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Education

2020-2024 (Expected). Ph.D. Candidate in International Relations, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (Singapore).

- Dissertation: Japan's Security Policy: From Reactive to Proactive Antimilitarist Strategic Culture.
- Committee: Bhubhinder Singh, Pascal Vennesson, Koga Kei.

2023-24. Visiting Research Fellow, Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan).

2018-20. Master in Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore.

- Capstone project: Digital Awareness and Civic Participation among Youth in Bangladesh.

2012-17. B.A. Spanish and International Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Seoul, Korea).

Research Interests

Japan's security policy, Korea-Japan relations, international relations of Northeast Asia, international relations theory, public policy.

Publications

Working papers

East Asian Welfare Regimes After COVID-19: A Re-evaluation of Productivism. With Y. Wong and M Kedia.

End of the Yoshida Doctrine? With B. Singh. Presented at the British International Studies Association 2023 Conference.

The efficient but ineffective structure of Korea's multicultural policy as source of integration failure. With S. Jeong and A. Kim.

Commentaries

2024. [Party Splits Shift South Korea's Political Landscape](#). East Asia Forum. (Peer-reviewed)

2023. [What Was in the Now-Scrapped Inter-Korea Military Agreement?](#) The Diplomat.

2023. [Japan's New Cabinet Has a Record Number of Women. So What?](#) The Diplomat.

2023. [Strengthening Progress in South Korea–Japan Relations](#). East Asia Forum. (Peer-reviewed)

2023. [The Chongryon Element in Japan-North Korea Relations](#). East Asia Forum. (Peer-reviewed)

2022. [Yoon's Assault on South Korea's Press Freedom](#). East Asia Forum. (Peer-reviewed)

2022. [Policy Communication in a Pandemic: Korea's Vaccine Passport Controversy](#). Global Is Asian.

Research Experience

2023. Research Assistant, Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management.

- Conducted research and provided administrative assistance for the Korean Political Development Project dedicated to producing a higher education textbook on Korea's dynamic political transformations.

2023. Casual Research Assistant, LKYSPP Social Inclusion Project.

- Collected quantitative data using sources from government and international organizations to create a comprehensive social policy index for Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore.
- 2020-22. Graduate Research Assistant, LKYSPP Social Inclusion Project.
- Analyzed Korean government resources to classify and analyze all social policy responses to COVID-19 and produced the East Asian COVID-19 Policy Tracker: <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/social-inclusion-project>

Teaching Experience

Nanyang Technological University

Teaching assistant, Japanese Foreign Policy (graduate level), AY2021-2022; 2022-2023.

Presentations

2022. COVID-19 Social Policy Response in East Asia: Tracking the Productivist Welfare Regime. LKYSPP Festival of Ideas. (Panel)

2022. COVID-19's Illusory Effect on Korea's Welfare Regime. 18th Annual Conference of the East Asian Social Policy Research Network.

2021. COVID-19: Tracking East Asia's Response in Year One. LKYSPP. (Panel)

2021. The Contestation and Decline of Japan's Strategic Culture. NUS Political Science Graduate Conference.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

2020-24. NTU Research Scholarship, Nanyang Technological University.

2023. RSIS PhD fieldwork award, Nanyang Technological University (RSIS).

2018-20. Li Ka Shing Foundation Scholar, National University of Singapore (LKYSPP).

2019. Harvard College Project for International Relations in Asia.

2019. Korea-China LEADership Program, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

2012-16. Korea Student Aid Foundation National Scholarship.

2013. Academic Scholarship, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Work Experience

2019. Government Affairs Intern, American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore.

- Compiled statistics on the impact of American businesses on Singapore's economic development and contributed to producing the ASEAN Business Outlook, AmCham's annual flagship publication.

2017. Research Intern, Ipsos Korea.

- Collected, organized, and analyzed data on consumer behavior and market trends to assist drafting client reports for multinational corporations. Assisted conduct of fieldwork, focus group discussions, client workshops.

Skills

Computer: Microsoft Office; R; Tableau; L^AT_EX.

Language: English, Korean (native); Japanese (JLPT N1); Spanish (DELE B2).