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Seoul, South Korea

Research Interests

Digital diplomacy, Asia-Pacific international relations, multilateral cooperation, and political economy of development, with a regional focus on Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Human Asia

Program Officer

Mar. 2025 – present

Seoul, South Korea

- Directed full bilingual website renewal (market value KRW 20M) at no cost to organization, saving development, hosting, and maintenance fees; created update manual for long-term cost reduction. Designed Human Rights Summer School linking academic training with internships; secured KRW 150M (approx. USD 110,000) in in-kind wildfire relief goods.

Samsung Electronics Home Appliance

General Affairs Specialist

Aug. 2023 – Feb. 2024

Irmo, SC

- Streamlined relocation for 3 international assignees, reducing transition time from ~6 months to under 1 month; managed cross-functional vendor relations and executive protocol for multinational leadership.

EDUCATION

Korea University

M.A., International Development and Cooperation

Expected Aug. 2025

Seoul, South Korea

- Focus: ODA policy, global development strategy, and multilateral governance
- Major Research Projects:
 - “Nourish to Learn, Prepare to Work”: Linking Early Nutrition to Skills Development in Lao PDR (IDC110 International Development Assistance final paper)
 - Policy analysis of Southeast Asian digital education initiatives and multilateral aid frameworks
- Selected Coursework:** Public Policy and Organization; Political Economy of Energy; Economic Development; Human Rights in Global and Regional Contexts; UN Human Rights Protection Mechanisms; U.S. Foreign Policy; U.S.–China Rivalry; International Development Assistance: Institutions and Policies; Research Methods; International Economics

Waseda University

BA, School of International Liberal Studies

Jul. 2022

Tokyo, Japan

- Concentration: International Relations, with a focus on Northeast Asia (Korea, China, Japan)
- Regional and thematic studies covering Europe, North Korea, China, Russia, and the United States
- Major Research Projects: Comparative analysis of Northeast Asian security policy; policy implications of technological change in international relations
- Selected Coursework: Introduction to International Relations; United States Politics and Foreign Policy; Japan’s Foreign Policy; Russia: From Lenin to Putin and Medvedev; Economic Development; Modern Korean Economic Development; Public Policy and Finance; Introductory Statistics; International Trade Management; Artificial Intelligence and Policy

Skills & Languages

Policy and political research; project design and coordination; grant and proposal writing; data analysis using Python; academic and policy writing (English and Korean). Languages: English (Native), Korean (Native), Japanese (Basic), Russian (Introductory).