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## Academic Positions

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

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## 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

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## Teaching Experience

- University of Vienna**             SE150093, Research Seminar for the Master's and PhD Thesis  
SE150138, Political Systems in East Asia  
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*)

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## Research and Writing

Working papers and links to published research are provided at: <https://sddenney.net/publications/>.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2022**     “Welfare Chauvinism Among Co-Ethnics: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in South Korea,” with Peter Ward, *International Migration* 60(5): 74-90.
- “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*.
- 2021**     “Who Should be Admitted? Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes toward Immigrants in South Korea,” with Christopher Green, *Ethnicities* 21(1): 120-145.
- “North Korean Patriotism: Assessing the Success and Failures of a Nation”, with Christopher Green, *Korea Journal* 61(1): 154–185.
- 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*.

“Entrepreneurs and Cluster Evolution: The Transformation of Toronto’s ICT Cluster,” with David Wolfe and Travis Southin, *Regional Studies* 55(2): 196-207.

2019 “Studying North Korea through North Korean Migrants: Lessons from the Field,” with Jay Song, *Critical Asian Studies* 51(3): 451-466.

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.

“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.

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

### 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).

2013. Nation, State, and National Economy: The Early 19th Century American Developmental State (MA Thesis, Graduate School of Yonsei University).

### Books

2022 *Koreaness Under Democracy: Why Institutions Matter for National Identity and Belonging* [in progress]

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

- 2022** “Improving North Korean Defector Integration in South Korea: Survey Findings and Recommendations,” with Christopher Green. *38 North*, May.
- 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

- 2022 “National Security Conservatism: Enduring Support for the National Security Act in South Korea,” Generation Asia – 2022 Nordic NIAS Council Conference, August 22-26.
- 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Professional Experience

- 2019-present**     **Innovation Policy Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy**  
Associate (non-resident)
- 2020-2022**     **National Endowment for Democracy**  
Research Analyst & Consultant
- 2012-2021**     **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

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## Additional Qualifications

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

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## Awards and Funding

### Fellowships

<b>2019-2021</b>	Mitacs Accelerate Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (University of Toronto)
<b>2016-2019</b>	Asian Institute Graduate Fellowship, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
<b>2016</b>	Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), Seoul, ROK
<b>2012-2013</b>	Young Scholar, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, ROK

### Grants (USD amounts)

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

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## Media, Memberships & Associations

<b>Commentator</b>	CBC, City TV (Toronto), LA Times, Washington Post, Global & Mail, National Post, Financial Post, etc.
<b>Reviewer</b>	International Political Science Review, North Korean Review, International Migration, Asian Studies Review, Social Science Journal, Regional Studies, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
<b>Member</b>	International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, European Association for Political Science

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