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## *Education*

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<b>Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science</b>	<i>2022-present</i>
Major in Political Science	
Department of Political Science, UC Merced, Merced, CA, USA	
 <b>Master of Arts in Political Science</b>	<i>2020-2022</i>
Major in Middle Eastern and African Politics	
HUFS Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Seoul, South Korea	
 <b>Exchange Year: Student Exchange Program</b>	<i>2012-2013</i>
Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy	
Interdisciplinary Center (Reichman University), Herzliya, Israel	
 <b>Bachelor of Social Science</b>	<i>2010-2014</i>
Major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences, Minor in Arabic Linguistics	
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), Seoul, South Korea	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

## *Publications*

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Kim, Y.** & Paik, S. 2022. “[US-China Strategic Competition and its Implication on the Changes of Threat Perception in Israel-Middle East Diplomatic Relations](#).” *Korean Journal of the Middle Eastern Affairs*.

Song, J., **Kim, Y.** & Paik, S. 2022. “[Migrants as Threat of Terrorism?: An Analysis on the Korean Attitudes toward Migrants](#).” *Korean Journal of National Defense Studies*.

**Kim, Y.** & Paik, S. 2021. “[The Coalition Government in a Multiparty Knesset Democracy in Israel: Analysis on the Coalition Government of Lapid-Bennett](#).” *Korean Journal of the Middle Eastern Affairs*.

## *Conference Presentations*

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**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)** 2024

*Religious Conservatism, Nationalism, and Politics Session*

- Title: “Central Christian Themes and Political Polarization.”

**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)** 2023

*Political Violence, Terrorism & Resistance Session*

- Title: “Coup-Proofing and State Repression: An Empirical Analysis.”

**KIEP and Associations of Area Studies (KIEP-KAAS)** 2021

Korean Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), Busan, Korea

- Title: “Israel-Middle East Relations Following Changes in U.S.-China Relations.”

## *Awards and Honors*

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**Top Honor in the Annual Middle Eastern Studies Thesis Contest** 2021

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, Korea

- Title: “An Analysis of Israeli Arab Party's Increasing Influence and the Applicability of Consociationalism to the Israeli Political System”

**Excellence Award in the Annual National Thesis Contest for Politics and Diplomacy** 2021

Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Seoul, Korea

- Title: “Migrants as Threat of Terrorism? An Analysis on the Korean Attitudes toward Migrants”

## *Grants and Scholarships*

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**Winter Graduate Student Research Program (Winter GSR)** 2023-2026

Granted by the Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE), UC Merced

**Summer Graduate Student Research Program (Summer GSR)** 2023-2025

Granted by the Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE), UC Merced

**High GPA Based Scholarship** 2020-2022

Granted by Dean of GSIAS, HUFS

**Research Assistant Scholarship** 2020-2022

Granted by Head of the Department, Department of Middle East and African Studies

**Division of Language and Diplomacy Graduates with Academic Excellence** 2014

*Summa Cum Laude*

Granted by the Chair of HUFS

## *Teaching Experience: Teaching Assistant*

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<b>Advanced Analysis of Political Data (Fall 2025)</b>	2025
<b>Political Behavior Around the World (Spring 2025)</b>	2025
<b>Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)</b>	2023-2024
<b>Voting Behavior, Campaigns, and Elections (Spring 2024)</b>	2024
<b>Authoritarian Politics (Spring 2023)</b>	2023
<b>Causes of International Conflict (Fall 2022)</b>	2022

## *Professional Experience*

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<b>Lab Manager, Political Science Lab</b>	2024-2026
Department of Political Science, University of California, Merced	
Principal Investigator: Political Science Lab Committee	
<b>Research Assistant, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)</b>	2022
Project: “Korea-MENA, Green New Deal Cooperation Plan”	
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jeongmin Seo	
<b>Research Assistant, Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, HUFS</b>	2021-2022
Project: “Neo-Diaspora in the Middle East: Trans-borders and Identity Reconstruction”	
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jae Won Park	

## *Working Experience*

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<b>First Lieutenant Officer, Republic of Korea Air Force</b>	2014-2017
Specialization: Human Resources Management and Development	
Arabic-English-Korean Interpreter, Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition 2017	

## *Language Proficiency*

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**Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent), Hebrew (Conversational), Arabic (Conversational)**

## *References*

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