

South Korean political economist focusing on the geoeconomics of emerging technologies in digital trade and finance, based in Doha, Qatar. Observes geopolitical risk and AI policymaking with industry developments across jurisdictions in East Asia, the U.S., Europe, and the Gulf. Advises governments / high-tech industry, providing expertise and relevant networks in industry, think-tanks, and academia.

Education

Boston University , Boston, MA USA	2015
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Political Science (International Relations & International Political Economy)	
Dissertation: <i>Trade Wars & Currency Conflict: China, Japan, and South Korea's Responses to U.S. Protectionism, 1971-2013</i>	
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: <i>Legal Initiatives of the United States on the United Nations Military & Economic Sanctions Regime</i>	
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

Singapore Management University – Centre for Digital Law , Singapore	February 2025-present
<i>Senior Research Affiliate</i>	
National University of Singapore – Middle East Institute , Singapore (resigned)	November 2024-March 2025
<i>Senior Research Fellow</i>	
Helsinki Geoeconomics Society , Helsinki, Finland	August 2024-present
<i>Member (Conference Sherpa for the Singapore Geoeconomics Forum 2025)</i>	
Middle East Council on Global Affairs (formerly Brookings Doha Center) – Governance & Development , Doha, Qatar	August 2023-present
<i>Visiting Fellow</i> . Project: “Beyond Generative AI” (2024-2025), “ROK-GCC Relations: Energy, Technology, Security” (2023-2024).	
- Research on AI-related legislations and policy (Europe, East Asia) - Expertise provision regarding LNG in the global energy market amid tariffs in the trade war (long-term contracts) - Research on Mobility AI (EVs, eVTOLs) in the UAE, EV manufacturing in Saudi Arabia, and EV operation for public transport in Qatar - Research on Energy Demand for AI Data Centers (focusing on nuclear and LNG) and AI semiconductor export controls - Research on Generative AI and AI semiconductor supply chain buildup in East Asia, North America, Europe and the Gulf - Research on CBDCs and Stablecoins– geopolitics of CBDCs, interoperability tests at BIS, regulatory environment for stablecoins	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea , Seoul, Korea	2022-2023
<i>Consultant</i> . National Project on China's Global Development Initiative (Digital Payments and Central Bank Digital Currencies).	
Ernst & Young (EY) , Tokyo, Japan	
<i>Consultant</i> . Advising on U.S. Chips & Science Act, Inflation Reduction Act / ROK Data Governance and AI Regulations	2022-2023
Independent Tech Advisory for Embassies , Seoul, South Korea / Tokyo, Japan / Washington, DC USA / Doha, Qatar	2022-2023
<i>Tech Policy Adviser</i> . Embassies in Seoul (UK, France, Netherlands) Tokyo (UK, Netherlands), Washington (ROK), Doha (ROK).	
- Semiconductor export controls by the U.S. Commerce 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
<i>Inaugural ISF-Asia Fellow</i> . Book Project: ‘Digital Trade Wars & Currency Conflict’.	
The Brookings Institution , Washington, DC USA	2022-Present
<i>Consultant</i> . 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
<i>Non-resident Fellow</i> . Projects: “South Korea - Data Privacy and Public Health,” “South Korea - 5G Connectivity and Data Governance.”	
Princeton University – Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) , Princeton NJ USA	2021-2022
<i>Fung Global Fellow (Early Career Scholar)</i> . 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.”	
The Economist Group – The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) , London, UK	2021-present
- Contributor to Telecoms and Technology Report (Gulf-UAE) (October 2024-present) - Contributor of research and analysis to the EIU Asia Team (South Korea, North Korea) (September 2021-present)	

Duco Experts, San Francisco, CA USA

2020-present

Expert. Geopolitical Risk and Tech Policy Advisory for U.S. big tech firms in Silicon Valley.

- Trust Measure Consumer Choice (February 2025)
- 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

Next Generation Researcher. Book Project: 'Trade Wars and Currency Conflict'.**George Mason University Korea – Department of Government, Songdo, South Korea**

2019

Lecturer. Teaching: Introductory courses on Global Affairs, International Politics, and International Trade.**Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, South Korea**

2019

Main Author of Task Force. Project: The U.S.-China Trade War.**Hanyang University – Department of International Studies, Seoul, South Korea**

2018

Adjunct Professor. Taught a course on International Political Economy.**Seoul National University Asia Center – Northeast Asia Center, Seoul, South Korea**

2017-2018

Research Fellow. 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 – Centre on Asia & Globalisation, National University of Singapore, Singapore***Postdoctoral Fellow.* Projects: "China's e-payment systems and the RMB internationalization", "Asia-GCC Energy Transactions".**East West Center in Washington, Washington, DC USA**

2015

Asia Studies Fellow. Project: "South Korea's positioning on the Trans-Pacific Partnership".**Pacific Forum (Formerly of CSIS) – Young Leaders Program, Honolulu, HI USA**

2014-2018

Non-resident James Kelly Fellow and Korea Foundation Fellow. Project: "ROK Trade Policy and Prospects for TPP".**George Washington University – School of Business, Washington, DC USA**

2014-2015

GW-CIBER Summer Doctoral Fellow. Project: "Intellectual Property Chapter in the Trans-Pacific Partnership".**Tufts University – Department of Political Science, Medford, MA USA**

2013

Lecturer. Taught a course on Contemporary International Relations of East Asia.**Ministry of Finance, Japan – Policy Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan**

2011

Visiting Research Fellow. Ph.D. dissertation fieldwork in Tokyo.**United Nations Headquarters New York – Department of Political Affairs, New York, NY USA**

2005-2006

Intern. Security Council Sanctions Subsidiary Organs Branch. Served on sanctions committees on Iraq and Somalia.**Writings**

1. (Forthcoming) June Park. "DIGITAL TRADE WARS & CURRENCY CONFLICT: China, South Korea and Japan's Responses to U.S. Pressures." Book manuscript ongoing under Individual Impact Grant for 2022 International Strategy Forum (ISF) Fellows by Schmidt Futures (G-22-63371)
2. (Invited) June Park. "Between AI Capacity Building and Data Protection amid the Tech War: Regulating AI in China, South Korea and Japan." Special Issue on the Varieties of AI Governance, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* (Editors: Gleb Papyshchev, Sara Migliorini)
3. (Invited) June Park. "The Pursuit of AI Supremacy: US Chip Export Controls from East Asia and Europe to the Gulf and Southeast Asia." (For submission to *Journal of Geoeconomics*)
4. (Forthcoming) June Park. "Governing AI among Digital Empires: Cases from South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, France and Germany." Springer Studies in Law & Geoeconomics, Vol II, No.1. Springer.
5. (Forthcoming) June Park. "From Crypto to CBDCs and Stablecoins: Interests and Risk Aversion in Digital Finance in the Gulf." Palgrave.
6. (Forthcoming) June Park. "The "Geolegality" of U.S. Investment Screening on Chips and AI: Cases from East Asia and the Gulf," Springer Studies in Law & Geoeconomics, Vol I. No. 2. Springer.
7. (Forthcoming) June Park. "AI Chips and Data Centers in the Gulf: Investing in Running and Powering AI in the Tech War." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs.
8. (Forthcoming) June Park. "The Future of LNG in the Gulf under U.S. Tariffs: Navigating Turbulence in Energy Geoeconomics amid Trump's Trade War." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs.
9. June Park. "EVs and Batteries in the Gulf: Industrial Policy amid Tariff Wars and the Battle for Market Access," Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (March 19, 2025)
10. June Park. "AI Chip Competition amid Expansion of U.S. Export Controls into the Gulf." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (June 30, 2024)
11. June Park. "CBDC Global Pioneers: A Roadmap for Gulf Countries." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (February 8, 2024)
12. 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)
13. 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)
14. 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)

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15. June Park. “Goeconomics 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)

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 (fluent) French (proficient) German (intermediate) Arabic (elementary)