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Department of Political Science
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Education

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

Publications

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

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

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

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

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

Professional Experience

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

Working Experience

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

Language Proficiency

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

References

Christopher Ojeda

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Moamen Gouda

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