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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2009 ~ 2014 *University of Leeds*, Leeds, United Kingdom
PhD in Politics and International Studies
- Thesis title: The Evolution and Practice of Economic Statecraft in South Korea: The Case Study of South Korea's Positive Engagement towards North Korea
- 2007 ~ 2008 *University of Manchester*, Manchester, United Kingdom
MA in International Development: Development Management (Merit)
- Dissertation title: North Korean Famine and Humanitarian Dilemmas of Aid
- 1999 ~ 2004 *Handong Global University*, Pohang, South Korea
BA in Politics and Management
- 2000 ~ 2001 *Qinghai Normal University*, Qinghai, China
Shanghai University of Finance & Economics, Shanghai, China
- Full-time Language Study (Mandarin Chinese)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Inter-Korean relations
- Economic interdependence and political conflict in North East Asia
- South Korea's policy on North Korea
- Economic sanctions and Economic incentives

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Adjunct professor, Incheon National University, Incheon, South Korea

- Teaching on "International Security," (undergraduate course), 4 March 2019 - 30 June 2019

Adjunct professor, Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea

- Teaching on "The Developments of Modern Diplomacy," (undergraduate course), 3 September 2018 - 31 December 2018 (English lecture)

Teaching Assistant (temporary), University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom

- A lecture on North Korea for the undergraduate students majoring in East Asian Studies at the University of Leeds, 22 October 2010
- A seminar on the South Korean financial crisis in 1997/8 for undergraduate students majoring in East Asian Studies at the University of Leeds, 22 October 2010

Publications

- China's Economic Incentives and Economic Sanctions toward Vietnam, 1960-1978, *National Security and Strategy* (국가안보와 전략), vol. 18, no. 2 (2018), pp. 103-140. [in Korean]
- North Korean Refugees in South Korea: Change and Challenge in Settlement Support Policy, *The Korean Journal of International Studies*, vol. 16, no 1. (2018), pp. 77-98.
- Comparative Analysis of North and South Korean Perceptions toward Neighboring Countries, *Unification and Peace* (통일과평화), vol. 8, no. 1 (2016), pp. 109-143. [in Korean]
- The strategic use of positive economic incentives of the Kim Dae-jung and Roh Moo-hyun government: its promises and limitations, *Journal of International and Strategic Studies*, (Spring 2012), pp. 57-67.

Under Progress

- Park Chung-hee's vision of *bugukgangbyeong* (rich nation, strong army): Implications for inter-Korean relations
- Positive Engagement toward North Korea: The Practice and Limitations of South Korea's Sunshine Policy

Book Chapters

- “China’s Economic Incentives and Economic Sanctions toward Vietnam, 1960-1978,” in *The History and Politics of Socialist Vietnam in the Perspective of Unification Studies Specialists*, (Seoul: Seoul National University Press, 2019), pp. 183~210. [in Korean]
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2018 Unification Perception Survey*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2019), pp. 130~180. [in Korean]
- “Changes in the Attitude of North Korean People and External Factors,” in *The Development of Inter-Korean Relations and Changes in the Attitude of North Korean People*, (Seoul: Korea Institute for National Unification, 2018), pp. 61~107. [in Korean]
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2016 Unification Perception Survey*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2017), pp. 130~180. (* English Version)
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2016 Unification Perception Survey*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2017), pp. 122~163. [in Korean]
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2015 Unification Perception Survey*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2016), pp. 144~176. [in Korean]
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2016 Unification Perception Survey of North Korean*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2017), pp. 126~149. [in Korean]
- “Perception of the Relationships with Foreign Nations,” in *2015 Unification Perception Survey of North Korean*, (Seoul: The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, 2016), pp. 144~176. [in Korean]

Other Articles

- Building a bridge: Is there hope for North Korea, *KINU 통일+*, vol. 2, no. 2 (May 2016), pp. 75-79. [in Korean]
- Pressing North Korea through economic sanctions: Does it work?, China Policy Institute Blog, University of Nottingham, 9 May 2013

Conferences and Invited Lectures

- “South Koreans’ attitude toward their neighboring states,” in the Joint Conference between IPUS at Seoul National University and Graduate Institute for Taiwan Studies of Xiamen University (GIFTS), [in Korean] (5 January 2019), Xiamen, China
- “Positive Engagement toward North Korea and Inter-Korean economic cooperation,” in the Fifth Gyeonggi Unification Colloquium, [in Korean] (23 November 2018), Seoul South Korea
- “South Koreans’ attitude toward their neighbors and International Relations,” in Seoul National University Language Education Institute, [in Korean] (12 November 2018), Seoul, South Korea
- “Unworkable Détente on the Korean Peninsula: The Interplay of National Interest and Threat Perception,” in The 2nd ICONIR & The 12th APISA CONGRESS 2018, (6 October 2018), Bandung, Indonesia (a paper was accepted)
- “South Koreans’ attitude toward their neighbors and International Relations,” in Seoul National University Language Education Institute, [in Korean] (5 May 2018), Seoul, South Korea
- “Recent Changes in North Korea and Prospects for Unification on the Korean peninsula,” in Seoul National University Language Education Institute, [in Korean] (7 November 2017), Seoul, South Korea
- “IPUS Unification Attitude Survey,” in GEAS Summer School 2017: Korea – a hyper-centralized state?, (21 August 2017), Seoul, South Korea
- “Between the Two Koreas: Politics and Identities of North Koreans in South Korea,” in Introduction to Korean Studies, (25 May 2017), Handong Global University, Pohang, South Korea
- “Positive Engagement and Inter-Korean Relations,” in Hanpyeong Academy [in Korean] (2 June 2016), Seoul, South Korea
- “Humanitarian assistance toward North Korea and Inter-Korean relations: The Dilemma of Morality

and Politicization,” in Seoul National University undergraduate course, [in Korean] (9 May 2016), Seoul, South Korea

- “Humanitarianism and Politics of North Korean Aid under the Administrations of Kim Dae-jung and Roh Moo-hyun,” in North Korean Society and Culture Association, [in Korean] (23 November 2015), Seoul, South Korea
- “Humanitarian assistance toward North Korea and Inter-Korean relations: The Dilemma of Morality and Politicization” in Seoul National University undergraduate course, [in Korean] (2 November 2015), Seoul, South Korea
- “Positive Engagement toward North Korea: The Practice and Limitations of South Korea’s Sunshine Policy,” in The World Congress on North Korean Studies [in Korean] (13 October 2015), Seoul, South Korea
- The next step for North Korea Strategy: Between Stalemate and Reunification, Seoul National University, 13 February 2015, Seoul, South Korea
- "South Korea's positive engagement toward North Korea: The impact of economic interdependence on inter-Korean relations", Peace Studies 40th Anniversary International Conference, University of Bradford, 1-3 May 2014, Bradford, United Kingdom
- “Park Chung-hee's vision of *bugukgangbyeong* (rich nation, strong army): Implications for inter-Korean relations”, Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a Global Context, Central European University, 2-4 September 2013, Budapest, Hungary
- “Positive engagement, its promise and challenge in South Korea’s North Korea policy”, the 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), 14-15 June 2013, Stockholm, Sweden (a paper was accepted.)
- Engage Korea 2nd Conference, University of Oxford, 3 May 2013, Oxford, United Kingdom
- “The strategic use of positive economic incentives of the Kim Dae-jung and Roh Moo-hyun government”, the 9th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention in Europe, University of Warsaw, 18-20 September 2012, Warsaw, Poland
- “Chicken soup diplomacy: Promise and pitfalls of economic sanctions”, University of Leeds Postgraduate Research Conference, 23 March 2012, Leeds, United Kingdom
- “A critical study of the contribution of economic engagement policy to peace building on the Korean peninsula”, University of Leeds Postgraduate Research Conference, 11 June 2010, Leeds, United Kingdom

Visiting Researcher

- Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University, Seoul, South Korea, March ~ May 2011
- Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, June ~ August 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2019 ~ present **Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea

- Full-time researcher at the Center for Unification Studies in IPUS.

2015 ~ May 2019 **Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea

- Full-time researcher at the Center for Unification Studies in IPUS. I have conducted research projects including “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the Korean Peninsula” (2019), “A Study on the Ways to Promote Academic Exchanges of Graduate Students between Seoul National University and North Korean Universities” (2019), “A Study on the Externality of Changes in Inter-Korean Relations” (2018), “Peace and Unification Studies in IPUS for the past 10 Years: Evaluation and Prospect” (2015). I am in charge of the project of “The SNU Foundation for Peaceful Unification Project” which is funded by the Seoul National University.

2006 ~ 2007 **Researcher, Center for International Area Studies (CIAS)**, Pohang, South Korea

- One year full-time researcher as a director of North Korea Field Research Team. My responsibilities included coordinating two North Korean field research teams, conducting the project for setting up a

Research & IT center in Chongqing, China, and organizing seminars and workshops.

2004 ~ 2006 **Sergeant, The 501st Corps Support Group, United States Forces Korea**

- Enlisted in headquarters company, the 501st Corps Support Group, Department of the Army.

2000 ~ 2003 **Assistant researcher (part-time), CIAS, Pohang, South Korea**

- I worked as a student director of China Field Research Team from 2002~2003, and led Guizhou research team with CEF (Community Enrichment Foundation, USA) in China. As an assistant researcher, I performed field research five times with students and academic staff at Gansu (1999), Qinghai (2000), Sichuan (2001) and Guizhou (2003, 2004) province in China.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Korean Association of International Studies
- The Korean Association of North Korean Studies
- International Political Economy Society
- British Association for Korean Studies