

# SOOHYUN CHO

Department of Political Science, Ohio State University

email: [cho.885@osu.edu](mailto:cho.885@osu.edu)

website: [soohyuncho.net](http://soohyuncho.net)

## research interests

IPE/CPE; globalization and inequality; trade policy; gender; international governance; political psychology; experiments; causal inference; computational social science.

## education

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Ohio State University (expected 2023).

Minor in Statistics ([Minor and Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization](#)).

Examination: *International Relations, Political Methodology*.

Dissertation: *Three Essays on the Political Economy of International Trade and the Domestic Labor Market*.

— Supported by APSA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant.

My dissertation examines firms' and workers' responses to economic globalization and the diffusion of social responsibility norms. First, using a decomposition analysis, a survey experiment, and structural topic models, I examine how economic insecurity, such as the experience of gender discrimination for women and trade shocks for men, explains the gender gap in trade attitudes. Second, employing the difference-in-differences method, I investigate how Global Performance Indicators (GPIs) induce firms' compliance by obfuscation in supply chains and its impacts on workers' experiences in the labor market. Third, I create a new measure to capture the latent heterogeneity of gender inequality in the labor market.

Committee: [Sarah Brooks](#) (Chair), [Daniel Verdier](#), [Janet Box-Steffensmeier](#), [Thomas Nelson](#).

M.A., Political Science, Seoul National University, 2015.

B.A., Political Science (*magna cum laude*), Seoul National University, 2012.

Minor in East Asian History.

Exchange Student in Law & Political Science, Osaka University, 2011-2012.

Exchange Student in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011.

## refereed publications

[1] The Obama Administration's Trade Policy: Institutional Dynamics of the U.S. Participation in the TPP and Negotiations. 2016. *EU Studies* (with Hae-Ran Lim).

[2] The Political Economy of Japan's Participation in the TPP: Ideas of Regionalism and Domestic Institutions. 2015. *Social Science Research Review*.

## working papers (selected)

Protectionism Reconsidered: Economic Insecurity and the Gender Gap in Trade Attitudes. (*Under Review*).  
*Awarded Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Paper Presented at a Conference 2021 & Jacobina Aumann Award for Best Paper in Gender and Sexuality Politics 2022* (Paper award from Ohio State, Political Science)

Obfuscating Social Responsibility: Global Performance Indicators and Labor Upgrading in Supply Chains. (*Under Review*).

Measuring Women's Experiences in Gendered Labor Markets.

Reconsidering Globalization: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (with Sarah Brooks).

The Effects of Daughters on Trade Policy (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

Chains of Lobbying: Mitigating Reputational Costs in Global Production Networks (with Hyunjoo Oh).

Reassessing Gender Gaps in Foreign Policy.

## works in progress (selected)

Gender Bias and Implicit Attitudes Toward Refugees (with Liwu Gan).

Automation and Gendered Labor Markets (with Jae-Wook Lee).

When Consumers Matter: Ethical Consumption and Trade Attitudes.

grants,  
honors,  
& awards

### **External**

APSA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2022.

Travel Grant, APSA Annual Conference, 2022.

Travel Grant, IPE Pre-conference Workshop at ISA & ISA Annual Conference, 2022.

Humane Studies Fellowship Award, Institute for Humane Studies, Summer 2022.

Adam Smith Fellowship, George Mason University, 2021-2022 (declined).

Centennial Center Research Grant, APSA's Centennial Center, 2020.

Humane Studies Fellowship Award, Institute for Humane Studies, 2020, 2019.

Fulbright Graduate Study Fellowship, Korean-American Fulbright Educational Commission, 2016-2018.

Field Research in Japan for Graduate Students, Center for Japanese Studies (Seoul National University) & The Japan Foundation, 2013.

### **Ohio State University**

Jacobina Aumann Award for Best Paper in Gender and Sexuality Politics, Department of Political Science, 2022.

Travel Grant (ISA), Department of Political Science, 2022.

[The Presidential Fellowship](#) (University-wide competition) 2022-2023.

Research Grant, Department of Political Science, 2022.

Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Paper Presented at a Conference, Department of Political Science, 2021.

Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2021.

Research Grant, Department of Political Science, 2021.

Small Research Grant, The Decision Sciences Collaborative, 2021.

Research Grant, Department of Political Science, 2020.

Departmental Grant, Department of Political Science, 2020.

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, 2020.

Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS), 2019.

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, 2019.

Departmental Grant, Department of Political Science, 2016.

Graduate Teaching Associateship, 2018-2022.

Supplemental Fellowship, 2018-2022.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Tuition Award, 2016-2018.

### **Seoul National University**

SNU Development Fund Scholarship, Yoon Jeon Soo, Lee Sam Rak Foundation, 2013.

SNU Graduate Associateship, 2012-2013.

New Silk Road Study Abroad Scholarship (Osaka University), College of Humanities, 2011.

Global Camp Study Abroad Scholarship (UCLA), College of Liberal Studies, 2011.

Superior Academic Performance Scholarship, 2008-2012.

teaching  
experiences

**Ohio State University**

*Instructor of Record*

Data Analysis in Political Science I (Undergrad): Autumn 20/Spring 21/Summer 21/Autumn 21/Spring 22.

Data Literacy and Data Visualization (Undergrad): Summer 19/Summer 20.

Global Politics (Undergrad; co-instructor): Spring 19.

*Teaching Assistant*

Quantitative Political Analysis II (Graduate methodology sequence; running recitation sections and grading), for Prof. Skyler Cranmer: Spring 20.

Quantitative Political Analysis I (Graduate methodology sequence; running recitation sections and grading), for Prof. Jan Pierskalla: Autumn 19.

Theories of International Relations (Undergrad), for Prof. Randall Schweller, Autumn 18.

**Seoul National University**

*Teaching Assistant*

Political Economy in East Asia (Undergrad), for Prof. Hae-Ran Lim: Spring 13.

Comparative Political Economy (Undergrad), for Prof. Hae-Ran Lim: Autumn 12.

research  
experiences

Comparative Studies on Family Business in China, Korea, and Japan, University of California, Berkeley, for Prof. Hong Yung Lee. 2013-14.

invited talks

University of California, San Diego, May 2023 (scheduled)

conferences

2023: ISA (scheduled), MPSA (scheduled), GSIPE (scheduled)

2022: ISA, MPSA, APSA.

2021: ISA, MPSA, ISPP, APSA, V-IPES.

2020: ISA (canceled), MPSA (canceled) APSA, IPES.

training

Natural Language Processing Workshop 2021, [The Erdos Institute](#) (Data Science Boot Camps), Ohio State University.

Python Data Science Workshop 2020, [The Erdos Institute](#) (Data Science Boot Camps), Ohio State University.

non-academic  
employment

Administrative Assistant, Department of Political Science, Seoul National University, 2013-2016.

skills

*Programming:* R, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SQL.

*Language:* Korean (native), Japanese (fluent; JLPT N1), Chinese (basic).

## references

Sarah Brooks (Committee Chair)  
Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Ohio State University  
[brooks.317@osu.edu](mailto:brooks.317@osu.edu)

Janet Box-Steffensmeier  
Distinguished University Professor  
Vernal Riffe Professor of Political Science  
& Sociology  
Ohio State University  
[box-steffensmeier.1@osu.edu](mailto:box-steffensmeier.1@osu.edu)

Daniel Verdier  
Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Ohio State University  
[verdier.2@osu.edu](mailto:verdier.2@osu.edu)

Thomas Nelson  
Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Ohio State University  
[nelson.179@osu.edu](mailto:nelson.179@osu.edu)

Last updated: December 14, 2022