

Professor's Information



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Profile

Professor Choi received her degrees in political science from Yonsei University and Duke University. She was a pre-doctoral fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and continued her research as a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University. Her field of expertise is in international relations theory, the management of international conflict, alliance behavior, democracy and international cooperation, and national security policy. Her major work appeared in *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly* and *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, Duke University, 2001
- M.A. Political Science, Yonsei University, 1990
- B.A. Political Science and Diplomacy, Yonsei University, 1988

Research and Academic Employment

- Professor, Yonsei GSIS
- Director, Yonsei Institute for North Korean Studies (통일연구원 2018-2019)
- Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School (2010-2011)
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2010)
- Senior Research Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, Yonsei University (September 2002-August 2003)
- National Security Fellow, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University (2001-2002)
- Peace Scholar, Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program, United States Institute of Peace (1998-1999)

Professional Services

- Member, Presidential Committee on Northern Economic Cooperation (2018-2019)
- Editor-in-Chief, *Korean Journal of International Studies* (2016-2017)
- Chair of Research Committee, Korean Political Science Association (2016, 2018)
- Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly* (2014-2018)
- Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Review* (2014-2017)

- Director, Center for International Studies, Yonsei GSIS (2014-)
- Member of International Studies Association Workshop Grants Committee (2012- 2014)
- Member of Korean Political Science Association (2003-)
- Member of Korean Association of International Studies (2003-)
- Member of American Political Science Association (1998-)
- Member of American Midwest Political Science Association (2005-)
- ASEAN Regional Forum EEP Meeting Observer (June 2006)
- Asia-Pacific Security Program of the U.S. Embassy to Korea (September 2006)
- Advisory Committee Member of National Security Council (2006, 2018-2019)
- Advisory Committee Member of the Ministry of Unification(2005, 2009-2010)
- Advisory Committee Member of the Ministry of National Defense (2007-2010, 2018-2019)
- Chair of Program in International Cooperation, Yonsei GSIS (2006-2010)
- Participant and Coordinator, The MacArthur Foundation "Asian Security Initiative Project" (with University of California, San Diego and University of Tokyo, 2009-2010)
- Focus Group 2 Participant, The MacArthur Foundation "Broader Security Challenge Project" (Australian National University 2009-2011)
- Associate Director of Center for International Studies, Yonsei GSIS (2006-2008)
- Review: American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; European Journal of International Relations; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Peace Research; and International Affairs etc.

Courses and Current Research Area

- Graduate Courses: International Organizations, International Conflict Resolution, National Security Policy, Nuclear Issues in Global Affairs, Strategic Studies. Research Design and Methods
- Undergraduate Courses: Theories of International Relations, War and Peace, International Conflict and Cooperation, Introduction to International Relations
- Research Areas: Alliance Behavior, Democracy and International Cooperation, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy, American Foreign Policy, Multilateral Security Regime.

Academic Publications

- "Why do Territorial Disputes Escalate? A Domestic Political Explanation for the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands Dispute" Pacific Focus 31/2 (2016, Co-authored with Hynjoo Cho)
- "Fighting to the Finish: Democracy and Commitment in Coalition War" Security Studies 21/4 (2012)
- "Requirements for the Multilateral Security Regime: Theory and Practice" In Cooperation in Northeast Asia: Architecture and Beyond, T. J. Pempel and Chung Min Lee eds. (New York: Routledge, 2012)
- "Going the American Way: The Surprising Case of Korean Pro-Americanism" (Co-authored with Giacomo Chiozza) Pacific Review 25/1 (2012)
- "The Power of Democratic Cooperation" Reprinted in Do Democracies Win their Wars? Michael Brown, Owen Cote Jr. Sean Lynn-Jones and Steven Miller eds. (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2011)
- "Facing the Crucible: Australia, the ROK, and Cooperation in Asia" (Co-authored with William Tow) Korea Observer 42/1 (2011)
- "To Fear the Enemy or Allies: Military Operations among the Grand Allies and their Lessons for the ROK-US Alliance" The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis 20/3 (2008)

- "Constructing the Theories of East Asian International Relations in Korea: Challenges and Tasks" Korea Observer 39/2 (2008)
- "With Us or Against Us: Major Contested Issues and Resolution Approval Rates in the United Nations General Assembly," Korea Observer 37/4 (2006)
- "Power of Ideas or Ideas of Power: Wilson's Idea, US Power, and a New World Order after World War I," Korean Political Science Review 39/5 (2005)
- "Democratic Synergy and Victory in War, 1816-1992," International Studies Quarterly 48/3 (2004)
- "Unilateral versus Multilateral Strategy in US Exchange Rate Policy," Korean Journal of International Relations 43/5 (2003)
- "The Power of Democratic Cooperation," International Security 28/1 (2003)
- "Guess Who Did What? Political Leaders and the Management of Territorial Disputes," Journal of Conflict Resolution 47/3 (2003) (Lead Article; Co-authored with Giacomo Chiozza).
- "한미동맹정책의 굿 거버넌스: 주한미군기지 재배치 과정을 중심으로" 동서연구 22/1 (2010)
- "안보" 한국정치학회 핸드북 국제정치 (2008)
- "평화의 삼각구도(Triangulating Peace) 연구에 대한 비판적 고찰," 세계지역연구논총 24/3 (2006)
- "민주주의와 국제협력," 한국정치학회보 37/3 (2003)
- "강대국과 새로운 세계질서," 외교안보연구원 (2002. 12.)

Presentations

- Korean Political Science Association Conference
- Korean Association of International Relations Conference
- Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- Australian National University, University of Beijing, University of California at Berkeley, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, University of Iowa, University of Kentucky, and University of Rochester etc.