor

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

- PS100: Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2020)

### Teaching Assistant

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

- PS270: Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2019)\*

*Korea University*

- POL778: On Multiculturalism (2015 Fall)
- POL238: Law and Political Thought (2015 Fall)

### Teaching Certificate

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate Teacher Certificate (2020, *expected*)

## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL SERVICES

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Political Science Department

*Grievance Representative of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2020-2021*

## METHODS TRAINING AND SKILLS

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### Quantitative Methods Training

Quantitative Political Analysis (QPA) I  
QPA II – Statistical Inference for the Linear Model  
QPA III – Spatial Econometrics/Causal Inference

### Technical Skills

R, GeoDa, QGIS,  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, GitHub, MS Office  
Adobe Creative, Video & Sound Editing

### Qualitative Methods Training

Conceptualization and Measurement  
Comparative (Qualitative) Methods  
Interpretive Methods in Political Theory  
Perspectives in Social Science Analysis

### Language Skills

English & Korean (Fluent)  
Chinese (Intermediate)  
Ancient Greek (Basic Reading)

## SELECT NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

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Korean-English Translator and Copy Editor, Korea Institute for National Unification, Freelancer (2020 -)  
Editor & Graphic Designer, [Woorigachi](#) (Online Social Science Publishing Venue), Online (2016 -)  
English Editor, Blue House (The Office of the President of the Republic of Korea), Seoul, Korea (2013)  
Public Diplomacy Intern, Korea Foundation, Seoul, Korea (2012)  
Government Affairs Intern, GlaxoSmithKline, Seoul, Korea (2011)  
Intern (Shadowing), The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Seoul, Korea (2010)