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## Academic Appointments and Affiliations

Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2018-  
Visiting Scholar, The University of Tokyo, Japan, 2017-2018

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Chicago, 2018  
- Committee: Dan Slater (Chair), Michael Albertus, Cheol-Sung Lee (Sociology)  
- Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology  
- Additional Training: Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, 2014  
Exchange Scholar, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2012  
M.P.P. (Master in Public Policy), John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2010  
B.A., Political Science and International Relations, Korea University, 2006

## Research Interests

Comparative Political Economy, Political Economy of Development and Inequality, Political Attitudes and Behavior, Democratic Transition and Dysfunction, East Asian Politics, Experimental Methods, Mixed Methods

## Book Project

Democracy Without Redistribution: The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Preferences for Redistribution in East Asia

## Research

### *Working Papers*

1. "The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Preferences for Redistribution"
2. "The Undoing of Feudal Oligarchy, Social Mobility, and the Meritocratic Expectation: Why Japanese are Less Angry About Inequality Than Koreans"
3. "Rallying Against Economic Inequality: Experimental Evidence from Japan and Korea"
4. "The Effect of Media on Individual Attitudes Toward Economic Inequality" (with Jaemin Shim, German Institute of Global and Area Studies)
5. "Extra-Budget Funds in China: Source of Corruption or Good Governance?"

### *Manuscripts In Preparation (Writing Stage)*

1. "Making Sense of the Conflicting Attitudes Toward Immigration in Two Racially Homogeneous Democracies"
2. "Voting Against Democracy: The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality and Populist Preferences"
3. "Yes, But Not From My Pocket: Economic Inequality and the Mixed Attitudes Toward Taxation"

### *Research In Progress (Data Analysis Stage)*

1. "Reincarnation and Demands for Redistribution: Evidence from India and Thailand"
2. "The Price of Miracle: Economic Growth and Democratic Discontent in Developmental Asia"
3. "Business, Labor, and Local Government Relations and Non-Market Strategies of Multinational Firms in China"

### *Research In Progress (Data Collection Stage)*

1. "Gendered Developmentalism: The Forgotten Labor of Women and Gender Inequality in Asia"
2. "The Crossed Fate of Politically Connected Firms: Evidence from Japanese *zaibatsu* and *keiretsu* and Korean *chaebols*"
3. "Redistribution Without Democracy: Perceived Authoritarian Strength and Welfare Provision"

## Datasets

1. A nationally representative survey on attitudes toward economic inequality, injustice, social mobility, redistribution, taxation, immigration, and democracy conducted in Japan and Korea in 2018 (n=2,247)
2. A nationally representative survey with embedded experiments about the sense of injustice, perceived inequality, and redistribution conducted in Japan and Korea in 2018 (n=1,129)
3. A nationally representative survey with embedded experiments about the effect of different types of information on various political preferences and behavior conducted in Japan and Korea in 2018 (n=909)
4. Unique records of informal and formal contracts and transactions between Chinese local governments and three multinational companies (in progress)
5. Wealth distribution and social mobility in Japan and Korea in 1300-1400 and modern history (in progress)

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2017-2018 (\$27,000)

Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016-2017 (\$24,000)

Toyota Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2015-2016 (\$23,000)

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2016 (\$5,000)

Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship, Japanese Ministry of Education, 2015 (\$1,600)

Social Sciences Division Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2015 (\$3,000)

Center for East Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2012-2014 (\$6,000)

William J. and Myrtle N. Hawley Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2011-2012

Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2010-2015

## Teaching

- Grodzins Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2016
- PLSC 21006 Political Economy of Inequality
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2013-2015
- PLSC 28901 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Monika Nalepa)
  - PLSC 22200 Introduction to Political Economy of Development (Alberto Simpser)
  - PLSC 27815 Politics and Public Policy in China (Dali Yang)

## Selected Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

### *Conferences*

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): 2016, 2017, 2018
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA): 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018
- International Political Economy Society (IPES): 2016
- International Political Science Association World Congress (IPSA): 2016
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA): 2015
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (SSHA): 2016

### *Invited Talks and Workshops*

- Comparative Politics Workshop, The University of Chicago: 2013
- East Asia Workshop, The University of Chicago: 2012, 2019 (scheduled)
- Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo, Japan: 2017
- The Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar, Harvard University: 2019 (scheduled)
- The Weatherhead Forum, Harvard University: 2018 (scheduled)
- The 5th Symposium on Inequality, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, Korea: 2017

## Professional Experience

- Consultant, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, 2009
- Research Associate, East-West Center, 2008
- Public officer (contract-term), Policy Planning Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea, 2005-2006

## Other Skills

### *Languages*

- Korean (native)
- Mandarin Chinese (fluent)
- French (advanced reading, writing and listening, intermediate speaking)
- Japanese (advanced reading, writing and listening, intermediate speaking)
- Spanish (advanced reading and writing, intermediate listening and speaking)

*Software:* STATA, R, WinBUGS, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti, Qualtrics, MTurk, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X