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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Korea University

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations	2021 -
Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations	2018 - 2021
Head of International Relations Program, Graduate School of Policy Studies	2021 - 2023

Harvard-Yenching Institute

Visiting Scholar	2024 - 2025
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National University of Singapore

Assistant Professor of Political Science	2016 - 2018
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EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D., Political Science (with Distinction)	2016
Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods	

Korea University

M.A., Political Science	2010
B.A., Political Science, Communication Studies (with Great Honor)	2008

PUBLICATIONS

Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2026. [Geography of Grievance: Industrial Hubs Magnify Political Discontent](#). *International Organization*

Kim, Sung Eun, Rebecca L. Perlman and Grace Zeng. 2025. [The Politics of Rejection: Explaining Chinese Import Refusals](#). *American Journal of Political Science* 69 (2): 438-454.

Yang, Joonseok, Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Inbok Rhee. 2025. [Anti-Asian Hate Crimes and American Reputation](#). *British Journal of Political Science* 55 (e77): 1-13.

Rhee, Inbok, Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang. 2025. [Citizen Responses to Donor-Centeredness in the US-China Public Diplomacy Competition](#). *International Interactions* 51 (1): 121-137.

Kim, Sung Eun, Jong Hee Park, Inbok Rhee and Joonseok Yang. 2025. [What Do Aid Recipients Want? Public Attitudes toward Foreign Aid in Developing Countries](#). *World Development* 186: 106815.

Song, Esther E. and Sung Eun Kim. 2024. [China's Dual Signalling in Maritime Disputes](#). *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 78 (5): 660-682

- Shortlisted for the 2024 Boyer Prize, given to the best article published in the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*

- Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2024. [Taking One for the \(Other\) Team: Does Political Diversity Lower Vaccination Uptake?](#) *Political Behavior* 46 (4): 2589-2609.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2024. [Does Political Diversity Inhibit Blood Donations?](#) *Perspectives on Politics* 22 (3): 671-691
- Kim, Sung Eun, Adrian J. Shin, and Yujeong Yang. 2024. [The Usual Suspects?: Attitudes towards Immigration during the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#) *Journal of Asian Public Policy* 17 (2): 272-289.
- Kim, Sung Eun, Seung Yeob Kim, and Junwoo Suh. 2024. [Public Support for Carbon Tax in South Korea: The Role of Tax Design and Revenue Recycling.](#) *Asia & The Pacific Policy Studies* 11 (2): e385.
- Kim, Sung Eun, Myriam Shiran, Ryan Kennedy, Ziyu Wang and Johannes Urpelainen. 2024. [Hide and Brag: The Strategic Use of Media in China's War on Air Pollution.](#) *Environmental Politics* 33 (1): 138-160.
- Kim, Sung Eun, Jong Hee Park, Inbok Rhee and Joonseok Yang. 2023. [Target, Information, and Trade Preferences: Evidence from Survey Experiment in East Asia.](#) *American Journal of Political Science* 67 (4): 898-914.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Joonseok Yang. 2023. [Who Votes for Free Trade and When? Geopolitics as the Sources of Legislative Preferences on Free Trade Agreements.](#) *Review of International Political Economy* 30 (6): 2257-2284.
- Lim, Taegyun and Sung Eun Kim. 2023. [Buying Influence? Rotating Leadership in ASEAN and Allocation of Chinese Foreign Aid.](#) *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 23 (2): 351-377
- Kim, Sung Eun, Adrian J. Shin, and Yujeong Yang. 2023. [Severing the Belt and Road: Overseas Chinese Networks and COVID-19 Travel Restrictions.](#) *Foreign Policy Analysis* 19 (2)
- Cha, Sujin, Sung Eun Kim, and Yehzee Ryoo. 2023. [Losing Hearts and Minds? Unpacking the Effects of Chinese Soft Power Initiatives in Africa.](#) *Asian Survey* 63 (1): 1-30
- Kim, Sung Eun and Sujin Cha. 2022. [Do Voters Reward Politicians for Trade Liberalization? Evidence from South Korea.](#) *Review of International Organizations* 17 (4): 751-780
- Kim, Sung Eun and Joonseok Yang. 2022. [Gasoline in the Voter's Pocketbook: Driving Times to Work and the Electoral Implications of Gasoline Price Fluctuations.](#) *American Politics Research* 50 (3): 312-319
- Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2021. [The Politics of Trade Adjustment vs. Trade Protection.](#) *Comparative Political Studies* 54 (13): 2354-2381
- Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2021. [How Responsive is Trade Adjustment Assistance?](#) *Political Science Research and Methods* 9 (4): 889-898
- Kim, Sung Eun and Yotam Margalit. 2021. [Tariffs as Electoral Weapons: The Political Geography of the U.S.-China Trade War.](#) *International Organization* 75 (1): 1-38
- Kim, Sung Eun and Krzysztof Pelc. 2021. [Trade Competition and Worker Compensation: Why Do Some Receive More than Others?](#) *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (1): 109-121

- Peng, Wei, Sung Eun Kim, Pallav Purohit, Johannes Urpelainen and Fabian Wagner. 2021. [Incorporating Political-Feasibility Concerns into the Assessment of India's Clean-Air Policies](#). *One Earth* 4: 1-12
- Kim, Sung Eun, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yang. 2021. [State Policy and Lobbying in a Federal System: Evidence from the Production Tax Credit for Renewable Energy, 1998-2012](#). *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 21 (1): 1-30
- Kim, Sung Eun, S.P. Harish, Ryan Kennedy, Xiomeng Jin and Johannes Urpelainen. 2020. [Environmental Degradation and Public Opinion: The Case of Air Pollution in Vietnam](#). *Journal of Environment & Development* 29 (2): 196-222
- Huang, Xian and Sung Eun Kim. 2020. [When Top-Down Meets Bottom-Up: Local Adoption of Social Policy Reform in China](#). *Governance* 33 (2): 343-363.
- Kim, Sung Eun, Johannes Urpelainen and Joonseok Yang. 2019. [Environmental Effects of GATT/WTO Membership: An Empirical Evaluation](#). *International Interactions* 45 (4): 917-932.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2019. [Allocating Environmentally Beneficial and Harmful Foreign Aid: The Role of Domestic Political Institutions](#). *Peace Studies* 27 (1): 353-402.
- Kim, Sung Eun. 2018. [Media Bias against Foreign Firms as a Veiled Trade Barrier: Evidence from Chinese Newspapers](#). *American Political Science Review* 112 (4): 954-970.
 - 2019 Best Paper Award, Korean Political Science Association
 - 2015 David A. Lake Award, International Political Economy Society
- Cooper, Jasper, Sung Eun Kim, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. [The Broad Impact of a Narrow Conflict: How Natural Resource Windfalls Shape Policy and Politics](#). *Journal of Politics* 80 (2): 630-646.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. [Environmental Public Opinion in U.S. States](#). *Environmental Politics* 27 (1): 89-0.514.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Yotam Margalit. 2017. [Informed Preferences? The Impact of Unions on Workers' Policy Views](#). *American Journal of Political Science* 61 (3): 728-743.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2017. [The Polarization of American Environmental Policy: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis of Senate and House Votes, 1971-2013](#). *Review of Policy Research* 34 (4): 456-484.
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2016. [Democracy, Autocracy, and the Urban Bias: Evidence from Petroleum Subsidies](#). *Political Studies* 64 (3): 552-572.
- Kim, Sung Eun, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yang. 2016. [Electric Utilities and American Climate Policy: Lobbying by Expected Winners and Losers](#). *Journal of Public Policy* 36 (2): 251-275
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2016. [Multilateral Energy Lending and Urban Bias in Autocracies: Promoting Fossil Fuels](#). *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change* 21 (2): 167-0.590
- Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2016. [Does Power Sector Deregulation Promote or Discourage Renewable Energy Policy? Evidence from the States, 1991-2012](#). *Review of Policy Research* 33 (1): 51-70.

Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2015. [Rising Regional Powers Meet the Global Leader: A Strategic Analysis of Influence Competition](#). *International Political Science Review* 36 (2): 214-234.

Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. [Technology Competition and International Co-operation: Friends or Foes?](#) *British Journal of Political Science* 44 (3): 545-574.

Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2013. [International Energy Lending: Who Funds Fossil Fuels, Who Funds Energy Access for the Poor?](#) *International Environmental Agreements* 13 (4): 411-423.

Kim, Sung Eun and Johannes Urpelainen. 2013. [When and How Can Advocacy Groups Promote New Technologies? Conditions and Strategies for Effectiveness](#). *Journal of Public Policy* 33 (3): 259-293.

Lee, Dong Sun and Sung Eun Kim. 2011. [Ties That Bind? Assessing the Impact of Economic Interdependence on East Asian Alliances](#). *Pacific Focus* 26 (2): 206-235

WORKING PAPERS

Does Attracting Investments Also Attract Voters? The Politics of the Winners of Globalization [Under Review] (with Yotam Margalit)

Can Labor Transition Programs Save Lives? Evidence from the Opioid Epidemic [Under Review] (with Krzysztof Pelc)

Partisan Contestation of International Organization Legitimacy: Evidence from the IAEA in South Korea's Fukushima Debate [Under Review] (with Jong Hee Park, Inbok Rhee and Joonseok Yang)

WORK IN PROGRESS

When Do Bureaucrats Listen to Firms? Bureaucratic Turnover and Firm Lobbying in Tariff Exclusions (with Minju Kim)

Whose Bad News Makes News? Media Coverage of Layoffs Across Industries (with Krzysztof Pelc)

How Much Does Chinese Money Talk? Assessing the Political and Economic Impacts of China's Economic Statecraft (with Ian Chong)

HONORS AND AWARDS

<i>Seok-top</i> Teaching Excellence Award, Korea University	2018, 2019, 2020, 2023
<i>Seok-top</i> Research Excellence Award, Korea University	2022
Teaching Excellence Award, Korea University	2021, 2022
Best Paper Award, Korean Political Science Association	2019
Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association	2016
David A. Lake Award, International Political Economy Society	2015
Schiff Fellowship, Columbia University GSAS Named Fellow	2012
Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University	2010 - 2015
Summer Fellowship, Columbia University	2010 - 2015
Doctoral Fellowship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies	2010 - 2015
Brain Korea 21 Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Korea	2008 - 2009
Boheon Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Korea University	2006 - 2007
YBM SISA Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Korea University	2005

PRESENTATIONS

2025

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada

2024

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Harvard-Yenching Institute, Cambridge, MA

Harvard University, Department of Government, IR Seminar, Cambridge, MA

2023

International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Washington DC

International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada

Asian PolMeth, Singapore (Poster)

2022

SICSS-Korea, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology, Daejeon

2019

International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference, Singapore

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC

International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

2018

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

2017

University of Houston, Department of Political Science, Houston, TX

International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

Korea University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul

2016

International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Durham, NC

Yale-NUS College, Division of Social Science, Singapore

National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science, Singapore

2015

International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Stanford, CA

Yale University, Department of Political Science, New Haven, CT

New York University, Department of Politics, New York, NY

New York University Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Science, Abu Dhabi

London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of International Relations, London.

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, Philadelphia, PA

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

2014

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC

TEACHING

Korea University

Undergraduate Courses

Political Methodology (S18[‡], S19[‡], S20[‡], S21[†], F22, F23)
Political Economy of Environmental Cooperation (F18[‡], F19[‡], F20[‡], S23[‡], F25)
Political Economy of International Trade (F21[†], S24)
First-Year Seminar for Political Science Majors (S21, S22[†])

[‡] *Seok-top* Teaching Award (highest university-wide award); [†] Teaching Excellence Award (university-wide award)

Graduate Courses

Global Environmental Politics (S18, S19, F20, S23)
Causal Inference in International Relations (F18, S20, S22, F23)
Institutions and International Political Economy (F19, F22)
Politics of International Trade (F21, S24, F25)

Graduate School of Policy Studies

Theories of International Relations (S20, S21, S22)
International Economy and Korean Economic Policy (F22)

National University of Singapore

Undergraduate Courses

Politics of International Economic Relations (F17)
Inquiry and Method (F16, S17)
Political Inquiry (F16)

Graduate Course

International Institutions (F17)

GRANTS

National Research Foundation of Korea

Rapid Call for International Joint Research against the COVID-19 Pandemic 2020
Young Researcher Program Grant 2019-20, 2022

Korea University

Maxwell-KUPE Multidisciplinary Discovery Project 2025-6
Korea University-National University of Singapore Strategic Partner Funds 2024-5
Future Research Grant 2018, 2020
Start-Up Grant 2018

Other Grants

Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Climate Change Case Study Grant 2023
Start-Up Grant, National University of Singapore 2016
Research Grant, Center for International Business Education and Research, Columbia University 2014
Department Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University 2014

SERVICE

External

Editorial Board, *International Organization*, 2024-

Editorial Board, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2024-

Virtual IPES Committee, International Political Economy Society, 2022-2025

Internal

University

Member, Diversity Council, 2023 -

Member, Executive Committee, Institute for Continuing Education, 2023-

Member, National Civil Service Examination Support Committee, 2023-2024

Member, Executive Committee, International Summer Campus, 2022-2024

Member, Executive Committee, Institute of Data Science, 2022-2024

Member, Teaching Evaluation and Course Improvement Task Force, 2021-2022

Faculty Advisor, *The Granite Tower* (official student-run English magazine), 2020-2024

College

Faculty Advisor, National Civil Service Examination Preparation Program, 2021-2023

Member, Student Career Development Committee, 2021-2023

Member, International Student Advisory Committee, 2019-2020 (Committee Chair, 2020)

Department

Member, Scholarship Committee, 2024-

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2021-2024

Member, Undergraduate Admission Committee, 2019-2023

Peer Review

African Journalism Studies, American Politics Research, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Asian Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Defence and Peace Economics, Economics & Politics, Environmental Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Organization, International Political Science Review, International Studies Review, International Studies Quarterly, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Asiatic Studies, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Korean Journal of International Studies, Korea Observer, Labor Studies, Nature Cities, Peace Studies, Perspectives on Politics, PLOS One, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Review of Policy Research, Routledge, Social Forces, Social Science Journal, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics, World Trade Review