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Employment

American University, School of International Service

Associate Professor of International Relations, 2019-present

Assistant Professor of International Relations, 2011-2019

C.W. Lim and Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies, 2011-present

The RAND Corporation

Korea Policy Chair & Senior Political Scientist, 2019-2020

Adjunct Political Scientist, 2020-2021

Oberlin College, Department of Politics and East Asian Studies Program

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009-2011

Education

Ph.D. Government (International Relations), Georgetown University, 2009

M.A. Security Studies, Georgetown University, 2004

M.A. Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, Korea, 2002

B.A. Political Science and Diplomacy, Ewha Womans University, Korea, 2000

Exchange program, University of New Castle, Australia, 1998-99

Research Interests

historical international relations, regional security order and U.S. alliance network in Asia, China-Korea relations, Japan-Korea relations

Fellowships and Awards

2022-2024 Non-Resident Fellow, The National Bureau of Asian Research

2023-2024 Visiting Scholar, Seoul National University

2022-2023 UniKorea Foundation Research Grant

2019-2021 Academic Research Grant, The Academy of Korean Studies

Spring 2018 Visiting Scholar, University of Southern California

2013-2015 Korea Foundation-Mansfield Foundation Scholar,
The U.S.-Korea Scholar-Policymaker Nexus, Mansfield Foundation

2013-2014 Competitive Research Grant, The Academy of Korean Studies

2013-2014 Fellowship on Peace, Governance, and Development in East Asia,
The East Asia Institute

2013 Inter-Asian Connections IV: Istanbul (travel stipend),
The Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

2009-2011 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Oberlin College

2010-2011 Non-Resident James A. Kelly Korean Studies Fellow,
Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

2008-2009 The POSCO Visiting Fellow, The East-West Center
 2008-2009 Jill Hopper Memorial Fellow, Georgetown University

Research and Publications

BOOKS

Ji-Young Lee, *China's Hegemony: Four Hundred Years of East Asian Domination* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2016).

Reviewed in *International Organization*, *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum Roundtable*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Chinese Military History*, *Survival*, *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of International and Global Studies*, *The Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *Asian Perspective*, *The China Review*, *China Insight*, *The Diplomat*, and *Voegelinview*.

Ji-Young Lee, *The Great Power Next Door: The Past and Present of Chinese Military Intervention in the Korean Peninsula* (under contract with Columbia University Press).

Research and writing in progress

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Ji-Young Lee, Eugeniu Han, and Keren Zhu, "Decoupling from China: How U.S. Asian Allies Responded to the Huawei Ban," *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 76, no. 5 (October 2022), pp. 486-506. (advance online, January 2022).

- Shortlisted for the 2023 Boyer Prize, awarded annually to the best article published in the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*

Ji-Young Lee, "The Tribute System and the World Imagined in Early Modern East Asia," *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, vol. 50, no 1 (September 2021), pp. 256-66.

Eleni Ekmektsioglou and Ji-Young Lee, "North Korea, Missile Defense and the U.S.-China Security Dilemma," *The Pacific Review*, vol. 35, no. 4 (July 2022), pp. 587- 616. (advance online, December 2020).

Ji-Young Lee and Jaehyun Lee, "Everyday Politics of "Dokdo" and South Korean National Identity: An Analysis of Education, Media, and Civil Society," *The Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law*, vol. 7, no. 1 (June 2019), pp. 67-87.

Ji-Young Lee, "Contested American Hegemony and Regional Order in Postwar Asia: The Case of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, vol. 19, no. 2 (May 2019), pp. 237-67. (advance online, December 2017)

Ji-Young Lee, "Hegemonic Authority and Domestic Legitimation: Japan and Korea under Chinese Hegemonic Order in Early Modern East Asia," *Security Studies*, vol. 25, no. 2 (April-June 2016), pp. 320-52.

Ji-Young Lee, "Diplomatic Ritual as a Power Resource: The Politics of Asymmetry in Early Modern Chinese-Korean Relations," *Journal of East Asian Studies*, vol. 13, no. 2 (May-Aug. 2013), pp. 309-36.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Ji-Young Lee, "South Korea's Strategic Nondecision and Sino-U.S. Competition," in Ashley Tellis, Alison Szalwinski, and Michael Wills, eds., *Strategic Asia 2020: US-China Competition for Regional and Global Influence* (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2020). (peer-reviewed), 74-101.
- Ji-Young Lee, "The founding of the Korean Chosŏn Dynasty, 1392," in Stephen Haggard and David Kang, eds., *East Asia in the World: Twelve Events that Shaped the Modern International Order* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020).
- Victor Cha and Ji-Young Lee, "Politics of South Korea," in Richard Valelly, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies: Political Science* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013). (peer-reviewed)
- Victor Cha and Ji-Young Lee, "Politics of North Korea," in Richard Valelly, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies: Political Science* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013). (peer-reviewed)
- Ji-Young Lee and Jaehyun Lee, "Dokdo in South Korean Education, Media and Culture," in Paul Huth, Sunwoong Kim, and Terence Roehrig, eds., *The Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute: South Korea, Japan and the Search for a Peaceful Solution* (Leiden: Brill, 2021). (peer-reviewed)
- *This chapter is a reprint of the *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law* article listed above.
- Julia Lau and Ji-Young Lee, "Teaching International Relations to a Multicultural Classroom," *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, vol. 24, no. 1 (2012), pp. 128-133. (peer-reviewed)
- Ji-Young Lee, "Review of 'Chinese Hegemony: Grand Strategy and International Institutions in East Asian History,'" *The Journal of Chinese Military History*, vol. 5, no. 2 (December 2016), pp. 180-82.
- Ji-Young Lee, "Review of 'Beyond North Korea: Future Challenges to South Korea's Security,'" *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 72, no. 2 (May 2013), pp. 482-84.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Ji-Young Lee, "South Korea's Views on the US, Alliance, and International Order"
- Ji-Young Lee, "Geography and Military Intervention in China-Korea Relations" (under revision for resubmission)

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- Ji-Young Lee, *The Geopolitics of South Korea-China Relations: Implications for U.S. Policy in the Indo-Pacific* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2020).
- Ji-Young Lee and Andy Lim, "Japan-Korea Relations: The Return of Shuttle Diplomacy," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 25, no. 1 (May 2023), pp 147-160.
- Ji-Young Lee and Andy Lim, "Japan and South Korea as Like-Minded Partners in the Indo-Pacific," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 24, no. 3 (January 2023), pp. 143-154.
- Ji-Young Lee and Andy Lim, "Japan-Korea Relations: The Passing of Abe and Japan-Korea Relations," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 24, no. 2 (September 2022), pp. 149-158.
- Ji-Young Lee and Andy Lim, "South Korea's New President and a Seoul-Tokyo Reset?," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 24, no. 1 (May 2022), pp. 137-46.

- Ji-Young Lee, Eugeniu Han, and Keren Zhu, "Decoupling Chinese Technology and U.S. Alliance Management" *Australian Outlook* (February 2022).
- Ji-Young Lee and Andy Lim, "Japan-Korea Relations: Awaiting a Breakthrough? PM Kishida and South Korea's Presidential Candidates," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 23, no. 3 (January 2022), pp. 133-142.
- Ji-Young Lee, "Difficult to Disentangle: History and Foreign Policy," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 23, no. 1 (May 2021), pp. 131-138.
- Ji-Young Lee, "A New Leader in Japan and Uncertain Future Scenarios," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 22, no. 3 (January 2021), pp. 131-140.
- Ji-Young Lee, "History, Trade, and Distrust," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 22, no. 2 (September 2020), pp. 121-128.
- Mintaro Oba and Ji-Young Lee, "Japan-Korea Relations: Pragmatic Stability, Latent Tensions," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 22, no. 1 (May 2020), pp. 119-126.
- Ji-Young Lee and Mintaro Oba, "Japan-Korea Relations: Tremors and Thaws," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 21, no. 3 (January 2020), pp. 121-128.
- Ji-Young Lee and Mintaro Oba, "Japan-Korea Relations: Cold Economics and Cold Politics," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 21, no. 2 (September 2019), pp. 105-112.
- Ji-Young Lee and Mintaro Oba, "Japan-Korea Relations: Hitting an All-Time Low," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 21, no. 1 (May 2019), pp. 105-114.
- Ji-Young Lee and Mintaro Oba, "Japan-Korea Relations: Unfortunate Circumstances and Escalating Tensions," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 20, no. 3 (January 2019), pp. 97-106.
- Ji-Young Lee, "Historical Memory and Reconciliation: A South Korean Perspective," in Tatsushi Arai, Shihoko Goto, and Zheng Wang, eds., *Contested Memories and Reconciliation Challenges* (Washington, DC: The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2015), pp. 37-47.
- Ji-Young Lee, "Historicizing China's Rise and International Relations of East Asia," EAI Fellows Program Working Paper Series No. 47 (December 2014).
- Ji-Young Lee, "Historically Speaking: Japan-ROK Relations and U.S. Asia Strategy," *Center for Strategic and International Studies Japan Chair Platform* (December 16, 2013).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "The New Cold War in Asia?," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 12, no. 4 (January 2011).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Same Dance, Different Floor," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 12, no. 3 (October 2010).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Cheonan Incidents Overshadows Everything," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 12, no. 2 (July 2010).
- Ji-Young Lee, "The U.S.-ROK Alliance and China: Beyond the Sinking of the *Cheonan*," *Asia-Pacific Bulletin*, no. 62 (May 28, 2010).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Same As It Ever Was," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 12, no. 1 (April 2010).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Small Signs of Progress," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 11, no. 4 (January 2010).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Japan's New Government: Hope and Optimism," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 11, no. 3 (October 2009).

- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Pyongyang's Belligerence Dominates," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 11, no. 2 (July 2009).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Conflict with North Improves Japan-ROK Relations," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 11, no. 1 (April 2009).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "In a Holding Pattern with Hope on the Horizon," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 10, no. 4 (January 2009).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Who's in Charge?" *Comparative Connections*, vol. 10, no. 3 (October 2008).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Tentative Improvement through Pragmatism," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 10, no. 2 (July 2008).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee "Inaction for Inaction," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 10, no. 1 (April 2008).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Lost in the Six Party Talks," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 9, no. 4 (January 2008).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "With a New Japanese Leader, New Opportunities?," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 9, no. 3 (October 2007).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Japan-Korea Relations: Treading Water, Little Progress," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 9, no. 2 (July 2007).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Honeymoon's Over," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 9, no. 1 (April 2007).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Abe's Ascension," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 8, no. 4 (January 2007).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Missile and Prime Ministers May Mark a Turning Point," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 8, no. 3 (October 2006).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "More Squabbling, Little Progress," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 8, no. 2 (July 2006).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Seirei Ketsuzetsu (Cold Politics, Warm Economics)," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 8, no. 1 (April 2006).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "The Big Chill," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 7, no. 4 (January 2006).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "No Major Changes," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 7, no. 3 (October 2005).
- David Kang and Ji-Young Lee, "Little Progress on North Korea or History Disputes," *Comparative Connections*, vol. 7, no. 2 (July 2005).

Scholarly Research Presentations (selected)

Harvard University, University of Tennessee, University of California, Berkeley, Australian National University, Beijing University, Ewha Womans University, University of British Columbia, Georgetown University, Seoul National University, George Washington University, University of Southern California, Keio University, Fudan University, Korea University, Koç University with Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Inter-Asian Connections, Asian Studies Association annual conference, International Studies Association annual conventions, and American Political Science Association annual meetings

Policy Activities and Public Engagement (selected)

Non-Resident Fellow, The National Bureau of Asian Research 2022-2024

Speaker, U.S. Government Publishing Office May 2019
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month event

KF-Mansfield Foundation Scholar, the U.S.-Korea Scholar-Policymaker Nexus 2013-2015

Policy briefings and roundtables include U.S. Capitol Hill, U.S. National Security Council, U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the National Intelligence Council, the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Korean National Diplomatic Academy, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government Office of National Intelligence, Australian Government Department of Defence, Australian Government National Security Committee

Participant in panels hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Brookings Institution, the National Bureau of Asian Research, the East Asia Institute, the Pacific Forum, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, Former Members of Congress, the Korea Society, the Asia Society (Switzerland, Australia), the Foreign Policy Association, Northeast Asian History Foundation, the Korea Economic Institute, the Geneva Center for Security Policy, George Washington University, Macquarie University, University of British Columbia, Georgetown University

Teaching & Advising

American University

Courses taught:

Nuclear North Korea (MA)
Korean Politics and Foreign Policy (MA)
North Korea and International Security (Undergraduate)
America's Alliances in East Asia (Undergraduate)
Disputes and Diplomacy: Korea, Japan, and China (MA)
U.S. Strategy in East Asia (MA)
China, Japan and the United States (Undergraduate)
Security in the Asia-Pacific Region (PhD)
Pride and Prejudice in International Relations (Undergraduate)
Advanced Seminar in International Relations (PhD)
Asia and Historical International Relations (Undergraduate, scheduled for Spring 2024)

Georgetown University & Oberlin College

Courses taught:

Power Politics and Culture in East Asian Foreign Policy
East Asian Security
America's Alliances in East Asia
East Asian Politics- the Cases of Japan and Korea
National Security Policy and History

PhD dissertation advising

Eleni Ekmektsioglou (UCSD Tech and International Security Postdoctoral Fellowship)
 Ji Young Kwon
 Matthew Hartwell (Harvard University Belfer Center Predoctoral Fellowship)
 Frieder Dengler (USC U.S.-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellowship; USIP Peace Scholar Fellowship)
 Lily Wojtowicz

Service*American University*

Organizer, AU Korea International History and Korean Peninsula Speaker Series (spring 2021- present)
 Organizer, AU Korea Economic Security Dialogue Series (fall 2023-)
 Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Curriculum (fall 2012-spring 2014)
 Advisory Council Member, Asian Studies Program (2013- present)

School of International Service

Chair, Search Committee for Korea in Global Affairs Postdoctoral Fellowship (2023)
 Co-coordinator, International Historical Studies Research Cluster (fall 2021- present)
 Member, 3 person-Committee for Tenure and promotion (fall 2023)
 Member, 3 Person-Committee for Reappointment (fall 2021)
 Member, Faculty Actions Committee (fall 2020-summer 2021)
 Member, Ph.D. Committee (fall 2020-present)
 Member, Global CRS Committee (fall 2018-spring 2019)
 Member, Standing Committee on Term Faculty Actions (fall 2018-spring 2019)
 SIS Faculty Vice-President (fall 2016-spring 2017)
 Member, Ph.D. Program Concentration in Security (2013-present)
 Member, Graduate Studies Committee (fall 2014- summer 2016)
 Coordinator, SIS Colloquium (fall 2014- summer 2015)
 Member, Committee Exploring a General International Affairs Degree Program (spring 2017)

Oberlin College

Organizer & Chair of Steering Committee, “International Symposium on History, Nationalism and National Security in Northeast Asia” (8-9 April 2011); with Oberlin Shanshi

To the profession

Chair, the Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations Committee, ISA Historical International Relations Section (2024 & 2025)

Member, Committee on Library Collection Recommendation, National Assembly Library of Korea [국회도서관 자료추천 위원단] (2023- present)

External Reviewer for *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Security Studies*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Millennium- Journal of International Studies*, *International Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *North Korean Review*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *The Pacific*

Review, Pacific Affairs, Columbia University Press, Lynne Rienner and Cambridge University Press

Review Panelist, the 2017-2018 Boren Scholarships
 Selection Committee Member, the 2017-18 AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

Media Appearances

Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, Japan Times, CTV News, South China Morning Post, Voice of America TV News, Nikkei Asian Review, Washington Post, CNN Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, Maclean's, BBC TV World News, This Morning, WAMU 88.5 FM, Chicago Public Radio WEBZ 91.5 FM, Kukmin Daily, Kyunghyang Daily, Yonhap News, National Journal, Global Security Wire, The Washington Times

The Conversation (January 24, 2018), "Is a Unified Korea Possible?" [single-authored] Republished in *Chicago Tribune, Yale University's YaleGlobal Online, The Straits Times, Global Security Review, and The News Minute*

The Conversation (May 14, 2017), "Four Things to Know About North and South Korea" [single-authored] Republished or quoted in *Newsweek, Channel NewsAsia, USA Today, Business Insider and Chicago Tribune*

As of 5 September 2023, versions of these two *Conversation* articles on Korea have been read 275,366 times.

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