SUNWOO KWAK

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EDUCATION

M.A. in Political Science (Expected: 2026)
Department of Political Science, Yonsei University

B.A. in Political Science and International Relations 2025
Underwood International College, Yonsei University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **American Politics**
- **Legislative Studies and Congress**
- **Political Parties and Elections**
- **Political Communication and Public Opinion**

PUBLICATIONS

1. Kang, Sinjae, **Sunwoo Kwak**, and Jeongmin Lee. 2025. "Did the 2019 Revision of the National Assembly Act Revitalize Subcommittees? Analyzing the Frequency and Scheduling Determinants of Bill Review Subcommittee Meetings." *Legislation and Policy Studies*, 17(1): 5–36. [in Korean]

2. Terashita, Kazuhiro, Eunmi Cho, Juhyeon Jeong, and **Sunwoo Kwak**. 2024. "Who Mentions the Region?: Analyzing Geographical Representation through Parliamentary Speeches." *Journal of Parliamentary Research*, 19(2): 5–42. [in Korean]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Kwak, Sunwoo**, Sinjae Kang, and Eunmi Cho. "Who Controls the Legislative Process? Party Cartels, Committee Gatekeepers, and Subcommittee Activity in the South Korean National Assembly." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. (Revise and Resubmit)

WORKING PAPERS

"Who are the People? A Computational History of Democracy" (with Hyeongjae Lee, Seonwoo Ahn, Jisung Yoon, June Jeon, and Taegyoon Kim)

"Signaling Through Donors: How Primary Challenge Contributions Shape Congressional Behavior" **(Presented at 2025 APSA conference).**

"Economic Agendas in Governors' Speeches Using Text as Data: Impact of Electoral and Institutional Conditions" (with Eunmi Cho). **(Presented at 2025 MPSA conference).**

"Mentioning Party Labels in Campaign Ads: Changing Campaign Behavior under a Polarized and Nationalized Context" (with Kyungrim Chung and Yoojin Kim). **(Presented at 2023 KPSA conference and 2024 WAPOR conference).**

PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	*2025*
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference	*2025*
International Political Science Association (IPSA) Annual Conference	*2025*
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference	*2025*
World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Annual Conference	*2024*
World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Asia Pacific Annual Conference	*2025*
Korean Political Science Association (KPSA) Annual Conference	*2023, 2024*
Korean Political Science Association (KPSA) Summer Conference	*2024, 2025*

AWARDS & HONORS

Graduate

- Awarded Best Paper Award by the Yonsei University Graduate Student Association Academic Support Program (November 2025)
  - "Economic Agendas in Governors' Speeches Using Text as Data: Impact of Electoral and Institutional Conditions"

Undergraduate

- Awarded Highest Honors Scholarship (Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Department of Political Science, Yonsei University)

- Applied Data Analysis (Spring 2025)
- Method of Empirical Research (Spring 2025)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lab Member (Department of Political Science, Yonsei University)

- Applied Political Methodology Lab (Fall 2024–; *Lab Manager since Fall 2025*)
- Qualities of Democracy Lab (Fall 2023–)

METHODS TRAINING

Workshop and Program Participation

- "2025 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science in Korea (SICSS-Korea)" organized by KDI School of Public Policy and Management and KAIST.
- "2024 Summer Methods Workshop" organized by Korea Association of Party Studies (KAPS).

Related Coursework

- "Special Topics in Political Methodology" (Spring 2025)
- "Advanced Method of Empirical Research" (Fall 2024)
- "Research Methods in Political Science" (Fall 2024)
- "Applied Data Analysis" (Spring 2023)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

R, Stata, Python, LaTeX, Quarto

LANGUAGES

Korean (Native), **English** (Fluent)