

SUNWOO KWAK

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Sinchon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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EDUCATION

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| 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]

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 Taegyeon Kim)
- "Signaling Through Donors: How Primary Challenge Contributions Shape Congressional Behavior"
- "Economic Agendas in Governors' Speeches Using Text as Data: Impact of Electoral and Institutional Conditions" (with Eunmi Cho)
- "Mentioning Party Labels in Campaign Ads: Changing Campaign Behavior under a Polarized and Nationalized Context" (with Kyungrim Chung and Yoojin Kim)

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)