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## Academic Appointments

### Yonsei University

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Department of Political Science and International Studies (PS/IS)

Underwood International College (UIC, Joint Appointment)

Seoul, Republic of Korea

2024 - Present

### KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDIS)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Sejong, Republic of Korea

2023 - 2024

### KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDIS)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Sejong, Republic of Korea

2019 - 2022

### University of Nairobi, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Nairobi, Kenya

2016 - 2017

## Education

### University of California, San Diego

PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE

Committee: Karen E. Ferree (Co-chair), Clark C. Gibson (Co-chair), Scott W. Desposato, Stephan Haggard, and Margaret E. Roberts

La Jolla, CA, United States

2019

### University of California, San Diego

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE

La Jolla, CA, United States

2019

### School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

M.A., INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

New York, NY, United States

2012

### School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

B.A., DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND POLITICS

London, United Kingdom

2006

## Research

### Peer-reviewed articles

**Inbok Rhee.** "The State of Political Science Research in South Korea: 2015-2024 (in Korean)." 2026

*Korean Political Science Review* 60(1), 5-91. doi: 10.18854/kpsr.2026.60.1.001

**Inbok Rhee.** "How Does China's Critical Minerals Finance Operate? Entry Decisions, Financing 2026

Scale, and South Korea's Entry Conditions (in Korean)." *Korean Journal of International*

*Relations* 66(1), 163-204. doi: 10.14731/kjir.2026.03.66.1.163

**Inbok Rhee, Woo Chang Kang, and Sunkyoung Park.** "Does Direct Experience in Election 2026

Administration Change Perceptions of Election Fraud? (in Korean)." *Korean Party Studies Review*

25(1), 159-196. doi: 10.30992/KPSR.2026.3.25.1.159

Han, Baran, Benjamin Ho, **Inbok Rhee**, and Chrysostomos Tabakis. "Fear and Favoritism in the 2026

Time of COVID-19." *Political Behavior* (Online First). doi: 10.1007/s11109-025-10114-7

- Chen, Chung-An, Don-Yun Chen, Yang-Chung Chen, Kee Hoon Chung, Pan Suk Kim, Geunjoon Lee, Cheol Liu, James L. Perry, and **Inbok Rhee**. “Are Competitive Public Service Exams Counter-Productive? A Survey Experiment From Two East Asian States.” *Public Administration* 104(1), 202-216. doi: 10.1111/padm.70009 2026
- Inbok Rhee**. “Large Language Models (LLMs) in Political Science Research: Analysis of Topical Trends and Usage Patterns.” *Korean Journal of International Relations* 65(3), 257-328. doi: 10.14731/kjir.2025.09.65.3.257 2025
- Yang, Joonseok, Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and **Inbok Rhee**. “Racial Hate Crimes and US Reputation in Asia.” *British Journal of Political Science* 55, e77. doi: 10.1017/S0007123424001030 2025
- Inbok Rhee**, Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang. “Citizen Responses to Donor-Centeredness in the US-China Public Diplomacy Competition.” *International Interactions* 51(1), 121-137. doi: 10.1080/03050629.2025.2456738 2025
- Kim, Sung Eun, Jong Hee Park, **Inbok Rhee**, and Joonseok Yang. “What Do Aid Recipients Want? Public Attitudes Toward Foreign Aid in Developing Countries.” *World Development* 186, 106815. doi: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2024.106815 2025
- Lee, Don S., Kee Hoon Chung, and **Inbok Rhee**. “Who Becomes a Civil Servant? Evidence from a Decade of Youth Panel Analysis.” *Public Management Review* 26(8), 2148-2171. doi: 10.1080/14719037.2024.2327616 2024
- Adida, Claire L., Adeline Y. Lo, **Inbok Rhee**, and Sam Williams. “Do Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Requirements Change Student Political Attitudes?” *Politics, Groups & Identities* 12(4), 958-967. doi: 10.1080/21565503.2023.2227437 2024
- Chung, Kee Hoon, **Inbok Rhee** and Cheol Liu. “A Systematic Review of Experimental Approaches on Public Service Motivation.” *Public Performance & Management Review* 47(3), 627-653. doi: 10.1080/15309576.2023.2269386 2024
- Kuk, John S., Don S. Lee, and **Inbok Rhee**. “Exposure to Election Fraud Research Undermines Confidence in Democracy.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 88(SI), 656-680. doi: 10.1093/poq/nfae028 2024
- Kim, Sung Eun, Jong Hee Park, **Inbok Rhee**, and Joonseok Yang. “Target, Information, and Trade Preferences: Evidence from Survey Experiment in East Asia.” *American Journal of Political Science* 67(4), 898-914. doi: 10.1111/ajps.12783 2023
- Cho, Man, Seongwuk Moon, **Inbok Rhee**, and Sungyoon Choi. “Data Economy in Korea: Cases of Finance, Real Estate, and Medical Care Sectors (in Korean).” *Journal of Technology Innovation* 31(1), 65-103. doi: 10.14386/SIME.2023.31.1.65 2023
- Porten, John, **Inbok Rhee**, and Clark Gibson. “Ethnicity Is Not Public Service Destiny: The Political Logic of Service Distribution in South Africa.” *World Development* 159, 105962. doi: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.105962 2022
- Chung, Eunbin, and **Inbok Rhee**. “Disasters and Intergroup Peace in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Journal of Peace Research* 59(1), 58-72. doi: 10.1177/00223433211065249 2022
- Inbok Rhee**. “Economic Perception to Political Performance Evaluation: Establishing Precursors to Economic Voting in Africa.” *Political Research Quarterly* 74(1), 131-147. doi: 10.1177/1065912919888017 2021

## Book

- INFORMING KOREA’S SOFT POWER STRATEGY: EVIDENCE FROM SURVEY EXPERIMENTS ON PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN AID. (IN KOREAN) Cooperative Research Series 21-09-01, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Korea With Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang 2021

## Book Chapters

“Informing Korea’s Soft Power Strategy: Evidence from Survey Experiments on Public Perceptions of Public Diplomacy and Foreign Aid.” (in Korean) in DESIGNING THE FUTURE OF KOREA IN THE ERA OF GREAT TRANSFORMATION. Cooperative Research Series 21-38-01, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Korea. 2022

With Hae-Gu Jung et al.

“International Cooperation” (in Korean) in 2021 NATIONAL AGENDAS AND FUTURE STRATEGIES. Cooperative Research Series 21-38-01, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Korea. 2021

With Sungbae An et al.

“Backsliding: Democratic Regress in the Contemporary World Appendix.” in Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman. BACKSLIDING. Cambridge University Press. 2021

With Stephan Haggard, Robert R. Kaufman, Terence K. Teo, and Giovanni Angioni.

## Other Writings

“Park Geun-hye Unraveling.” (A series of policy writings on South Korean politics) NORTH KOREA: WITNESS TO TRANSFORMATION BLOG Nov 2016 - Mar 2017

With Stephan Haggard

“The Role of Peacekeeping Operations in Electoral Processes.” POLICY REPORT FOR POLICY AND BEST PRACTICES SERVICE Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations. May 2012

With Marie Doucey, Sara Jacobs, and Aaron Pangburn

## Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

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Future-Leading Research Initiative, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea (KRW 12,500,000) 2025

Best Teaching Award, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea 2024

The Outcomes and Implications of the Korea-Africa Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (KRW 25,000,000) 2024

With Samuel Y. Pang, Samyoul Lee and Heonjoo Jung

Global Agenda Research, Social Sciences Korea (SSK), National Research Foundation, Republic of Korea (KRW 750,000,000) 2024

With Woo Chang Kang, Donghyun Danny Choi, Jae Yeon Kim, John S. Kuk, Byoung-ha Lee, and Sunkyung Park

Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea (KRW 10,000,000) 2024

Future-Leading Research Initiative, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea (KRW 12,500,000) 2024

Yonsei - Tel Aviv Joint Research Cooperation Program (USD 20,000) 2024

With Yotam Margalit

Korea’s New Africa Strategy through the Geopolitical Importance of the African Continent, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (KRW 27,500,000) 2024

With Joonhwa Cho and Hye-Lim Yoo

Empirical Research on Public Diplomacy, KDI School, Republic of Korea (KRW 150,000,000) 2022

With Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang

<i>Research on the Role of Supporting Institutions in the Budgetary and Legal Review Process of the U.S. Congress, National Assembly Budget Office, Republic of Korea (KRW 32,000,000)</i> With Cheol Liu and Keehoon Chung	2022
<i>Best Teaching Award, KDI School, Republic of Korea</i>	2021
<i>KDI 50th Anniversary Excellence in Service Award, KDI School, Republic of Korea</i>	2021
<i>Empirical Research on Public Diplomacy, KDI School, Republic of Korea (KRW 50,000,000)</i> With Hye Young Chang, Chung Shik Moon, Wook Sohn, and Joonseok Yang	2021
<i>South Korea's Public Diplomacy Strategy for Battery, Bio, and Semi-conductor Sectors, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (KRW 25,000,000)</i> With Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang	2021
<i>Cooperative Research Grant, National Research Council, Republic of Korea (KRW 210,000,000)</i> With Sung Eun Kim, Jong Hee Park, and Joonseok Yang	2020
<i>Empirical Research in Development Studies Grant, KDI School, Republic of Korea (KRW 42,600,000)</i>	2020
<i>Empirical Research in Development Studies Grant, KDI School, Republic of Korea (KRW 36,250,000)</i> With Joonseok Yang	2019
<i>Sanford Lakoff Fellowship, UC San Diego (\$1,729)</i>	2018
<i>University of California Presidents Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$22,000)</i>	2018
<i>Summer Graduate Teaching Scholars Program, Center for Engaged Teaching (CET), UC San Diego (\$1,200, declined)</i>	2018
<i>UC San Diego Graduate Student Co-Author Grant (\$2,414)</i> With Claire L. Adida	2017
<i>TA Excellence Award, Department of Political Science, UC San Diego (\$300)</i>	2017
<i>Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL) Graduate Student Research Funding, UC San Diego (\$7,500)</i>	2017
<i>National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (NSF DDRIG), (\$16,934)</i>	2017
<i>Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (DDRA), (\$51,338)</i>	2016
<i>Korean-American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) Designated Scholarship, (\$2,000)</i>	2016
<i>Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL) Graduate Student Research Funding, UC San Diego (\$5,000)</i>	2016
<i>Teclé Kidane-Mariam Award, Friends of the International Center (FOIC), UC San Diego (\$2,000)</i>	2016

## Teaching

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### Courses Offered

Contemporary African Politics (Undergraduate, Graduate) Yonsei University	2024-Present
Special Topics in Political Methodology (Graduate) Yonsei University	2024-2025
Research Design (Undergraduate) Yonsei University	2024-2025

Politics of Developing Countries (Graduate) Yonsei University	2024-2025
Introduction to Political Science (Undergraduate) Yonsei University	2024-2025
Comparative Politics (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2019-2023
SDGs and International Development (in Korean) (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2022, 2023
Topics in Political Economy of Development (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2019-2022
Quantitative Methods (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2020-2023
Introduction to Data Science for Policymaking Using R (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2020, 2021, 2023
Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems (in Korean) (Masters) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2022, 2023
Ph.D. Colloquium (Doctoral) KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2022, 2023
Introduction to Social Data Analytics (Undergraduate) UC San Diego	2018
Mathematical & Statistical Foundations for Social Sciences (Doctoral) UC San Diego	2016-2018

## Professional Activities

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### Editorial Service

<i>Editorial Board.</i> Korean Party Studies Review	2022 - Present
<i>Editorial Board.</i> Korea Political Science Review	2020 - 2021

### Academic Service

Associate Dean, Graduate School of Public Administration, Yonsei University	2026 - Present
Steering Committee, Institute of African Studies, Yonsei University	2025 - Present
Associate Director, Social Science Research Institute, College of Social Sciences, Yonsei University	2025 - Present
Research Associate, Institute of Population and Human Capital, Yonsei University	2025 - Present
Academic Committee, Korean Association of Party Studies	2025 - Present
Middle East and Africa Research Sub-committee, Korean Association of International Studies	2024 - Present
Research Methodology in International Relations Sub-committee, Korean Association of International Studies	2021 - 2022, 2024 - Present

Expert Group on African Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy 2022 - Present

International Cooperation Committee, Korean Association for Public Administration 2022 - 2023

Planning Committee, Korean Association of Party Studies 2022

*Reviewer.* American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Democratization, East Asian Economic Review, European Journal of Political Research, Health Policy Open, International Area Studies Review, International Development and Cooperation Review, International Review of Public Administration, International Studies Quarterly, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Contemporary Politics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Regional Studies and Development, KDI Journal of Economic Policy, Korea Journal, Korean Journal of International Studies, Korean Party Studies Review, Korean Political Science Review, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration Review, Review of Development Economics

## Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2021, 2024, 2025

Korean Association of International Studies (KAIS) 2020-2025

Korea Political Science Association (KPSA) 2021-2025

Korean Association of Party Studies 2021-2025

International Political Science Association (IPSA) 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2016, 2021, 2022

KDI School - World Bank DIME Conference 2019-2022

International Studies Association (ISA) 2016, 2020, 2021

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2021

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2021

Asian Political Methodology (Asian PolMeth) 2021

Korea Association for Public Administration (KAPA) 2021

African Studies Association (ASA) 2015, 2019

International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2019

Western Political Science Association (WPSA) 2016, 2019

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth) 2014

## Invited Talks

University of Michigan 2025

National Assembly of Korea, Special Seminar on Impeachment 2024

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (multiple forums) 2021, 2022, 2024

Sungkyunkwan University (Graduate School of Governance; Center for Good Democracy) 2021, 2024

Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) 2022

Seoul National University (Institute of Social Sciences; Institute for Research in Finance and Economics)	2021-2022
Chung-Ang University, KF Public Diplomacy Program	2020
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Institute of African Studies	2020
Yonsei University	2020

## Media Appearances

<i>“Africa Is Not a Country.”</i> PO.INT (Korea Political Science Association’s YouTube Channel)	2024
<i>The Roundtable</i> , Arirang TV	2024
<i>“Evaluating Korean Soft Power.”</i> Nara Kyongje	2022
<i>“Building Soft Power.”</i> Lab Interview, National Research Council, Republic of Korea	2021
<i>“Presidential Palaces: Brazil, India, Indonesia, and South Africa.”</i> Korea Election Television	2021
<i>“Teaching College Under COVID-19.”</i> SBS 8 News and SBS Morning Wide	2020
<i>“Shaping Political Leaders: The Case of the United Kingdom.”</i> Korea Election Television	2020

## Additional Information

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### Military Service

1st/2nd Lieutenant, Republic of Korea Air Force	2007 - 2010
Recipient of the United States Military Meritorious Service Medal for Distinguished Service	

### Language

Korean (Native); English (Fluent); Kiswahili (Beginner)

### Field Experience

Kenya (12 months)