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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Substantive:** International Relations, International Security, Nuclear and Alliance Politics, Great Power Competition, Elite and Public Opinion on International Affairs

**Methods:** Quantitative Research Methods, Experimental Methods

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>Yonsei University</b> , Seoul, South Korea Assistant Professor Graduate School of International Studies	2026 Spring - Present
<b>Incheon National University</b> , Incheon, South Korea Assistant Professor Department of Political Science and International Studies	2023 Fall - 2025 Fall
<b>Daejeon University</b> , Daejeon, South Korea Assistant Professor Institute for National Security and Military Affairs	2023 Spring

## EDUCATION

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<b>Texas A&amp;M University, Department of Political Science</b> , United States <i>Ph.D.</i> , Political Science Concentration: International Relations (Major), Comparative Politics, and Methods (Minor)	2022
<b>American University, School of International Service</b> , United States <i>M.A.</i> , International Relations	2016
<b>Yonsei University, Graduate School of International Studies</b> , South Korea <i>M.A.</i> , International Relations	2015
<b>Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary</b> , South Korea <i>B.A.</i> , Theology (with Distinction)	2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (SSCI)

Hye-Sung Kim, **Kyung Suk Lee**, Taehee Whang, Jeheung Ryu. 2026. "Social Desirability Bias and Public Opinion on Nuclear Weaponization: Evidence from a List Experiment in South Korea," *International Interactions*, forthcoming

**Kyung Suk Lee**, and Bee Yun Jo. 2025. "Further Enhancing US Extended Deterrence for South Korea," *The Washington Quarterly*, 48(3):89-107. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2025.2558273> [link]

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Daekwon Son and **Kyung Suk Lee**. 2025. “The Impacts of U.S. Foreign Policy on Taiwanese Public Support for Independence: Evidence from Experimental Analysis,” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 30(4):621-645. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11366-024-09890-6> [link]

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**Kyung Suk Lee**. 2023. “The Microfoundations of Nuclear Proliferation: Evidence from South Korea,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 35(4): edad033. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edad033> [link]

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**Kyung Suk Lee**, Kirby Goidel, and Clifford Young. 2023. “The System is Broken: Can We Have Some More?” *Social Science Quarterly*, 104(1): 39-53. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13208> [link]

**Kyung Suk Lee**, James Kim, Hwalmin Jin, and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2022. “Nuclear Weapons and Low-Level Military Conflict,” *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(5): sqac067. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqac067> [link]

**Kyung Suk Lee** and Kirby Goidel. 2022. “U.S. Public Support for the U.S.-NATO Alliance,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 34(2): 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edac011> [link]

**Kyung Suk Lee** and Kyu Young Lee. 2017. “U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea: An Ongoing Riddle between the U.S. and China.” *Korean Journal of Defense Analysis* 29(3): 455-473. <https://doi.org/10.22883/kjda.2017.29.3.007> [link]

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (SCOPUS, KCI and Others)

Yongjoon Park, Daekwon Son, and **Kyung Suk Lee**. 2026. “The Asynchronous Waltz: South Korea–U.S. Misaligned Cross-Strait Policy during the Yoon Suk-yeol Administration,” *Issue & Studies*, forthcoming

이경석. 2024. “컨조인트 실험을 통해 본 한국 대중들의 핵무장 비용 민감성.” *통일과 평화*. 제 16권, 3호, pp. 35-96. <https://doi.org/10.35369/jpus.16.3.202412.35> (KCI) [link]

채희, 이경석, 엄정호. 2023. “지능화 전장에서 인공지능 기반 공격용 군집드론 운용방안.” *융합보안지*. 제 23권, 3호, pp.66-71. (KCI) [link]

이경석, 김경미. 2016. “냉전기 북한-동독의 외교관계(1953-1989): 협력과 갈등” *유럽연구*. 제 34권 3호, pp.149-180. <https://doi.org/10.17052/jces.2016.34.3.149> (KCI) [link]

**Kyung Suk Lee**. 2016. “New Approach of South Korea’s Middle Power Diplomacy: Focusing on Global Agenda Setting.” *Global Politics Review* 2(2): 40-57. [link]

#### Non-Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

이경석. “엘리트 정치와 대중여론의 괴리: 한국 외교·안보정책에서의 당파성 격차 연구,” 서정건 외 11명 『국익을 설계하다: 한국형 초당외교의 모색』. (서울: 박영사, 2026)

마상윤, 이경석. “한국의 핵무기 개발에 대한 국내외 여론과 함의,” 김계동(편) 『한반도 핵무기정치: 군사적 자산 또는 외교적 부담』. (서울: 명일문화사, 2025) [link]

**Kyung Suk Lee** and Kyu Young Lee. “THAAD Deployment: Warm Peace or Cold Peace in East Asia?” in Yonghae Kim(ed), *Solidarity*. (Seoul: Pagijong Press, 2018) [link]

## Op-Eds and Select Research-Based Commentary

**Kyung Suk Lee.** “Washington’s Flexibility, Seoul’s Vulnerability: The Alliance Modernization Paradox.” *Korea On Point* (October 23, 2025) [[link](#)]

**이경석.** “한미동맹 현대화와 국민여론.” *EAI 이슈브리프* (September 2, 2025) [[link](#)]

**양욱, 이경석.** “한미동맹의 전환 요구와 한국형 핵공유의 필요성.” *아산정책연구원 이슈브리프* (2025-23) [[link](#)]

**이경석.** “한국 핵무장론에 대한 미국대중여론.” *월간 KIMA 군사와 안보* (August, 2024) [[link](#)]

**Kyung Suk Lee.** “Driving Forces of Pyongyang’s Military and Diplomatic Assertiveness.” *SAND* (June 21, 2024) [[link](#)]

Hwalmin Jin, James Kim, **Kyung Suk Lee**, Matthew Fuhrmann. “Why a South Korean nuclear program won’t deter North Korean provocations.” *NK News* (February 13, 2023) [[link](#)]

**Kyung Suk Lee** and Joshua Nezam. “A Declaration to End of the Korean War Matters: 3 Steps to Moving Forward.” *The Diplomat* (September 14, 2018) [[link](#)]

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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<b>Incheon Branch of the National Election Commission</b> Appointed Committee Member	2025
<b>Incheon Metropolitan City</b> Civil Defense Cyber Education Review Committee Member	2025
<b>Pacific Forum</b> , United States Non-resident Korea Foundation Fellow	2017
<b>Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU)</b> Research Associate Unification Policy Studies Division Center for North Korean Human Rights Studies	2017-2018
<b>Republic of Korea Army</b> M-60 Machine Gunner, 66th Infantry Division	2008-2009

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Yonsei University</b> <b>Graduate Course</b> International Relations Domestic Politics of International Relations
<b>Incheon National University</b> <b>Graduate Course</b> Defense and Security Policies <b>Undergraduate Course</b> Nuclear Politics Great Power Politics Korean Foreign Policies Foreign Policy Analysis Research Methods in Political Science 1 & 2

**Texas A&M University**  
**Undergraduate Course**  
Nuclear Politics

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**American Political Science Association (APSA):** 2021, 2022, 2025  
**Korean Political Science Association (KPSA):** 2023, 2024  
**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA):** 2021, 2022, 2023  
**Southern Political Science Association (SPSA):** 2021, 2022, 2023  
**American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR):** 2021  
**European Political Science Association (EPSA):** 2022  
**Korean Association of International Studies (KAIS):** 2023, 2024, 2025  
**Texas Triangle International Relations:** 2021

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Research Grant, The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies at Seoul National Unification	2024-2025
Research Grant, Incheon National University	2023-2025
Graduate Summer Research Grant, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts	2022
Research Bursary, Texas A&M Political Science Department	2019, 2021
United Methodist Church Fellowship	2015-2016
Kyeongwon Cultural Organization Fellowship	2015-2016

## AWARDS

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President's Academic Research Award, Incheon National University	2024, 2025
Commander in Division's Award for Best Squad Commander, 66th Infantry Division	2009

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
The International Studies Association  
Korean Political Science Association  
Korean Association of International Studies  
Korean Association of Party Studies  
The Korean Association of Area Studies  
Korean Association of Party Studies

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Arirang TV, "The Roundtable": December 2023 - September 2024

## LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE

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Languages: Korean (native), German (proficient)  
Software: Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request