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CURRENT AFFILIATION

Visiting Researcher, Institute of East and West Studies, Yonsei University *2026–present*

EDUCATION

M.A., Department of Political Science, Yonsei University *2026*

Thesis: "Ideological Primary Challenges and Bipartisan Cosponsorship in the U.S. House: Strategic Retreat Among Challenged Incumbents"

B.A., Underwood International College, Yonsei University *2025*

Major: Political Science and International Relations

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics · Legislative Politics (Congress) · Elections · Public Opinion · Korean Politics

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

In English

1. **Kwak, Sunwoo**, Eunmi Cho, and Sinjae Kang. 2026. "Who Controls the Legislative Process? Party Cartels, Committee Gatekeepers, and Subcommittee Activity in the South Korean National Assembly." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 51(2): e70072. doi.org/10.1111/lsq.70072

In Korean

1. Kang, Sinjae, **Sunwoo Kwak**, and Eunmi Cho. 2026. "A Cosponsorship Network Analysis of Life and Safety Legislation Before and After the Sewol Ferry Disaster: Evidence from the 17th–22nd National Assemblies of Korea." *Dispute Resolution Studies Review*, 24(2): 123–162.
2. Kang, Sinjae, **Sunwoo Kwak**, and Jeongmin Lee. 2025. "Did the 2019 Revision of the National Assembly Act Revitalize Subcommittees? Analyzing the Frequency and Scheduling Determinants of Bill Review Subcommittee Meetings." *Legislation and Policy Studies*, 17(1): 5–36.
3. Terashita, Kazuhiro, Eunmi Cho, Juhyeon Jeong, and **Sunwoo Kwak**. 2024. "Who Mentions the Region?: Analyzing Geographical Representation through Parliamentary Speeches." *Journal of Parliamentary Research*, 19(2): 5–42.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Lee, Hyeongjae, Seonwoo Ahn, **Sunwoo Kwak**, June Jeon, Taegyoon Kim, and Jisung Yoon. 2026. "Who Counts as 'the People'? Measuring Contested Political Concepts from Political Speech using Masked Language Models." In *Proceedings of the 2026 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* (EMNLP 2026). Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

"Economic Agendas in Governors' Speeches Using Text as Data: Impact of Electoral and Institutional Conditions" (with Eunmi Cho)

"Mentioning Party Labels in Campaign Ads: Changing Campaign Behavior under a Polarized and Nationalized Context" (with Kyungrim Chung and Yoojin Kim)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting *2025*

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference *2025*

International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress *2025*

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention *2025*

World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Annual Conference *2024*

World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Asia Pacific Annual Conference *2025*

Korean Political Science Association (KPSA) Annual Conference *2023, 2024*

Korean Political Science Association (KPSA) Summer Conference *2024, 2025*

AWARDS & HONORS

Dissertation Fellowship, Idea Incubation Fund, Yonsei University Graduate School *2026*

Thesis: "Ideological Primary Challenges and Bipartisan Cosponsorship in the U.S. House: Strategic Retreat Among Challenged Incumbents"

Best Paper Award, Academic Support Program, Yonsei University GSA *2025*

Working Paper: "Economic Agendas in Governors' Speeches Using Text as Data: Impact of Electoral and Institutional Conditions"

Highest Honors Scholarship, Yonsei University (Undergraduate) *2023-1, 2023-2, 2024-1, 2024-2*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Applied Data Analysis, Yonsei University *Spring 2025*

Teaching Assistant, Method of Empirical Research, Yonsei University *Spring 2025*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Applied Political Methodology Lab, Yonsei University *2024–2026* (*Lab Manager, 2025–2026*)

Qualities of Democracy Lab, Yonsei University *2023–2026*

METHODS TRAINING

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS-Korea), KDI School and KAIST *2025*

Summer Methods Workshop, Korean Association of Party Studies *2024*

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Languages: English (Fluent), Korean (Native)

Computational Skills: R, Python, LaTeX, Quarto