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Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, US

August 2024 - Present

Master in Public Policy (MPP), Harvard Kennedy School

- Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (Mercatus Centre at George Mason University) & Kenneth I. Juster Summer Fellowship (Harvard Kennedy School)
- Participant of American Opportunity Bootcamp by The Ronald Reagan Foundation and Cato University Boston by Cato Institute

King’s College London, London, UK

September 2019 – June 2022

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Relations, Grade: First-class Honours

- Relevant Courses: History of the International System, Statecraft and Diplomacy, Authoritarianism and International Politics, Comparative Capitalism, International Political Economy
- Activities: Staff Writer for KCL International Relations Today, President of KCL United Nations Society

Korea National Open University, Online, South Korea

March 2023 – June 2024

Department of Economics, Grade (GPA): 4.4/4.5 (No Degree Expected)

- Took economics courses at the national online university during my mandatory social service in Korea.
- Activities: Judge in Politics and International Relations for The Global Undergraduate Awards, Editor-in-Chief and Co-founder of the (intercollegiate) Undergraduate Society for Intelligence Studies Korea

Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile

January 2025

The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) Santiago 2025, Grade: A

- Took courses on “Latin American Economic and Political Development” and “Political Theory and American Studies” and was selected as one of the Commencement Ceremony speakers.

Research Experiences

Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs, US

December 2024 – February 2025

Research Assistant for Middle Power Project

- Conducting qualitative research on how the middle power countries, including Nigeria, India, Brazil, and Egypt, position themselves in the trade and finance sector during the great power competition.
- Gathering the relevant data on trade and finance of each country, and wrote a brief paper analysing the trade and finance situation and policies of each country.

Asia Society Korea, Online & Incheon, South Korea

June 2023 – August 2023

Voice of Youth 2023 Fellow (Voice of Youth (VOY) Project)

- Researched the influence of strategic narratives by domestic actors on the perception of Japan among Korean citizens by evaluating the tone of 500+ articles by Korean media and presidential speeches.
- Wrote a research paper, “Swaying Minds, Swinging Images: How Do Domestic Actors Influence the Fluctuating Perception of Japan among Korean Citizens,” and was selected as the winner of VOY 2023

King’s College London, London, UK & Seoul, Korea & Online

June 2021 – August 2021

Undergraduate Research Fellow (King’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship)

- Conducted archive research on historical documents and literature review on modern Korean history, compiling key excerpts and summaries and translating the necessary Korean sources into English.
- Research contributed to the book by Dr. Ramon Pacheco Pardo and Dr. Victor Cha, “*Korea: A History of South and North (2023)*,” and was noted in the book’s introduction for my contributions.

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Key Professional Experiences & Activities

Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, India

June 2025 – August 2025

Intern at the Government Innovation Lab

- Developed the communication strategy for the Meghalaya Programme for Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment and Resilience (MPOWER), a project funded by the World Bank.
- Designed the MPOWER Student Ambassador Programme for the local adolescents in the State of Meghalaya and conducted interviews for the baseline research.

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, US

January 2025 – Present

Course Assistant for the Courses IGA-100 (Spring 2025) & API-501B (Fall 2025)

- Supporting Professor Fatema Sumar on preparing the course materials for and running the API-501B (Policy Design & Delivery) course, organising guest speakers, and cohort events.
- Supported Dr Leslie Schumacher in running the IGA-100 (International and Global Affairs: Concepts and Applications) course, the core module for IGA concentration students at HKS.

Hae-In Daycare Centre, Incheon, South Korea

December 2022 – August 2022

Social Service Agent, Mandatory Social Service (in place of the mandatory military service of Korea)

- Led the team of social service agents by distributing the workload, coordinating with supervisors, developing the work guidebook and training the new social service agents.
- Designed and pioneered the educational activity called “Hae-In Radio” for people with disabilities to share their inner thoughts and get support from each other through music.

UN World Food Programme HQ, Online & Rome, Italy

May 2022 – November 2022

Knowledge Management Intern (Programme and Policy Development Department)

- Developed the new version of WFP’s Programme Guidance Manual (PGM), an internal policy platform used by the WFP’s global policy and programme staff for all stages of programme development.
- Reviewed over 20 WFP policies on programme development, liaised with the stakeholders for the PGM platform and created communication materials for the soft launch of PGM.
- Wrote Notes for Record for 10+ events during two 2022 WFP Executive Board Sessions, to be shared directly with the director of the Programme – Humanitarian & Development Division.

LIMUN Foundation, London, UK

April 2020 – February 2022

Trustee (2021-2022) & Director of Connected Delegates Programme (2020-2021)

- Elected as the first Korean to serve as Trustee of LIMUN Foundation and hosted the low-cost conference for 200+ high school students, especially for state-funded and free-school-meal students in the UK.
- Developed an online Model United Nations training program, Connected Delegates Program (CDP), which educated 200+ secondary school students from 18 countries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leadership Activities

Harvard Kennedy School Korea Caucus, Cambridge, US

September 2024 – Present

Co-chair of the Korea Caucus

- Organised the special lecture with the Consul-General of Korea in New York and developed the full plan for his visit to Cambridge, including the meetings with faculties and dinner with Harvard students.
- Organised the lunch and dinner between the President of Harvard Club of Korea and Harvard-wide Korean students that invited over 80 students to join.

HKS Asia Pacific Conference, Cambridge, US

September 2024 – Present

Panel Speaker Manager (2024-25) & Co-Chair (2025-26)

- Managed the guest speakers joining the national security panel at the inaugural HKS Asia Pacific Conference, from communicating with speakers for preparation to their in-person visits to the school.
- Moderated the informal discussion session between the students and the guests at the conference.