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Education

Ph.D. Political Science (expected 2029)

University of Connecticut

Subfield: Comparative Politics & International Relations

Topic: Human Security, Political Economy, Sustainable Development Goals, Water and Sanitation

M.A. Politics & International Relations (Political Science & Diplomacy) (2023)

Ewha Womans University

“Transformation of South Korean National Identity and South Korea-Japan Relations: The Collapse of the Two-Track Diplomatic Strategy After the Verdict on the Forced Labor Compensation Issue” (Dissertation)

- Awarded for Ewha Womans University Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award

B.A. Politics & International Relations (2021)

Ewha Womans University

Skills

Language: Korean (Native); English (Fluent); Japanese (Intermediate); Vietnamese (Beginner); Spanish (Beginner)

Software: R, STATA

Publications

Yejin Kwon & Eunbong Choi. 2023. “Vietnam War Memory Conflict Between Public Collective Memory and Private Collective Memory in Korea: Political Factors Behind the Emergence and Change of Collective Memory.” *The Korean Journal of Area Studies*. 41(1): 155-182. (in Korean) (DOI: 10.17789/discou.2021.24.3.003)

Eunbong Choi & **Yejin Kwon**. 2021. “How Could Two Hostile Countries Come to Embrace Each Other?: Normalization of Korea-Vietnam in 1992 and Triplet Structure of Recognition.” *Discourse* 201. 24(3): 83-121. (in Korean) (DOI: 10.29159/KJAS.41.1.5)

Honors & Awards

Norman Kogan Fellowship , University of Connecticut	2026
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The Howard L. Reiter Memorial Award for Political Science Graduate Education , University of Connecticut	2026
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Teaching Assistant of the Year Award , University of Connecticut	2025
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J. Garry Clifford Graduate Fellowship Endowment , University of Connecticut	2025
Department of Political Science Pre-Doctoral Research Funds Award , University of Connecticut	2025
Ewha Research Assistant Scholarship , Ewha Womans University	2017, 2022, 2023
Ewha Graduate Research Fellowship , Ewha Womans University	2022
Ewha Academic Scholarship , Ewha Womans University	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Conference Participations

International Studies Association (ISA)'s 67th Annual Conference

Columbus, Ohio, United States March 2026

Presenter, *Foundational but Forgotten: The Right to Sanitation in the Global North*

The 2025 International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress of Political Science

Seoul, South Korea July 2025

Presenter, *Remembering and Forgetting: The Dilemma of State-centered Narrative and Resistance in the Legacy of the Vietnam War*

International Studies Association (ISA)'s 66th Annual Conference

Chicago, Illinois, United States March 2025

Volunteer

The 35th Memory Research Seminar between Ewha-Sogang-Yonsei University

Virtual January 2023

Presenter, *Memories of the Vietnam War Reenacted in Museums in South Korea and Vietnam*

The 2022 Summer Conference of the Korean Association of International Studies

Seoul, South Korea June 2022

Presenter, *The Fracture of South Korea's Vietnam War Memories in the 1990s and the Conflict between State and Civilian Discourses*

The 15th Hwarangdae Collegiate Forum on National Security

Jeju Island, South Korea May 2016

Presenter, *Complexity of East Asia Maritime Dispute – Complex Governance as Resolution*

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut August 2025 – Present

National Science Foundation, Security and Preparedness Program

Project name: *Subnational Nonstate Actor Governance*

Award number (FAIN): 2446384

Total Dollar Amount: \$243,514

Department of Politics & International Relations, Ewha Womans University Spring 2023

Department of Politics & International Relations, Ewha Womans University Fall 2021

Ewha Institute of Politics, Ewha Womans University September 2021 – August 2022

Department of Politics & International Relations, Ewha Womans University November 2021

Ewha Institute for the Humanities, Ewha Womans University October 2021 – November 2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Department of Political Science, Ewha Womans University

Spring 2017

Field Research

Museum fieldwork

Japan (Tokyo, Nagasaki, and Hiroshima)

January – February 2023

Investigated how the identity and memory of Japan, an aggressor as well as a victim of the era of imperialism/ colonialism and World War II, is shaped and appears in the museums of Japan

Korea (Seoul and Hwacheon) & Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City)

July – October 2022

Investigated and compared war museums focusing on how the memory regarding Vietnam War is shaped and appear in each country by different actors

Spatial ethnography & interviews

Korea (Seoul) & Taiwan (Taipei)

October 2018 – January 2019

Investigated and compared public restroom, a politically charged space, which demonstrates who is recognized as ‘public’ in society and how the mobility of those excluded from the public sphere is restricted, leading to the erasure of their existence

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut

POLS 1402 Introduction to International Relations

Spring 2026

POLS 1602 Introduction to American Politics

Fall 2025

POLS 3501 Modern American Presidency

Spring 2025

POLS 3617 American Political Economy

Spring 2025

POLS 1202 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Fall 2024

Department of Political Science & International Relations, Ewha Womans University

30808 Japanese Politics

Spring 2023

30808 Japanese Politics

Spring 2022

Additional Experience

Junior research fellow | Office of Academic Affairs, Taejoe University

Seoul, South Korea

December 2022 – June 2024

Student Intern | Foreign Press Center, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism

Seoul, South Korea

September – December 2018

Assisted events related to the Inter-Korean Summit 2018