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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

Teaching Experience

- University of Vienna** VU150055, International Relations in East Asia
VU150126, Nations and Nationalism in East Asia
SE150138, Political Systems 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

“Foreign Information Flows Under Autocracy: The Role of Social Capital, Civil Society, and Markets in North Korea” [*under review*] [LINK](#)

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

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

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

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

[†] Selected links provided here. Links to all published files are provided at: <https://sdenney.net/publications/>.

“Too Much Support? Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Firm Growth,” with Shiri Breznitz and Qiantao Zhang. [*in preparation for submission*]

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2022 “Localization of Global Networks: New Mandates for MNEs in Regional Economies,” with David Wolfe and Rick DiFrancesco, forthcoming in *Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*. [[pre-print](#)]
- 2021 “Welfare Chauvinism Among Co-Ethnics: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in South Korea,” with Peter Ward, *International Migration*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12937>.
- “Who Should be Admitted? Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes toward Immigrants in South Korea,” with Christopher Green, *Ethnicities* 21(1): 120-145, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1468796820916609> .
- “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

- 2022 “Plus ça Change? South Korean Public Opinion of the United States During the Trump Administration,” in *Divided America, Divided Korea*, Mitchell Lerner and David Fields (eds.) (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

- 2021** "After the Korean War: An Intimate History, by Heonik Kwon," *Pacific Affairs*.
- 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

- 2021** “National Security Conservatism and Enduring Support for the National Security Act in South Korea,” Ostasienforum, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna, December 15.
- 2021** “Who Stays and Who leaves? Determinants of Public Support for Permanent Residency and Citizenship in South Korea and Japan,” American Political Science Association Conference, September 30-October 3. Presentation by co-authors Nicholas Fraser and Charles Crabtree.
- 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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| 2019-present | Innovation Policy Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy Research Associate (non-resident) |
| 2012-present | SinoNK.com Managing Editor |
| 2020-present | National Endowment for Democracy Research Analyst & Consultant |
| 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

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| 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

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| 2019-2021 | 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)

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| 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, Communist and Post-Communist 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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