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South Korean political economist focusing on digital trade, finance and emerging technologies in Doha, Qatar / Seoul, South Korea. Observes geopolitical risk and emerging technologies with a focus on AI in East Asia, the U.S., Europe, and the Persian Gulf. Advises governments / high-tech industry, providing expertise and bringing together experts in industry, think-tanks, and academia.

EDUCATION

- Boston University**, Boston, MA USA 2015
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Political Science (International Relations and International Political Economy)
Dissertation: *Trade Wars & Currency Conflict: China, Japan, and South Korea's Responses to U.S. Protectionism, 1971-2013*
Dissertation fieldwork at the Institute of Social Science, **University of Tokyo**, Japan (2010-2011)
and the School of International Studies, **Peking University**, China (2011-2012)
- University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI USA 2011
Quantitative Research Training at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
- Korea University**, Seoul, Korea 2007
Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science (International Relations and International Security)
Thesis: *Legal Initiatives of the United States on the United Nations Military & Economic Sanctions Regime*
- Korea University**, Seoul, Korea 2005
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science (major), Journalism (minor)
- Université de Genève**, Geneva, Switzerland 2002
French (Attestation)

EXPERIENCE

- National University of Singapore – Middle East Institute**, Singapore September 2024-
Senior Research Fellow
- Middle East Council on Global Affairs (formerly Brookings Doha Center) – Governance & Development**, Doha, Qatar 2023-Present
Visiting Fellow and Political Economist. Research Project: “ROK-GCC Relations: Energy, Technology, Security.”
- Research on Generative AI and AI semiconductor supply chain buildup in East Asia, North America, Europe and the Gulf
 - Research on CBDCs – geopolitics of CBDCs, technicalities of CBDC pilot tests per jurisdiction, interoperability tests at BIS
 - “CBDCs & Financial System Stability” Workshop organization for central banks of GCC economies (Istanbul, Turkey, May 2024)
 - Joint project with the Brookings Institution on 1) International Financial Architecture Reform – Global Financial Safety Net (GFSN), Global Economy and Development Program; 2) U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilateral Economic Security, Foreign Policy Program
 - B2G work promoting ROK emerging technologies (e.g., Samsung’s Offline CBDC system) through ROK Embassy in Qatar to Qatari financial institutions/stakeholders (e.g., Qatari Central Bank, Qatar Financial Center, Qatar Financial Regulatory Authority)
- Georgetown University in Qatar – School of Foreign Service**, Doha, Qatar 2023-Present
Expert PI for Emerging Technologies. Small States Research Program (7-year grant by the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- Bringing together academia, governments, industries for topics on emerging technologies focusing on connectivity (5G/6G) for AI, AI semiconductors, AI mobility (EVs and UAMs) and AI regulations/data governance
 - B2G work for Qatari government stakeholders and multinational corporations on emerging technologies.
- George Washington University – Elliott School of International Affairs**, Washington, DC USA 2023-Present
Visiting Scholar (remote). Institute of Middle East Studies. Research Project: ‘Gulf SWFs Investment in Digitization’
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea**, Seoul, Korea 2022-2023
Consultant. National Project on China’s Global Development Initiative (Digital Payments and Central Bank Digital Currencies).
- Ernst & Young (EY)**, Tokyo, Japan 2022-2023
Consultant. Advising on U.S. Chips & Science Act, Inflation Reduction Act / ROK Data Governance and AI Regulations
- Independent Tech Advisory for Embassies**, Seoul, South Korea / Tokyo, Japan / Washington, DC USA / Doha, Qatar 2022-2023
Tech Policy Adviser. Embassies in Seoul (UK, France, Netherlands) Tokyo (UK, Netherlands), Washington (ROK), Doha (ROK).
- Semiconductor export controls by the U.S. Commerce BIS and the Chip Industry Landscape
 - Chip manufacturing and EV subsidies under the U.S. Chips and Science Act and Inflation Reduction Act
 - Personal Data Protection Regulations in the EU (GDPR), China (PIPL), South Korea (PIPA) and Japan (APPI)
- Schmidt Futures – International Strategy Forum (ISF)**, New York, NY USA 2022-2023
Inaugural ISF-Asia Fellow. Book Project: ‘Digital Trade Wars & Currency Conflict’.
- The Brookings Institution**, Washington, DC USA 2022-Present
Consultant. Foreign Policy Program (2022-23), Global Economy and Development Program (2024)
- Project: “Multilateral Reform Agenda – Global Financial Safety Net & Financial System Stability.” (2024)
 - Project: “U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Workshop on Technology Competition and Export Controls/Economic Coercion.” (2023)
 - Project: “2nd Phase of Democracy in Asia: Data Governance and Public Health in South Korea.” (2022)
- National Bureau for Asian Research – Center for Trade, Innovation and Strategy**, Washington, DC USA 2022-Present
Non-resident Fellow. Projects: “South Korea - Data Privacy and Public Health,” “South Korea - 5G Connectivity and Data Governance.”
- Princeton University – Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies**, Princeton NJ USA 2021-2022
Fung Global Fellow (Early Career Scholar). Project: “Supply Chain Reshuffling in Semiconductors and Vaccines.”

George Washington University – EANRC & Digital Trade & Data Governance Hub , Washington, DC USA	2020-2022
<i>East Asia Voices Initiative Fellow</i> . Project: “The Role of Data Governance and AI in fighting COVID-19.”	
Duco Experts , San Francisco, CA USA	2020-present
<i>Expert</i> . Geopolitical Risk and Tech Policy Advisory for U.S. big tech firms in Silicon Valley.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Security & Geopolitical Risk - GCC Economies, South Korea, and SEA (November 2023) • Mobile Data Privacy (August 2023) • Digital Trust and Safety Landscape Analysis Review for the Digital Forensic Research Lab Project (December 2022) • Data Governance Project (July 2022) • Confidential Final Report 1 (May 2020), Final Report 2 (July 2020) and Intel Report (August 2020) on Misinformation in South Korea • Korean Experts Vetting on Misinformation and Online Child Safety (March 2020) 	
National Research Foundation of Korea , Seoul, South Korea	2019-2020
<i>Next Generation Researcher</i> . Book Project: ‘Trade Wars and Currency Conflict’.	
George Mason University Korea – Department of Government , Songdo, South Korea	2019
<i>Lecturer</i> . Taught introductory courses on Global Affairs, International Politics, and International Trade.	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs , Seoul, South Korea	2019
<i>Main Author of Task Force</i> . Project: The U.S.-China Trade War.	
Hanyang University – Department of International Studies , Seoul, South Korea	2018
<i>Adjunct Professor</i> . Taught a course on International Political Economy.	
Seoul National University Asia Center – Northeast Asia Center , Seoul, South Korea	2017-2018
<i>Research Fellow</i> . Project: Book manuscript, “Trade Wars & Currency Conflict”.	
Asia Society – Asia 21 Next Generation Leaders , New York, NY USA	2015-2017
Asia 21 Leader, Class of 2017	
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore , Singapore	
<i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i> . Project: “China’s e-payment systems and the digital yuan for RMB internationalization”.	
East West Center in Washington , Washington, DC USA	2015
<i>Asia Studies Fellow</i> . Project: “South Korea’s positioning on the Trans-Pacific Partnership”.	
Pacific Forum (Formerly of CSIS) – Young Leaders Program , Honolulu, HI USA	2014-2018
<i>Non-resident James Kelly Fellow and Korea Foundation Fellow</i> . Project: “ROK Trade Policy and Prospects for TPP”.	
George Washington University – School of Business , Washington, DC USA	2014-2015
<i>GW-CIBER Summer Doctoral Fellow</i> . Project: “Intellectual Property Chapter in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)”.	
Tufts University – Department of Political Science , Medford, MA USA	2013
<i>Lecturer</i> . Taught a course on Contemporary International Relations of East Asia.	
Ministry of Finance, Japan – Policy Research Institute , Tokyo, Japan	2011
<i>Visiting Research Fellow</i> . Ph.D. dissertation fieldwork in Tokyo.	
United Nations Headquarters New York – Department of Political Affairs , New York, NY USA	2005-2006
<i>Intern</i> . Security Council Sanctions Subsidiary Organs Branch. Served on sanctions committees on Iraq and Somalia.	

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

1. (Forthcoming) June Park. “DIGITAL TRADE WARS & CURRENCY CONFLICT: China, South Korea and Japan’s Responses to U.S. Pressures.” Book manuscript ongoing under Schmidt Futures Grant.
2. June Park. “AI Chip Competition amid Expansion of U.S. Export Controls into the Gulf.” Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. Doha, Qatar (June 30, 2024)
3. June Park. ‘Evolving Means of Cryptocurrency Theft by North Korea: ‘Crypto-Mixing’ for Anonymity and Economic Gains and the Challenges of Regulation,’ GWIKS Policy and Research Paper Series on the North Korean Economy, George Washington Institute for Korean Studies. Washington, DC USA (April 2024)
4. June Park. “CBDC Global Pioneers: A Roadmap for Gulf Countries.” Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (February 8, 2024)
5. June Park. “Is Economic Security National Security? Defining South Korea’s Economic Security for Future Industries,” Korea Policy, Vol. III: Economic Security from Different Countries’ Perspectives. Korea Economic Institute of America. Washington, DC USA (January 7, 2024)
6. June Park. “Semiconductors in Key European and Indo-Pacific Economies: Geopolitical Risk in the Supply Chains into 2030 and Beyond,” in Paul van Hooft, Benedetta Girardi and Alisa Hoenig eds., ‘Access or Absence: Supply and Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific,’ The Hague Center for Strategic Studies (HCSS) of the Netherlands. (November 20, 2023)
7. June Park. “Industrial Policy and Uncertainties in US-ROK Cooperation in Semiconductors: The U.S. Chips & Science Act Subsidy Conditions and Guardrails,” in Mark Manantan and So-young Kwon eds., ‘US-ROK Science and Tech Partnership on Critical Technologies,’ Pacific Forum & George Mason University Korea. (July 25, 2023)
8. June Park. “South Korea in the Gulf: Emboldening Economic and Political ties with the GCC amid the U.S.-China Tech Conflict,” in Adel Abdel Ghafar and Abdullah Baabood eds., ‘Asia in the GCC: A New Strategic Partner?’ Middle East Council on Global Affairs & Waseda University Qatar Chair. Tokyo, Japan (July 12, 2023)
9. June Park. “Data protection versus data use for scientific research and public health: The case of South Korea”. ‘Public Health’ Section of the Democracy in Asia (Phase II) Project Report. The Brookings Institution. Washington, DC USA (December 14, 2022)
10. June Park. “Geo-economics and Politics in Lawsuits on EV Batteries”. A Path to Net Zero: Opportunities for U.S.-ROK Technology Collaboration, NBR Special Report No.101, The National Bureau of Asian Research. Washington, DC USA (September 27, 2022)
11. June Park. “South Korea’s Critical Moment in Digital Currency Policymaking: Between Regulating Cryptocurrencies and Launching a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).” KEI Academic Paper Series – On Korea, Vol. 15, Korea Economic Institute of America. Washington, DC USA (March 2022)

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MEDIA

Live commentary for international media on *BBC*, *ABC*, *CNA*, and *Al Jazeera*. Opinions featured on *The Diplomat* and *East Asia Forum*. Quotes printed in *SCMP*, *FT*, *Le Figaro*, *The New York Times*, *AP*, *The Straits Times*, and *Bloomberg BNA & International Trade Daily*.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Korean (native), Chinese (proficient), Japanese (proficient), French (proficient), German (intermediate), Arabic (elementary)