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EDUCATION

University of California, Merced, California, USA

2022 –

- Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
 - Research Focus: Historical Trauma, Collective Memory, Political Psychology and Comparative Political Behavior
- M.A. in Political Science

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), Seoul, South Korea

- M.A. in Political Science 2020 – 2022
- B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science 2010 – 2014
 - Academic Excellence Award (Graduated Highest Standing of the Division)
 - Exchange Student, Interdisciplinary Center (Reichman University), Herzliya, Israel (2012–2013)

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- [1] Christopher Ojeda, Youngbin Kim, & Victoria Davis. Political Ideology and Perceptions of Mental Illness. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
- [2] Jingyeong Song, Youngbin Kim, & Awais Khan. Do Online Petitions Frame Public Perceptions? An Association Rule Mining Analysis on Yemeni Refugees in South Korea. *Political Communication*.
- [3] Youngbin Kim, & Raymond Kim. Korean Free Economic Zones (KFEZs) and Regional Unemployment: Application of Generalized Synthetic Control. *Structural Changes and Economic Dynamics*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS (KOREAN-KCI ACCREDITED)

- [1] Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (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*, 21(1), 1-34.
- [2] Jingyeong Song, Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (2022). Migrants as the Threat of Terrorism?: An Analysis on the Korean Perception toward Migrants. *Korean Journal of National Defense Studies*, 65(1), 85-110.
- [3] Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (2021). The Coalition Government in a Multiparty Knesset Democracy in Israel: An Analysis of the Coalition Government of Lapid-Bennett. *Korean Journal of the Middle Eastern Affairs*, 20(2), 33-66.

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] “Not One Story: Multiple Victimhood and the Politics of Remembering.” (Working Paper).
Examines the heterogeneity of regional memory and historical trauma within a single polity. This project utilizes datasets on Japanese forced labor and Korean War civilian massacres, employing natural experiment, survey experiments, and agent-based modeling.
- [2] “Empathetic Grounds: How Land Claim Shapes Outsider Support and Justifies Actions in Conflict.” (Working Paper).
Investigates the impact of land claims on political attitudes. Study 1 identifies a significant effect of land claims, Study 2 tests the persistence of these effects and subsequent emotional and behavioral “echoes”.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [1] “Not One Story: Multiple Historical Trauma and the Politics of Remembering.” Poster presentation, *PolMeth 2026: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology*, East Lansing, MI. 2026
- [2] “Ideology and Perceptions of Mental Health.” Co-authored presentation, *2026 Health Politics and Policy Conference*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. 2026
- [3] “Central Christian Themes and Political Polarization.” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Religious Conservatism, Nationalism, and Politics Session, Chicago, IL. 2024

	[4] “Coup-Proofing and State Repression: An Empirical Analysis.” <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</i> , Political Violence, Terrorism & Resistance Session, Chicago, IL. 2023
	[5] “Israel-Middle East Relations Following Changes in U.S.-China Relations.” <i>KIEP and Associations of Area Studies (KIEP-KAAS)</i> , Busan, South Korea. 2021
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) - Research Assistant for “Korea-MENA, Green New Deal Cooperation Plan” 2021 – 2022 Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, HUFS - Research Assistant for “Neo-Diaspora in the Middle East: Trans-borders and Identity Reconstruction” 2021 – 2022
DEPARTMENTAL, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Lab Manager, Political Science Lab, University of California, Merced 2024 – Present Reviewer, <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i> 2026 – Present Reviewer, <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology</i> 2026 – Present Reviewer, <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> 2026 – Present
GRANTS & AWARDS	2026 Society for Political Methodology Travel Funding Award PolMeth 2026: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology 2026 Nina Dolores Wack Family Fellowship Political Science Admissions and Awards Committee, UC Merced 2026 SSHA Dean’s Fellowship School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, UC Merced 2023–2026 Winter/Summer Graduate Student Research (GSR) Grant Center for Analytic Political Engagement (CAPE), UC Merced 2023–2026 Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship Political Science Graduate Group, UC Merced 2021 Top Honor, Annual Middle Eastern Studies Thesis Contest Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, Korea 2021 Excellence Award, National Thesis Contest for Politics and Diplomacy Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), Seoul, Korea 2014 Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence (Highest Standing in Division) Division of Language and Diplomacy, HUFS
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of California, Merced Instructor of Record (IOR) Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLI 003) Summer 2026 Academic Student Employee (Teaching Assistant) - Advanced Analysis of Political Data (Computer Lab) Fall 2025, Fall 2026 - Political Behavior Around the World Spring 2025 - Introduction to American Politics Fall 2023, Fall 2024 - Voting Behavior, Campaigns, and Elections Spring 2024 - Authoritarian Politics Spring 2023 - Causes of International Conflict Fall 2022
OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE	Republic of Korea Air Force, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of Personnel Section (1st Lt.) 2014 – 2017 Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (ADEX), Arabic-English Interpreter 2017
SKILLS	R, STATA, Qualtrics, Statistical Analysis, Causal Inference, Net Logo (ABM), L ^A T _E X, MS Office.
LANGUAGES	Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent), Arabic (Intermediate), Hebrew (Intermediate), Spanish (Basic)

REFERENCES

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