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Academic Positions

- 2021-present** **University of Vienna, Department of East Asian Studies**
Post-doctoral University Assistant/Universitätsassistenten (equivalent: Assistant Professor)
- 2019-2021** **University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Education

- 2013-2019** **University of Toronto**
Ph.D., Department of Political Science
- 2011-2013** **Yonsei University**
M.A., Global Affairs and Policy
- 2005-2008** **Harding University**
B.A., Department of Political Science
- 2010-2012** **Sogang University & Seoul National University**
Korean Language Institute

Teaching Experience

- University of Vienna** VU150055, International Relations in East Asia
VU150126, Nations and Nationalism in East Asia
- University of Toronto** POL438, Political Economy of East Asian Development
POL242, Methods in Political Science
POL218, Introduction to Comparative Politics (*teaching assistant*)

Research and Writing

Working Papers (links to files)

“The Innovation Policy Preferences of Canadian Scale-up Firms”, with Travis Southin and David Wolfe.
[LINK](#) [*under review*]

“Localization of Global Networks: New Mandates for MNEs in Toronto’s Regional Economy,” with David Wolfe and Rick DiFrancesco. [LINK](#) [*under review*]

“Entrepreneurship Among North Korea Defector-Migrants in South Korea,” with Cheong-a Lee and Peter Ward. [LINK](#) [*revising*]

“National Security Conservatism and Enduring Support for the National Security Act in South Korea,” with Christopher Green. [LINK](#) [*revising*]

“Too much support? Entrepreneurial ecosystems and firm growth,” with Shiri Breznitz and Qiantao Zhang. [*in preparation for submission*]

“National Identification After Autocracy: What It Means to Be Korean in South Korea Today” [*in preparation for submission*]

“Building a Civil Society in an Authoritarian System: Determinants of Foreign Media Consumption and Dissemination in North Korea” [*in preparation for submission*]

Peer Reviewed Articles

2021 “Welfare Chauvinism Among Co-Ethnics: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in South Korea,” with Peter Ward. [LINK](#) [Forthcoming in *International Migration*]

“Who Should be Admitted? Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes toward Immigrants in South Korea,” with Christopher Green, *Ethnicities* 21(1): 120-145, DOI: [10.1177/1468796820916609](https://doi.org/10.1177/1468796820916609).

“North Korean Patriotism: Assessing the Success and Failures of a Nation”, with Christopher Green, *Korea Journal* 61(1): 154–185, DOI: [10.25024/kj.2021.61.1.154](https://doi.org/10.25024/kj.2021.61.1.154).

2020 “The limits of ethnic capital impacts of social desirability on Korean views of co-ethnic immigration,” with Peter Ward and Christopher Green, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/1369183X.2020.1797477](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2020.1797477).

“Entrepreneurs and Cluster Evolution: The Transformation of Toronto’s ICT Cluster,” with David Wolfe and Travis Southin, *Regional Studies* 55(2): 196-207, DOI: [10.1080/00343404.2020.1762854](https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2020.1762854).

2019 “Studying North Korea through North Korean Migrants: Lessons from the Field,” with Jay Song, *Critical Asian Studies* 51(3): 451-466, DOI: [10.1080/14672715.2019.1611462](https://doi.org/10.1080/14672715.2019.1611462)

2014 “How Authoritarian Regimes Maintain Domain Consensus: North Korea’s Information Strategies in the Kim Jong-un Era,” with Adam Cathcart and Christopher Green, *Review of Korean Studies* 17(2): 145-178, DOI: [10.25024/review.2014.17.2.005](https://doi.org/10.25024/review.2014.17.2.005).

“South Korea and a New Nationalism in an Era of Strength and Prosperity,” with Karl Friedhoff, *Stanford Journal of East Asian Studies* 14(1): 121-129.

2013 “Towards a Developmental Understanding of North Korea: An Institutional Approach to Economic Reform and Development,” with Christopher Green, *European Journal of Korean Studies*, 15: 92-111. [LINK](#)

“North Korea’s Cultural Diplomacy in the Early Kim Jong-un Era,” with Adam Cathcart, *North Korean Review* 9(2): 29-42, DOI: doi.org/10.3172/NKR.9.2.29.

Theses

2019 Does Democracy Matter? Political Change and National Identification in South Korea and Beyond (Ph.D Dissertation, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto), DOI: <https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/handle/1807/97443>.

2013. Nation, State, and National Economy: The Early 19th Century American Developmental State (MA Thesis, Graduate School of Yonsei University), DOI: https://dcollection.yonsei.ac.kr/public_resource/pdf/000000133753_20210914171806.pdf.

Books

2020 Adam Cathcart, Christopher Green, and Steven Denney (eds.), *Decoding the Sino-North Korean Borderlands* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2020).

Book Chapters

- 2021 “Plus ça Change? South Korean Public Opinion of the United States During the Trump Administration,” in *Divided America, Divided Korea*, Mitchell Lerner (ed.) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- 2019 “Democratic Support and Generational Change in South Korea,” in *Korea and the World: New Frontiers in Korean Studies*, Gregg A. Brazinsky (ed.) (Lanham, MD, Rowman & Littlefield, 2019).
- 2016 “Kim Jong-un and the Practice of Songun Politics,” with Christopher Green and Adam Cathcart, *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics*, Adam Cathcart et al. (eds.) (Routledge, Fall/Winter 2016).
- “Pockets of Efficiency: An Institutional Approach to Economic Reform and Development,” with Christopher Green, *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics*, Adam Cathcart et al. (eds.) (Routledge, Fall/Winter 2016).
- 2015 “The Implications of Civic Diplomacy for ROK Foreign Policy,” with Peter Hayes et al., in *Complexity, Security and Civil Society in East Asia: Foreign Policies and the Korean Peninsula*, Peter Hayes and Kiho Yi (eds.) (Open Book Publishers).

Research Papers & Reports

- 2021 “Into the Scale-up-verse: Exploring the Landscape of Canada’s High Performing Firms,” with Viet Vu and Ryan Kelly. Innovation Policy Lab and Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, September.
- “Just Out of Reach: The Elusive Quest to Measure the Digital Economy”, with Viet Vu. Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, June.
- “Scale the Gap: The Impact of Growth Barriers on Women Entrepreneurs in Canadian High-Growth Firms”, with Viet Vu. Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, April.
- 2020 “North Korean Refugee Entrepreneurs in South Korea: Unveiling Korea’s Hidden Potential: Unveiling Korea’s Hidden Potential,” with Peter Ward and Andray Abrahamian. The Asia Foundation, December.
- “Political Order and Civic Space in the Asia Pacific: A Multilevel Analysis of Trends, 1989-2020.” United Nations Office of Global Insights and Policy, June.
- “Impact of COVID-19 on the Market Research Community.” Delvinia-Insights Association Special Report. May.
- “COVID-19 and joblessness in Canada: A firm perspective,” with Viet Vu. Brookfield Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, April.
- “Firm Size and Payroll Adjustment: Exploring the Behaviour of Technology Firms During COVID-19.” Innovation Policy Lab Research Report, 2020-03, April.
- “The COVID-19 Crisis and Policy Preferences of Canadian Technology Scale-ups,” with Viet Vu. Innovation Policy Lab Research Report, 2020-02, March.
- 2019 “New Values & Old Orders: Where do North Koreans Fit in the New South Korea?,” with Christopher Green and Peter Ward, Leiden Asia Centre Special Report, May 14.
- “Entrepreneurs, Scale-ups and the Evolution of Toronto’s ICT Cluster: Insights and Lessons Learned,” Creating Digital Opportunity report (for the Innovation Policy Lab), April.
- “Overview of the Competitiveness of the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor,” special report to Toronto Global and other stakeholders, January.

- 2018 “Unification in Action? The National Identity of North Korean Defector-Migrants: Insights and Implications,” with Christopher Green, *Korean Economic Institute of America: Academic Paper Series*, October 1.
- 2016 “Identité nationale et nationalisme nord-coréens” [North Korean national identity and nationalism], *Korea Analysis* no. 11: 40-44.
- «Hell Chosun», expression de l’insatisfaction de la jeunesse sudcoréenne [“Hell Chosen:” Expressions of Dissatisfaction among South Korean Youth], *Korea Analysis* no. 9: 42-45.
- 2015 “The Whisper in the Ear: Re-defector Press Conference as Information Management Tool,” with Christopher Green and Brian Gleason, *Korean Economic Institute of America: Academic Paper Series*, March 12.
- 2013 “Confronting History in East Asia,” in Proceedings for Asan Plenum 2013: “New World Disorder,” The Asan Institute for Policy Studies.
- “South Korea and a New Nationalism in an Era of Strength and Prosperity,” with Karl Friedhoff CSIS PacNet #75, October 7.
- 2012 “American Foreign Policy towards the Korean Peninsula,” in Proceedings for Asan Plenum 2012: “Leadership,” The Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

Selected Reviews

- 2018 “Park Chung Hee and Modern Korea: The Roots of Militarism, 1866-1945, by Carter Eckert,” *Korea Journal* 58(3): 184-190.
- “Unveiling the North Korean Economy: Collapse and Transition, by Byung-Yeon Kim,” *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 25(1): 93-96.
- “North Korea’s Hidden Revolution, by Jieun Baek,” *Pacific Affairs*, Vol 91, no. 1: 176-178.
- 2015 “Assimilating Seoul: Japanese Rule and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Korea, 1910–1945 by Todd A. Henry,” *British Academy of Korean Studies (BAKS) Journal*, October 15.
- “The Korean War: An International History, by Wada Haruki,” *British Academy of Korean Studies (BAKS) Journal*, May 4.
- “Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876–1945 by Jun Uchida,” *British Academy of Korean Studies (BAKS) Journal*, May 13.
- 2014 “The Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia,” *Asan Forum* 2(6).
- 2012 “To Never Forget, One Must First Know,” review of *Escape from Camp 14: One Man’s Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West*, by Blaine Harden, *Korea Review*, 2(2): 171-175.

Selected Conferences, Workshops & Presentations

- 2020 “Scale the Gap: Impact of Growth Barriers on Women Entrepreneurs in Canadian High-Growth Firms,” Canadian Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (CCSBE) Annual Conference, October 16-17.
- 2019 “Entrepreneurs and the Evolution of Toronto’s ICT Cluster: Insights and Lessons Learned,” Creating Digital Opportunity, 6th Annual CDO Partnership Network Conference, Toronto, Ontario, April 29-May 1.

- “A Conjoint Analysis of South Korean Attitudes Toward Immigrants,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 4-7.
- 2018** “Transforming a Cluster While Building a Firm: Entrepreneurs and the Evolution of Toronto’s ICT Cluster,” 5th Annual Creating Digital Opportunity Partnership Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 25-27.
- “Does Democracy Matter? What the Re-socialization of North Korean Migrants in South Korea Tells Us About the Relationship Between Institutions and National Identity,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 5-8.
- “After Defection: The Identity Politics of Integrating North Korean Refugees,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC, April 18-21.
- 2017** “Korea and the World: New Frontiers in Korean Studies,” Conference/Workshop at the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., May 23-24.
- 2016** “Assessing Ethnic National Identity among North Korean Migrants in the ROK,” Brookings Institution Second Annual Young and Brave Conference, Washington, D.C., September 30.
- “What the Re-socialization of North Korean Immigrants Tells Us about Changes in Contemporary South Korean National Identity,” Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) 127th Overseas Korean Studies Colloquium, Bundang, South Korea, August 18.
- “Transformation of Korean National Identity: What Can Different Developmental Experiences Tell Us About National Identity Formation?” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 31-April 3.
- 2015** “Telling Tales: North Korea’s Use of Re-Defectors,” presentation for Korean Economic Institute’s Academic Paper Series, March 12.
- “Activated Borders: Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships,” 4th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network, City University of Hong Kong, December 8-10.

Professional Experience

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| 2020-present | National Endowment for Democracy
Research Analyst & Consultant |
| 2019-present | Innovation Policy Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy
Research Associate |
| 2012-present | SinoNK.com
Managing Editor |
| 2020-2021 | United Nations
Research Analyst & Consultant |
| 2019-2021 | Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship
Research Collaborator |
| 2019-2021 | Statistics Canada
Deemed Employee |
| 2019-2020 | Toronto Regional Board of Trade
Research Analyst & Consultant |
| 2018-2019 | E&Y / Toronto Global
Research Analyst & Consultant |

2018-2019	Asia Foundation Research Analyst & Consultant
2014-2017	The Diplomat Contributor & Analyst
2012-2013	Yonsei Journal of International Studies Chief Editor

Additional Qualifications

Languages	English (native), Korean (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), German (beginner)
Analytics	R (advanced), STATA (intermediate), SPSS (proficient), Nvivo (proficient)
Design	InDesign (intermediate), Photoshop (intermediate), Illustrator (proficient)

Awards and Funding

Fellowships

2019-2022	Mitacs Accelerate Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (University of Toronto)
2016-2019	Asian Institute Graduate Fellowship, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
2016	Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), Seoul, ROK
2012-2013	Young Scholar, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, ROK

Grants (USD amounts)

2020-2021	Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), Competitive Research Grant (\$25,000)
2020-2021	National Endowment for Democracy, Research Grant (\$60,000)
2020-2021	Facebook Research Grant, Study of Digital Occupations (\$100,000)
2018-2019	UniKorea Competitive Research Grant, Seoul, ROK (\$50,000)
2014-2016	Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) Competitive Research Grant (x3) (\$55,000)
2016	Richard Simeon Doctoral Student Scholarship, University of Toronto (\$5,000)
2014-2016	School of Graduate Studies (SGS), Competitive Research Grant (x2) (\$5,000)
2014-2015	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Visa Award, University of Toronto (25,000)

Media, Memberships & Associations

Commentator	CBC, City TV (Toronto), LA Times, Washington Post, Global & Mail, National Post, Financial Post, etc.
Reviewer	International Political Science Review, North Korean Review, International Migration, Asian Studies Review, Social Science Journal, Regional Studies
Member	Mitacs Association for Postdoctoral Researchers, Association of Asian Studies, Canadian Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Industry Studies Association

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