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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

November 2024 – Present
Head, Southeast Asia and Oceania Team
[Korea Institute for International Economic Policy \(KIEP, Link\)](#)

August 2022 - Present
Associate Research Fellow, Southeast Asia and Oceania Team
[Korea Institute for International Economic Policy \(KIEP, Link\)](#)

FELLOWSHIP

October 2022 - Present
Fellow, [Global Labor Organization \(GLO, Link\)](#)

March 2025 – Present
Adjunct Professor, [College of Global Culture and Commerce](#)
Hanyang University ERICA

EDUCATION

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA	
PhD in Economics	2022
Dissertation Title :	
<i>“Three Essays on Globalization, Structural Change, and Political Economy”</i>	
Dissertation Committee :	
Devashish Mitra (Primary Advisor), Badi H. Baltagi, Gary V. Engelhardt, Leyla D. Karakas, Abdulaziz B. Shifa	
Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea	
MA in Economics	2017
Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea (Magna Cum Laude)	
BA in Economics	2015
BA in Political Science	2015

FIELDS International Trade, Political Economy, Economic Growth, and Southeast Asian Economies

PUBLICATIONS

Journal

[“Protectionism of Voters in the Philippines and Thailand: Comparative Approach to the Political Economy of Protection”, *Asian Economic Papers*, vol. 24 \(2\), 180-204, \(2025\)](#)

[“Attitudes towards Globalization Barriers and Implications for Voting: Evidence from Sweden” \(with Leyla Karakas and Devashish Mitra\), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 190, 851-877, \(2021\)](#)

Book Chapter

[“The Relationship between Economic Growth and Democracy: Alternative Representations of Technological Change.” \(with Almas Heshmati\), *Panel Data Econometrics*, Chapter 28, 885-929. Academic Press, \(2019\)](#)

Briefs and Opinions

[“Political Economy of Protectionist Trade Policies: Towards Strategic Response of Korea.”, *KIEP World Economy Brief \(WEB\)*, 25-10, \(2025\)](#)

[“Australians' Perceptions of Economic Security and Implications for Korea-Australia Cooperation.”, *KIEP World Economy Brief \(WEB\)*, 24-30, \(2024\)](#)

[“Protectionism and Domestic Politics in Southeast Asia and Oceania.”, *KIEP Opinions*, 280, \(2024\)](#)

WORKING PAPERS

"Protectionist Sentiment in the Era of the Global Value Chain", (with Wannaphong Durongkaveroj), *Under Review*

[“Democratic Consolidation, Unionization, and Growth-Enhancing Structural Change: Evidence from South Korea and Taiwan” *submitted*](#)

"Import Penetration, Export Expansion, and Election Outcome: Evidence from 2022 Election in South Korea", (with Sungbae An and Kyong Hyun Koo) *Accepted, Asian Economic Papers*

[“The Recent Rise of the Far Right and Voters’ Anti-refugee Attitudes in Europe”, \(with Yoonjung Kim\)](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Nonlinear Dynamic Gravity Model of Bilateral Trade with Flexible Adjustment Speed” (with Almas Heshmati)

"Birth Control and Growth: the Role of Culture", (with Minhyeon Jeong and Wongi Kim)

POLICY ANALYSES, in Korean, (연구보고서)

["Political-economic Determinants of Protectionist Trade Policies: Cross-country Evidence with Case Studies" \(Project Manager\), \(January 2024 ~ October 2024\) \(보호무역정책의 정치경제적 결정요인 연구: 주요국 사례를 중심으로, KIEP 기본연구, 책임\)](#)

["Trade Strategies and Economic Growth Paths of Five Southeast Asian Nations: Evaluation and Outlook of Export-Led Growth Strategies" \(Project Manager\), \(September 2023 ~ July 2024\) \(동남아 주요 5 개국의 통상전략과 경제성장 경로 : 수출주도성장전략의 평가와 전망, KIEP 중장기통상전략연구, 책임\)](#)

["Australia's Mid-term and Long-term Trade Strategies and South Korea-Australia Cooperation" \(Project Manager\), \(March 2023 ~ December 2023\) \(호주의 중장기 통상전략과 한·호주 협력 방안, KIEP 중장기통상전략연구, 책임\)](#)

["Voters' Attitudes towards Protectionism in Southeast Asia and Oceania: Evidence from Philippines, Thailand, Australia, and New Zealand" \(Project Manager\), \(January 2023 ~ July 2023\) \(동남아·대양주 유권자들의 보호무역주의 성향 연구와 시사점: 필리핀, 태국, 호주, 뉴질랜드를 중심으로, KIEP 연구자료, 책임\)](#)

GOVERNMENT RESEARCH, in Korean, (수탁연구용역 보고서)

“Development Strategies of Thailand and Other Middle-Power ASEAN Countries and Policy Proposals for Korea-ASEAN Economic Cooperation” (Project manager) (with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)), (May 2025 ~ November 2025) (태국 등 동남아 중견국 발전전략과 한-동남아 경제협력 방안 연구)

“Trade-Linked Economic Cooperation: Strategic Report on Implementation” (with Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA)), (May 2025 ~ November 2025) (2025 년 통상연계형 경제협력사업 2: 통상연계형 경협사업 추진 전략 보고서)

“Joint Study on ASEAN-Korea FTA Upgrade” (with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)), (December 2024 ~ May 2025) (한-아세안 FTA 업그레이드 공동연구, 산업통상자원부)

“Assessment of Korea-Australia FTA Implementation” (with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)), (December 2024 ~ August 2025) (한-호주 FTA 이행평가 연구, 산업통상자원부)

“Facilitating Uzbekistan’s Accession to the WTO” (with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)), (May 2024 ~ December 2024) (우즈베키스탄 WTO 가입 지원 연구, 산업통상자원부)

"Indo-Pacific Strategy's Core Projects and their Medium-Term & Long-Term Plans" (with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)), (September 2023 ~ December 2023) (인태전략 핵심 성과 도출 및 중장기 발전방향 연구, 외교부)

"Resetting International Trade and Investment Strategies to Secure Alternative Growth Engines for South Korea" (with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), Korea International Trade Association (KITA)), (November 2022 ~ March 2023) (한국 경제 신성장동력 확보를 위한 차세대 무역/해외투자 전략 재설정, 산업통상자원부&무역협회)

ISSUE PAPER, in Korean, (현안대응과제)

“U.S.-ASEAN Trade and Investment Structure and Reciprocal Tariffs: Prospects for Negotiation and Policy Implications” (Project Manager), (May 2025) (미-아세안 무역·투자 구조와 상호관세: 협상 전망과 시사점)

“Korea-Malaysia and Korea-Philippines Strategic Partnerships: Implications for Strengthening Economic Cooperation” (Project Manager), (December 2024) (한·말레이시아, 한·필리핀 전략적 동반자 관계 수립: 경제협력 강화를 위한 시사점, KIEP 세계경제 포커스, 책임)

“ASEAN Nations' Policy Reactions to Inflation and Their Implications”, (October 2022 ~ November 2022) (글로벌 물가상승에 대한 아세안 주요국의 대응과 시사점, KIEP 오늘의 세계경제)

GOVERNMENT DELEGATE (정부 대표단)

ASEAN-Korea Economic Ministers' Meeting 2023, 2024 (한-아세안 경제장관회의)

ASEAN-Korea Senior Economic Officials' Meeting 2023, 2024 (한-아세안 고위경제관리회의)

GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE (TF)

Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy. 「Food Industry Export Promotion TF」, February 2024 (대통령소속 농어업·농어촌특별위원회. 「수출 1 천억 달러 식품산업 육성 TF」 위원)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Global Trade Practice (Ph.D. level),
Primary Instructor (Adjunct Professor), Hanyang University ERICA, Spring 2025
- Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 101
Primary Instructor, Syracuse University, Summer 2021
(Overall average rating : 5/6)
- Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 101
Primary Instructor, Syracuse University, Summer 2020
(Overall average rating : 5.1/6)
- Advanced Game Theory and Economic Strategy (master), ECN 510
TA to Prof. Kristy Buzard, Syracuse University, Spring 2019
- Mathematical Economics (master), ECN 505
TA to Prof. Áron Tóbiás, Syracuse University, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020,
Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Game Theory and Economic Strategy (undergraduate), ECN 421
TA to Prof. Kristy Buzard, Syracuse University, Spring 2019
- Topics in Health Economics (undergraduate), ECN 410
TA to Prof. Perry Singleton, Syracuse University, Spring 2018
- Intermediate Mathematical Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 311
TA to Prof. Leyla Karakas, Syracuse University, Fall 2017
- Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate), ECN 301
TA to Prof. Áron Tóbiás, Syracuse University, Fall 2019, Fall 2020
- Korean Economy (PhD)
TA to Prof. Kwang Doo Kim, Sogang University, Fall 2016

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Research Assistant to Prof. Devashish Mitra, Syracuse Univ.	2021-2022
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AWARDS

Graduate Assistantship, Syracuse University	2017-2022
Summer Stipend, Syracuse University	2017-2021
Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Sogang University	2015-2017
Xavier Scholarship Albatros, Sogang University	2013

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Asian Economic Papers Panel Meeting Xiamen	2025
East Asian Economic Association (EAEA) Conference Bangkok	2024
Chulalongkorn University	2024
Thammasat University	2024
NESDC, Bangkok, Thailand	2024
Asian Economic Papers Panel Meeting Seoul	2024
International Panel Data Conference (IPDC) Amsterdam	2023
KIEP-KAEA Workshop	2023
Asian Economic Papers Panel Meeting Dublin	2023
Asian Development Bank Headquarter, Department Seminar	2023
Department of Finance of the Philippines	2023
Asian Economic Papers Panel Meeting Tokyo	2023
100 Years of Economic Development, Cornell University	2022
Jönköping University	2022

Corvinus University of Budapest	2022
Korea Institute for International Economic Policy	2022
Korea Development Institute	2022
Korea Labor Institute	2022
Korea Institute of Local Finance	2022
ISEAPA African Productivity Conference	2021
Sovereignty, Order, and Conflict	2021
International Panel Data Conference (IPDC) 2021	2021
Syracuse University Trade Breakfast (x2)	2021
Jönköping University	2020
Syracuse University Graduate Student Workshop (GSW)	2019
International Panel Data Conference (IPDC) 2018	2018
CESIS-KTH and Sogang Univ. Conference	2017

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

NY Camp Econometrics	2018,19,21
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EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board, Springer Nature Business and Economics	2022- Present
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JOURNAL REFEREE

Economics and Politics (x3)
Latin American Economic Review
Springer Nature Business and Economics (x3)
Journal of Economic Studies
International Journal of Public Policy
International Journal of Empirical Economics
Journal of Market Economy

MILITARY SERVICE

Republic of Korea Air Force, Air Force basement in Chungju, South Korea	2010 - 2012
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LANGUAGE

Korean (native), English (fluent)

CODING

Stata, Matlab, SAS, R

CITIZENSHIP

Republic of Korea (South Korea)