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Korean political economist focusing on the geoconomics of emerging technologies in digital trade and finance, based in Doha, Qatar and Seoul, ROK. Observes compute governance and AI policymaking with industry developments across jurisdictions in East Asia, the U.S., Europe, and the Gulf region. 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: *Trade Wars & Currency Conflict: China, Japan, and South Korea's Responses to U.S. Protectionism, 1971-2013*

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: *Legal Initiatives of the United States on the United Nations Military & Economic Sanctions Regime*

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

Qatar Computing Research Institute – Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar

December 2025-present

Contributor (Visiting Scholar)

- Sovereign AI and the Impact of LLMs on National/Economic Security, Compute Governance
- Comparative Regulatory Frameworks on Digital Healthcare: UK-Qatar Joint AI Research Project 2nd Phase (Gulf Strategy Fund)
- Member of the Trade and Technology Roundtable for Digital Trade, WTO Qatar Chair – MOCI & MCIT, State of Qatar
- Observer of the Qatar Intelligent Transportation Systems (QITS) – MOT, State of Qatar

Center for AI and Digital Policy – AI Policy Clinic, Washington, DC USA

September-November 2025

Research Group Member

Singapore Management University – Centre for Digital Law, Singapore

February 2025-present

Senior Research Affiliate

Helsinki Geoeconomics Society, Helsinki, Finland

August 2024-present

Member (*Conference Sherpa for the Singapore Geoeconomics Forum 2025*)

Middle East Council on Global Affairs (ex-Brookings Doha Center) – Governance & Development, Doha, Qatar

August 2023-December 2025

Visiting Fellow. Project: “Beyond Generative AI: Envisioning AI Applications for Future Technologies in the GCC” (2024-2025)

“ROK-GCC Relations: Energy, Technology, Security” (2023-2024)

- AI-related legislations/policy & strategy and Generative AI and AI semiconductor supply chain buildup (U.S., Europe, East Asia, Gulf)
- Expertise provision regarding LNG in the global energy market amid tariffs in the trade war
- Research on Mobility AI (Robotaxis and UAMs) in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar
- Research on Energy Demand for AI Data Centers (focusing on nuclear and LNG) and AI semiconductor export controls
- 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

Consultant. National Project on China’s Global Development Initiative (Digital Payments and Central Bank Digital Currencies).

Ernst & Young (EY), Tokyo, Japan

2022-2023

Consultant. 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

Tech Policy Adviser. Embassies in Seoul (UK, France, Netherlands) Tokyo (UK, Netherlands), Washington (ROK), Doha (ROK).

2022-2023

- 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

Inaugural ISF-Asia Fellow. Book Project: ‘Digital Trade Wars & Currency Conflict’.

2022-Present

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC USA

2022-Present

Consultant. 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

2022-2025

Non-resident Fellow. Projects: “South Korea - Data Privacy and Public Health,” “South Korea - 5G Connectivity and Data Governance.”

2021-2022

Princeton University – Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Princeton NJ USA

2020-2021

Fung Global Fellow (*Early Career Scholar*). Project: “Supply Chain Reshuffling in Semiconductors and Vaccines.”

2020-2021

George Washington University – EANRC & Digital Trade & Data Governance Hub, Washington, DC USA

2020-2022

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East Asia Voices Initiative Fellow. 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)
- 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.

- South Korea's AI Basic Act and its Bylaws (August 2025)
- 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

Asia 21 Leader, Class of 2017

2015-2017

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 on trade imbalances.

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

- (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)
- (In progress) 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 World Trade Review)
- (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.
- (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.
- (Forthcoming) June Park. "AI Chips and Data Centers in the Gulf: The Drive for Sovereign AI and the Quest for AI Governance." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs.
- June Park. "Gulf LNG in the Time of U.S. Tariffs: Navigating Geoeconomic Turbulence amid Trump's Trade War." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (August 2025)
- 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)
- 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)
- June Park. "CBDC Global Pioneers: A Roadmap for Gulf Countries." Issue Brief, Middle East Council on Global Affairs. (February 8, 2024)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- June Park. "Geoeconomics 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)
- June Park. "Governing a Pandemic with Data on the Contactless Path to Artificial Intelligence: Personal Data, Public Health, and the Digital Divide in South Korea, Europe and the United States in Tracking of COVID-19." *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 14(1) 2021: 79-112. DOI: 10.1285/i20356609v14i1p79

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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) Italian (elementary) Arabic (elementary)