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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**

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

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

AWARDS

Meredith Professor Teaching Award for Early Performance Faculty Affairs, Syracuse University (\$3,000)	2026
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 <i>Dongchul Kwak</i> , won 5,000,000 KRW)	2014

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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
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)	2019-2021
Department of Political Science, UChicago	2019
Center for East Asian Studies, UChicago	2019
Graduate Student Council, UChicago	2018
International Studies Association (ISA)	2016

TEACHING

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

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

Junior International Organization Scholars Workshop	2023
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2019-2021, 2023-2026
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

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

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

Student Representative, Student Council	2015
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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