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Education	Michigan State University <i>Ph.D., Political Science</i> • Fields: International Relations (major), Methodology (minor: passed with distinction) • Dissertation: Evolving Human Rights: Overlaps, Changing Interpretations, and the Strategic Behavior of Victims • Committee: Cristina Bodea (chair), Shahryar Minhas, Ana Bracic, Andy Halterman • <i>Graduate Certificate in Computational Modeling</i> - Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering Korea University <i>M.A., Political Science</i> Sogang University <i>B.A., Global Korean Studies and Political Science</i> • Summa cum laude (with highest honor in the School of Integrated Knowledge) Australian National University <i>Exchange program, College of Asia and the Pacific</i>	East Lansing, MI, USA 2021 - present Seoul, Korea 2019 - 2021 Seoul, Korea 2015 - 2019 Canberra, Australia Spring 2017
Research & Teaching Interests	International Law and International Organizations, Human Rights, Non-State Actors, Interplay of Domestic and International Politics, Mixed-Methods, Causal Inference, Text Analysis	
Peer-Reviewed Publication	1. Soyeon Park. When International Meets Domestic: The Interactive Effect of Domestic and International Election Observers. Conditionally Accepted at <i>International Interactions</i> . * Winner of the 2024 <i>PLS Best Graduate Paper Award</i> , Department of Political Science, Michigan State University * Winner of the 2024-25 <i>Graduate Student Research Award</i> , College of Social Science, Michigan State University	
Working Papers	1. Soyeon Park. How Do Poorly Ratified International Human Rights Treaties Protect Victims? - Case of the Migrant Workers Convention in a Non-member State. 2. Soyeon Park. Evolving Human Rights: Interpretation Over Time in the UN Treaty Bodies.	
Work in Progress	1. Soyeon Park. Selecting Justice: The Strategic Forum Behavior of Human Rights Victims under UN Treaties.	
Fellowships, Grants and Awards	NYU Faculty First Look Scholar <i>New York University Arts & Science Faculty First Look program</i> Pay-It-Forward (\$100) <i>International Studies Association</i> 2024-25 Graduate Student Research Award (\$500) <i>College of Social Science, Michigan State University</i> Women's and Gender Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$10,000) <i>Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University</i>	2025 2025 2024-2025 2024-2025

2024 PLS Best Graduate Paper Award (\$500)	
<i>Department of Political Science, Michigan State University</i>	2023-2024
Graduate Student Research Funding (data collection) (\$1,500)	
<i>Minority Politics Lab, College of Social Science, Michigan State University</i>	2024
First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant (\$125)	
<i>American Political Science Association</i>	2023
Summer Research Grants (data collection) (\$7,200)	
<i>Department of Political Science, Michigan State University</i>	2023, 2024
Conference Travel Grant	
<i>Department of Political Science, Michigan State University</i>	2022-25
Travel Grant (\$700, \$600)	
<i>International Studies Association</i>	2022, 2025
Research Assistant Scholarship	
<i>Korea University</i>	2020
Research Associate Fellowship	
<i>Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum</i>	2019-2020
Best Group Presentation Award	
<i>Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University</i>	2019
Graduate International Program Scholarship	
<i>Korea University</i>	2019
Administrative Assistant Scholarship	
<i>Office of International Affairs, Sogang University</i>	2017
Honors Scholarship	
<i>Sogang University</i>	2015, 2017

Research Experience	Research Assistant, Dr. Cristina Bodea	Fall 2022-Spring 2025
	Research Assistant, Dr. Hun Joon Kim	Fall 2020
	Research Associate, Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum	Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Teaching Experience	Co-Instructor, Michigan State University	
	<i>Sports and the Social Sciences (with Dr. Corwin Smidt)</i>	Summer 2024, Summer 2025
	Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University	
	<i>Sports and the Social Sciences (with Dr. Corwin Smidt)</i>	Summer 2023
	<i>Politics of the UN and International Organizations (with Dr. Cristina Bodea)</i>	Fall 2022
	<i>Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (with Dr. Andrew Kerner)</i>	Summer 2022
	<i>Introduction to International Relations (with Dr. Andrew Kerner)</i>	AY 2021–22, Fall 2025
	Mentoring, Michigan State University	
	<i>Graduate Mentor, University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum</i>	Spring 2024

Conference	American Political Science Association	2023 (iPoster), (scheduled) 2025
	International Studies Association	2022, 2024, 2025
	Pay-It-Forward Mentoring Workshop, International Studies Association	2025

	Midwest Political Science Association	2023
	International Graduate Student Symposium, National Chengchi University	2019
Fieldwork	Geneva, Switzerland: Interviews, archival research, on-site observation	2025
Additional Training	Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research <i>Data Science and Text Analysis</i>	Summer 2022
	Korea Social Science Data Archive <i>Intermediate Statistics</i>	Summer 2019
Academic Service	Michigan State University Graduate Student Association Academic and Admissions Representative	2024 - 2025
	Diversity, Climate and Inclusion Committee Ph.D. Student Representative	2024 - 2025
	Joint IR-CP Workshop Graduate Student Organizer	2024 - 2025
	International Studies Association Pay it Forward Alumna Panelist on Mentee Experience	(scheduled) 2026
Professional Memberships	American Political Science Association, International Studies Association	
Skills	Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (basic reading and intermediate listening, Old HSK Level 5) Programming: R, Python, L ^A T _E X	

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