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APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY August 2022-
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Faculty Associate, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs
Research Affiliate, East Asia Program

The University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA 2022
Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Commerce and Diplomacy
The School of Global Policy and Strategy

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2021
Ph.D., Political Science
Subfields: International Relations, Formal Theory
Dissertation: Bureaucratic Behavior in the Political Economy of Trade

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea 2016
Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)
M.I.S., International Commerce, with *Highest Honors*

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea 2014
B.A., Public Administration, College of Social Science

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

Taming the Careerists: The Politics of Foreign Policy Implementation

- [Overview of the book](#)
- Book workshop held on September 27, 2024 at Syracuse University
- Forthcoming at **Cambridge University Press** (Fall 2026)

Particularistic Ambassadors: How Local Interests are Represented in Commercial Diplomacy
- with Shu Fu, in progress

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Park, Sojun and Kim, Minju (2025). International Bureaucrats under Transparency: The Case of the WTO TRIPS Council. *Review of International Organizations*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-025-09606-2>.

Kim, Minju and Fu, Shu (2025). Bringing Home the Bacon: Politician Ambassadors and Home State Trade. *World Politics*, 77(2), 382-417. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/wp.2025.a957998>.

Kim, Minju (2024). How Bureaucrats Represent Economic Interests: Partisan Control over Trade Adjustment Assistance. *International Studies Quarterly*, 68(3), sqae089.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqae089>.

Kim, Minju and Gulotty, Robert (2024). Electoral Rewards and Punishments for Trade Compensation. *World Politics*, 76(2), 259-293. <https://doi.org/10.1353/wp.2024.a924507>.

Kim, Minju, and Lee, Hyo-young. (2017). Looking beyond the Doha Negotiations: A possible reform of the WTO Agricultural Subsidies Rules. *Asian Journal of WTO and International Health Law and Policy*, 12(1), 171-200.

WORKING PAPERS

“Arbitrators as Advisors: Evidence from Changes in Investment Treaty Design”
(with Bo Won Kim) - Revise and Resubmit at *Review of International Organizations*

“The Determinants of ‘International Men’: Staff Loyalties to the League of Nations in World War II” (with Julia Gray) - **Under Review**

“Navigating Rivalry Bias Under America First: Foreign Firms’ Agency Lobbying in Patent Disputes” (with Jieun Lee) - **Under Review**

“Who Wants to Work at a Transparent International Organization?”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“When Do Bureaucrats Listen to Firms? Bureaucratic Turnover and Firm Lobbying in Tariff Exclusions” (with Sung Eun Kim)

“Balancing Act: Dispute Settlement and Power Asymmetries in International Trade Agreements” (with Yoo Sun Jung)

AWARDS

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| Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award Center for International Social Science Research (\$5,000) | 2019 |
| Bradley Fellows Ph.D. Dissertation Award Stigler Center, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business (\$7,500) | 2018 |
| Distinguished Thesis Award , GSIS, Seoul National University | 2016 |
| Grand Prize, 15th Trade Remedy Thesis Contest Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy (MOTIE), South Korea The Effects of Exchange Rate Fluctuation on Anti-dumping Investigation– Focused on Article 2.4.1 and Article 3.5 of WTO Anti-dumping Agreement (in Korean, with Dongchul Kwak, won 5,000,000 KRW) | 2014 |

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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|---|------|
| Maxwell School-Korea University Multidisciplinary Discovery Project (\$10,000) | 2025 |
| Writing and Publishing (WRAP) Program (\$3,250), Syracuse University | 2025 |
| Appleby-Mosher Grant for Faculty Research (\$2,000), Syracuse University | 2025 |
| Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500), APSA | 2024 |

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| Book Proposal Shortcut Award , Syracuse University Office of Research | 2024 |
| Appleby-Mosher Grant for Faculty Research (\$2,000), Syracuse University | 2024 |
| The SOURCE Research Assistant Grant (\$11,625), Syracuse University | 2023 |
| Appleby-Mosher Grant for Faculty Research (\$1,500), Syracuse University | 2023 |
| The SOURCE Research Assistant Grant (\$5,400), Syracuse University | 2022 |
| Doctoral Research Innovation Fund (\$5,000), The University of Chicago | 2020 |
| Summer Grant for ICPSR Training , The University of Chicago Training in Multilevel Modeling, Text Analysis | 2020 |
| Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models , National Science Foundation | 2017 |
| Graduate Fellowship , The University of Chicago | 2016-2021 |
| Doctoral Study Abroad Fellowship Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) | 2016-2021 |
| FTA Commerce & Strategy Research Grant Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy (MOTIE), South Korea Research Grant for Master's Thesis (3,000,000 KRW) | 2014-2015 |
| Graduate Scholarships , GSIS, Seoul National University | 2014-2015 |
| Undergraduate Scholarships , Yonsei University | 2011-2013 |
| Conference Travel and Accessibility Grants American Political Science Association (APSA) Department of Political Science, UChicago Center for East Asian Studies, UChicago Graduate Student Council, UChicago International Studies Association (ISA) | 2019-2021 2019 2019 2018 2016 |

TEACHING

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| Instructor | Syracuse University |
| Distinction Thesis Seminar in Political Science I & II, Undergraduate | AY 2026, 2027 |
| Bureaucrats in International Politics, Undergraduate | Spring 2025-2026 |
| Introduction to International Relations, Undergraduate | Spring 2023-2026 |
| Strategic Choice and Politics, Undergraduate | Fall 2022-2023, Fall 2025 |
| Formal Theories of Choice, Graduate | Fall 2022-2023, Fall 2025 |
| Instructor | The University of Chicago |
| Formal Theory II (Game Theory I), Undergraduate | Winter 2020 |
| Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate) | The University of Chicago |
| Social Science Inquiry III (Quantitative Research Design) for Micere Keels | Spring 2019 |
| Formal Theory II (Game Theory I) for Monika Nalepa | Winter 2019 |
| Formal Theory I (Social Choice Theory) for Robert Gulotty | Autumn 2018 |
| International Political Economy for Robert Gulotty | Spring 2018 |

INVITED TALKS

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| Korea University, Woodang Colloquium, South Korea | 2026 |
| KDI, Political Economy Workshop, South Korea | 2026 |
| Academia Sinica, Taiwan | 2026 |
| Université de Montréal (The Personnel of International Organizations) | 2026 |
| Wheaton College, Tiffany Memorial Lecture on Foreign Affairs | 2026 |
| The University of Rochester, Riker Seminar Series | 2026 |
| School of Economics and Trade, Kyungpook National University, South Korea | 2025 |
| UCLA, International Relations Workshop | 2025 |
| The University of Texas at Austin (Individuals in International Policy) | 2025 |
| The University of Southern California (Bureaucracies in International Political Economy) | 2025 |
| School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China | 2024 |
| The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor | 2024 |
| Perry World House, The University of Pennsylvania | 2024 |
| Global Research in International Political Economy (GRIPE, Online) | 2023 |
| The University of Pennsylvania (International Organizations and Text-as-Data) | 2022 |
| Brown University (Bureaucracy and International Relations) | 2022 |
| UC San Diego, Political Economy Lunch Group Speaker Series | 2022 |
| The University of Texas at Dallas, The School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences | 2021 |
| The University of Chicago (IR and America's Rise: Institutions, Ideas, and Individuals) | 2020 |

PRESENTATIONS

External

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|---|----------------------------|
| Junior International Organization Scholars Workshop | 2023 |
| American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting | 2019-2021, 2023-2025 |
| International Political Economy Society (IPES) | 2018-2019, 2021-2023, 2025 |
| Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Meeting | 2021, 2023, 2025 |
| Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago | 2018-2019, 2022, 2026 |
| International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention | 2016, 2023, 2024 |

Internal

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| Political Science Research Workshop (PSRW), Syracuse University | 2024, 2025 |
| Workshop on International Politics (WIP), UChicago | 2018, 2020 (May, Aug), 2022 |
| Stigler Center Ph.D. Workshop, UChicago | 2019 |
| CISSR Transparency and Replication Conference, UChicago | 2018 |
| Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), UChicago | 2018 |

FIELD RESEARCH

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| Geneva, Switzerland | September 2019, July 2023 |
| Washington, D.C., United States | September 2024 |

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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|---|--------------------------|
| Research Assistant for Robert Gulotty, The University of Chicago | June 2017-September 2018 |
| Research Associate | 2014-2016 |
| Center for International Commerce and Strategy, Seoul National University | |

SERVICE

Disciplinary Service

Ad-hoc Referee: *American Journal of Political Science, Asian Review of Political Economy, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Review of International Organizations, World Politics*

Discussant: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (2025)
Conference on Individuals in International Policy at UT Austin (2025)
Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Meeting (2025)
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention (2023, 2024)
Virtual International Political Economy Society (VIPES) (2022)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (2022)
Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (2017, 2018)

Panel Chair: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (2024)
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention (2024)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (2022)

Department and University Service

Syracuse University

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| Field Coordinator, International Relations | 2025-2026 |
| Member, Graduate Affairs Committee | 2024-2025 |
| Panel Participant, Maxwell School Advisory Board Meeting | 2024 |
| Director, Political Science Research Workshop | 2023-2024 |
| Member, Ad-hoc Committee on Methods Minor | 2023-2024 |
| Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee (International Relations) | 2023 |
| Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee | 2022-2023 |

The University of Chicago

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| Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment Committee (Political Economy & Methodology) | 2018 |
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Seoul National University

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| Student Representative, Student Council | 2015 |
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Intern | 2013 |
| Division of International Affairs Ministry of Justice, South Korea | |

SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, STATA
Languages: English, Korean (Native), Japanese (Advanced, **JLPT N1**),
Mandarin Chinese (Intermediate, **HSK 2.0 Level 6**)

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