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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 of Study Program (Vice-SPL), East Asian Economy and Society (EcoS)
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

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** 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*)

Research and Writing

Links to published work are provided at: <https://sdenney.net/publications/>.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023** "How Autocracies Disrupt Unsanctioned Information Flows: The Role of State Power and Social Capital in North Korea," with Peter Ward. Forthcoming in *Problems of Post-Communism*.
- 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.
- 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

- 2023 “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

- 2023** "Because It Is Good for South Korea: Public Support for Defector Entrepreneurship," with Christopher Green. *38 North*, January.
- 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 Crabbtree.
- 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

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

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) |
| 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

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| 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, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies |
| Member | International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, European Association for Political Science |

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