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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

An overview of working papers and links to published work can be viewed at: <https://scdenney.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. *Problems of Post-Communism*.
- "Do Winners Pick Government? How Scale-Up Experience Shapes Entrepreneurs' Assessments of Innovation Policy Mixes," with David Wolfe and Travis Southin. *Science and Public Policy*.
- 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, *Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 15(2): 323-342.
- 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 *Nationalism 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).

Reports & Selected Papers

- 2023** "Because It Is Good for South Korea: Public Support for Defector Entrepreneurship," with Christopher Green. *38 North*, January.
- 2022** "Human Rights and the Future of the International Order: Where Does Seoul Stand?" *Korea On Point*, November.
- "Improving North Korean Defector Integration in South Korea: Survey Findings and Recommendations," with Christopher Green. *38 North*, May.
- "South Koreans Support Immigration, But Conditions Apply." *Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)*, March.
- "Information Dissemination in North Korea: A Report for NGOs," with Peter Ward. Report for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), January.
- 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, December.
- "Great Canadian Survey of 2021: Insights for the Council of Canadian Innovators", with Viet Vu. Innovation Policy Lab and Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, July.
- "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.
- 2019** "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.
- "New Values & Old Orders: Where do North Koreans Fit in the New South Korea?," with Christopher Green and Peter Ward. Leiden Asia Centre, May.
- "COVID-19 and joblessness in Canada: A firm perspective," with Viet Vu. Brookfield Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, April.
- "The COVID-19 Crisis and Policy Preferences of Canadian Technology Scale-ups," with Viet Vu. Innovation Policy Lab Research Report, 2020-02, March.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- 2023 “Measuring National Identity: A Choice-Based Conjoint Approach,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April 13-16.
- “Why Do Democratic Societies Tolerate Undemocratic Laws? Sorting Public Support for the National Security Act in South Korea,” International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, March 15-18.
- 2022 “한국인의 남북통일방식에 대한 의식적 결정요인 분석: 컨조인트 분석 조사를 중심으로” [Analysis of South Korean Attitudes Towards Unification: A Conjoint Experiment], 북한연구학회 [North Korean Research Institute], Seoul, South Korea, December 12.
- “Determinants of Co-Ethnic Integration in South Korea: A Conjoint Experiment,” East Asian Network (EAN), Institute for Asian Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, February 8.
- “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.

Research Grants (\$ USD)

Grants administered as Primary Investigator marked as * and Co-Investigator +

2023	IFES-MOU Overseas North Korea-Unification Policy Academic Research Grant (\$40,000) *
2022-2023	Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) Research Grant (\$13,500) *
2021-2023	Facebook Research Grant (\$100,000) +
2020-2021	Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) Research Grant (\$25,000) +
2020-2021	National Endowment for Democracy Research Grant (\$60,000) +
2017-2021	Mitacs-SSHRC Accelerate Grant (x2) (\$150,000) *
2018-2019	UniKorea Research Grant (\$50,000) *
2014-2016	Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) Research Grant (x3) (\$55,000) +
2016	Richard Simeon Doctoral Student Scholarship, University of Toronto (\$5,000)
2014-2016	School of Graduate Studies (SGS), University of Toronto, Research Grant (x2) (\$5,000)
2014-2015	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Visa Award, University of Toronto (\$25,000)

Professional Experience

2019-present	Innovation Policy Lab, University of Toronto , Associate (non-resident)
2020-2022	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
2012-2021	SinoNK.com , Managing Editor

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 Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Young Scholar/Intern

Additional Qualifications

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

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, 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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