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Academic Appointment

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University 2022 - Present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University 2019 - 2022
- Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University, 2016 - 2019
- Postdoctoral Associate at the Council on East Asian Studies and Lecturer in Political Science, Yale University, 2015-2016

Education

- Ph.D. Politics, New York University, Summer 2015
 - Dissertation Title: Who Gets What, When: Electoral Cycles in Pork Barrel Politics
 - Committee: Sanford Gordon (Co-chair), Howard Rosenthal (Co-chair), David Stasavage, Joshua Tucker
- M.A. Political Science, Korea University, 2005
- B.A. English Literature, Korea University, 2003

Research and Teaching Interest

- American Politics, Political Behavior, Korean Politics, Quantitative Political Analysis

Peer Reviewed Publication

In English

21. Song, BK and Woo Chang Kang. 2025. "Inequality, Local Wealth, and Electoral Politics." *European Journal of Political Economy*. Vol 86: 102617
20. Kang, Woo Chang and SK Park. 2024. "Stuck in an Unequal Society: Wealth Inequality and Pessimistic Prospects on Future Social Mobility in South Korea." *Social Forces*. 103(2): 475-594
19. Kang, Woo Chang and BK Song. 2024. "Making Sense of Heuristics Choice in Nonpartisan Elections: Evidence from South Korea." *Political Behavior* 46: 1865-1886
18. Kang, Woo Chang and SK Park. 2023. "When Do Homeowners Feel the Same as Renters? Housing Price Appreciation and Subjective Well-being in South Korea." Vol 134. *Cities*
17. Chang, Han Il and Woo Chang Kang. 2021 "The impact of the 2018 North Korea-United States summit on South Koreans' altruism toward and trust in North Korean refugees." *Social Science Journal* 1-13
16. Kang, Woo Chang, Jill Sheppard, Feodor Snagovsky and Nicholas Biddle. 2021. "Candidate Sex, Partisanship and Electoral Context in Australia." *Electoral Studies*. 70: 102273.
15. Snagovsky, Feodor, Woo Chang Kang, Jill Sheppard and Nicholas Biddle. 2020. "The Impact of Descriptive Representation on External Efficacy in Australia." *Australian Journal of Political Science*. 55(4): 378-398
14. Kang, Woo Chang and Emily Look. 2020. "Inequality and Attitudes toward Immigration: the Native-Immigrant Gap." *Australian Journal of Political Science*. 55(3): 257-275

13. Chang, Han Il and Woo Chang Kang. 2020. "We or They? A Summit, Accents and South Korean Stereotypes toward North Koreans." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*. 79:13-23.
12. Kang, Woo Chang, Jae Seung Lee, and BK Song. 2020. "Envy and Pride: How Economic Inequality Deepens Happiness Inequality in South Korea." *Social Indicators Research*. 150: 617-637
11. Kang, Woo Chang. 2019. "The Liberals Should Pray for Rain: Weather, Opportunity Costs of Voting and Electoral Outcomes in South Korea." *Political Science*. 71(1): 61-78
10. Kang, Woo Chang and Han Wool Jeong. 2019. "The Corruption Scandal and Voter Realignment in the 19th Presidential Election in South Korea." *Korea Journal*. 59(1): 79-105.
9. Chang, Han Il and Woo Chang Kang. 2018. "Why do the Poor Oppose Income Redistribution? An Empirical Test on the Impacts of Nationalism and Fatalism." *Social Science Journal*. 55(4): 422-431.
8. Kang, Woo Chang, Won-ho Park, BK Song. 2018. "The Effect of Incumbency in National and Local Elections: Evidence from South Korea." *Electoral Studies*. 56: 47-60.
7. Kang, Woo Chang. 2018. "Presidential Pork Barrel Politics with Polarized Voters." *Political Geography*. 67: 12-22.
6. Horiuchi, Yusaku and Woo Chang Kang. 2018 "Why Should the Republicans Pray for Rain? Electoral Consequences of Rainfall Revisited." *American Politics Research*. 46(5): 869-889.
 (a) Featured in [New York Times](#), [The Weather Channel](#), [USA Today](#), [LSE U.S. Politics and Policy](#), [IFL Science](#) etc.
5. Chang, Han Il and Woo Chang Kang. 2018. "Trust, Economic Development and Attitudes toward Immigration." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 51(2): 357-378.
4. Kang, Woo Chang and Ji Yeon Hong. 2017. "Unexplored Consequences of Violence against Civilians during the Korean War." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 17(3): 259-283.
3. Hong, Ji Yeon and Woo Chang Kang. 2017. "Trauma and Stigma: the Long-term Effects of Wartime Violence on Political Attitudes." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(3): 264-286
2. Kang, Woo Chang. 2016. "Local Economic Voting and Residence-Based Regionalism in South Korea: Evidence from the 2007 Presidential Election." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 16(3): 349-369.
1. Kang, Woo Chang. 2015. "Electoral Cycles in Pork Barrel Politics: Evidence from South Korea 1989-2008." *Electoral Studies* 38: 46-58.

In Korean

10. Kang, Woo Chang, Hanil Chang, and SeungJin Jang, 2024. "An Experimental Study on Order Effects in Education Superintendent Elections in Korea." *Korean Party Studies Review*. 23(4): 5-33.
9. Kim, Jihan and Woo Chang Kang. 2024. "Election Day Weather Effects in Local Elections in the Period with the Early Voting System." *Journal of Contemporary Politics*. 17(2): 51-77.
8. Kang, Woo Chang and Lee Joon Ho. 2024. "Between Misperception and Exaggeration: A Longitudinal Analysis of Affective Polarization Among Korean Voters (2000 - 2022)." *Korean Political Science Review*. 58(1): 7-32.
7. Kang, Woo Chang and Jihan Kim. 2024. "Early Voting and Election-Day Weather Effects: An Analysis of the 18th 21st National Assembly Elections." *Korean Political Science Review*. 58(1): 33-54.
6. Kang, Woo Chang, Do Won Kim and Joonmo Kang. 2022. "Smile to Win: How do Candidates' Smiles Affect Election Outcomes?." *Korean Political Science Review*. 56(4): 59-82.
5. Kang, Woo Chang and Jeeyoung Lee. 2022. "Women's Descriptive Representation and Political Participation: An Analysis of Korean Local Elections." *Korean Party Studies Review*. 21(1): 5-41.
4. Kang, Joonmo and Woo Chang Kang. 2022. "The Effects of Candidate Sex on Voters' Choice : A Conjoint Experiment with College Students in South Korea." *Korean Political Science Review*. 56(1): 161-185.

3. Suh, Junwoo and Woo Chang Kang. 2021. "Understanding Public Attitudes toward Immigrants : the Heterogeneous Effect of Contact Conditional on Local Inequality." *Korean Political Science Review*. 55(2): 33-55.
2. Kang, Woo Chang, Bon Sang Koo, Jae Mook Lee, and Jinwon Jung. 2020. "Ideology and Policy Positions of the Elect in the 21st Korean National Assembly Election." *Korean Journal of Legislative Studies*. 61(0):37-83.
1. Kang, Woo Chang. 2016. "Election-day Weather and Party Votes ." *Korean Party Studies Review*. 15(1): 107-130.

(a) Media Report : [Korea Times](#), [JTBC](#) etc.

Working Papers

3. Song, BK and Woo Chang Kang. "Inequality, Local Wealth, and Electoral Politics." *Revise and Resubmit*
2. Kweon, Yesola, Woo Chang Kang and Jong-sung You. "Candidate Gender Cue, Sexism, and Representation in South Korea." *Under Review*
1. Kang, Woo Chang and Sein Park. "Housing Prices, Rental Prices, and Perceptions about the Economy: Evidence from South Korea."

Other Publication

4. 강우창. 2020. "한국인의 이념 정체성과 민주주의에 대한 태도." 2020 한국인의 정체성: 지난 15년간 변화의 궤적. 이숙중·이내영·강원택·박형준 편, 동아시아연구원
3. 강우창. 2019. "부패 스캔들과 한국 유권자의 선택." 한국 보수정부의 부침 2008-2017, 김희민 편, 박영사.
2. 정한울 · 강우창. 2018. "콘크리트 보수의 균열: 스윙 보수층의 등장 원인과 결과." 변화하는 한국유권자 6, 강원택 편, 동아시아연구원.
1. Gordon, Sanford and Woo Chang Kang. 2015. "Distributive Politics: Federal Outlays." In *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: An Interdisciplinary, Searchable, and Linkable Resource*, eds. Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn.

Awards and Grants

- 신진연구자 지원사업. 책임연구원. "인공지능을 활용한 선거 후보자 이미지 연구." 한국연구재단. 2023-2025.
- 일반공동연구. 공동연구원. "젠더갈등 해소를 위한 통합의 정치: 선호, 과정, 제도 연구." 한국연구재단. 2023-2026.
- 신진연구자 지원사업. 책임연구원. "지리정보시스템을 활용한 선거당일 날씨 효과 연구." 한국연구재단, 2020-2022
- 일반공동연구. 공동연구원. "딥페이크 시대의 유권자: 빅데이터와 실험을 통한 가짜뉴스 효과연구." 한국연구재단, 2020-2023
- Laboratory Program for Korean Studies. Academy of Korean Studies, 2018