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Education

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S., Aug. 2007–Aug. 2011

***J.S.D.*** (Doctorate in Law)

Dissertation: ‘*Human Rights Institutions as Medium: NHRIs and RHRIs in Asian Human Rights Context*’

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Honors: Cornell Graduate Legal Studies Fellowship, 2007–2011.  
The CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Spring, 2010.

Activity:  *J.S.D. Editor*, Cornell International Law Journal, 2008–2011.

*Reviewer*, the Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference, 2008–2010.

*Judge*, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, International Round, Washington D.C., Mar. 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S, Aug. 2006–May 2007

***LL.M.*** (Master of Law)

Thesis: ‘*Economic Sanctions against Gross Human Rights Violations*’

Graduate School of Int’l Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Sep. 2004–Jul. 2006

***M.A.*** in International Cooperation

Concentration: International Law and Organization, International Relations.

Thesis: ‘*The Definition of the Crime of Aggression and the International Criminal Court*’

Honors: *Dean’s List* for Academic Excellence.

College of Law, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea – Mar. 1994–Aug.1998

***LL.B.***

Thesis: ‘*Legal Aspects of Political Offense Exception to Extradition*’ (*Honors*)

Honors: Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Seoul National University, 1994–1996; College Student Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS), 1994–1997.

Activity: Member of the Korean National Team, Philip.C.Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C., 1996.

Selected publications

Books in English

* ‘*Transitional Justice in Unified Korea*,’ Palgrave Macmillan, with Ruti Teitel eds. (2015)

Books in Korean

* ‘*Understanding the World from the Lens of International Law*,’ PYBook, with In-Seop Chung eds. (2019)
* ‘*The Third Generation Human Rights and North Korea: Right to Development and Right to Peace*,’ Korea Institute for National Unification, with Ju-Young Lee et al. (2019)
* ‘*Investigating Accountability and Criminal Indictment on North Korean Human Rights Violations*,’ Korea Institute for National Unification, with Kyu-Chang Lee et al. (2017)
* ‘*Forced Disappearance and Abductions by DPRK*.’ Korean Institute for National Unification, with Do-Kyoung Ok et al. (2015)
* ‘*Transitional Justice in Korean Peninsula*,’ Korea Institute for National Unification, with Suam Kim and Junghyun Cho (2014)

Articles in English

* ‘*2017 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea*,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.23, 263–272 (2019)
* “*Making North Korea Human Rights Compliant with a Pluralist Approach: Beyond the Commission of Inquiry Processes*,” co-authored with Seongji Woo, Korea Observer Vol.50 No.3, 373–394 (2019).
* ‘*Partially Right, Partially Wrong: Rethinking the Implementation of International Human Rights Law in Countries with Gross Human Rights Violations*,’ Pacific Focus Vol.13 No.2, 352–375 (2018)
* ‘*Universality of Human Rights, but Not Uniformity of Implementation?*’ Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law Vol.6 No.1, 80–84 (2018)
* ‘*Korean Judicial Decisions: Major Decisions in 2017 and 2018*,’ Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law Vol.6 No.1, 107–112 & Vol.6 No.2, 269–273 (2018)
* ‘*2016 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea*,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.22, 351–360 (2018)
* ‘*Democracy and the War on Terror in South Korea*,’ East Asian Policy Vol.9 No.4, 41–52 (2017)
* ‘*Korean Judicial Decisions: Major Decisions in 2016 and 2017*,’ Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law Vol.5 No.1, 133–138 & Vol.5 No.2, 239–244 (2017)
* ‘*South Korea’s Human Rights and Counter-Terrorist Fantasies*,’ co-authored with Ioannis Tellidis, International Public Policy Review (Mar. 2017)
* ‘*2015 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea*,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.21, 282–291 (2017)
* ‘*2014 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea*,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.20, (2016)
* ‘*The Hague Abduction Convention and its implications for multicultural families in Korea*,’ co-authored with Yoonkyeong Nah and Seokwoo Lee, Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, Vol.26 No.3, 320–341 (2016)
* ‘*Korean Judicial Decisions: Major Decisions in 2014, 2015, and 2016*,’ Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law Vol.4 No.1, 133–140 & No.2 209–214 (2016)
* ‘*Something to Consider: For Transitional Justice in Unified Korea*,’ Korean Journal of International Law, Vol 60 No.2, 99–130 (2015).
* ‘2013 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.19 (2015)
* ‘*2012 State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Korea*,’ Asian Yearbook of International Law Vol.18 (2014)
* ‘*Conditionality in Humanitarian Aid Relations*,’ Asian Journal of International Studies, Vol.19 (2014)
* ‘*NHRIs, RHRIs, and Human Rights NGOs*,’ Florida Journal of International Law Vol.24, 235–270 (2012)
* ‘*The Medium Foreseeing the Future*,’ Socio-Legal Review, Vol.8 No.1, 36–112 (2012)
* ‘*Mere Ritual or Gradual Change*,’ Northwestern Interdisciplinary Law Review Vol.5, 145–190 (Spring, 2012)
* ‘*Do We Need Regional Human Rights Institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region?*’ Korean Journal of International Law, Vol.56 No.2, 47–87 (2011)
* ‘*The Role of National Human Rights Institutions: The Experience of Korea*,’ Cornell Law School J.S.D./Doctoral Student Papers, Paper 4, (Berkeley Electronic Press, 2010). (http://scholarship.law.cornell.edu/dsp\_papers/4)
* ‘*Economic Sanctions against Human Rights Violations*,’ Cornell Law School Inter-University Graduate Student Conference Papers, Paper 11, (Berkeley Electronic Press, 2008). (http://lsr.nellco.org/cornell/lps/clacp/11)
* ‘*Myanmarese Refugees in Thailand: The Need for Effective Protection*,’ Cornell Law School J.S.D./Doctoral Student Papers, Paper 1, (Berkeley Electronic Press, 2008). (http://lsr.nellco.org/cornell/dsp/papers/1/), reprinted in 2 Yonsei Public Governance and Law, vol.1, 161–186 (2011)
* ‘*The Definition and Jurisdiction of the Crime of Aggression and the International Criminal Court*,’ Cornell Law School Graduate Student Papers, Paper 19, (Berkeley Electronic Press, 2006). (http://lsr.nellco.org/cornell/lps/papers/19)
* ‘Response paper: The Tokyo Women’s Tribunal and the Turn to Fiction by Prof. Karen Knop,’ Cornell Law School, Clarke Colloquium Series, (October 2009)
* ‘*New Institutions for Human Rights Protection in Iraq? National Human Rights Institutions and International Cooperation*,’ Cornell Advocates For Human Rights Newsletter, (Spring 2010)
* ‘*Korean Residents in Japan and Dual Nationality*,’ Cornell Advocates For Human Rights Newsletter, (Fall 2008)
* ‘*Impunity to Human Rights Abuser? The Case of North Korea’s Abductions of Japanese Citizens*,’ Cornell Advocates For Human Rights Newsletter, (Spring 2008)

Articles in Korean

* ‘*Humanitarian Intervention Revisited*,’ The Korean Journal of Humanitarian Law Vol.39, 73–94 (2019)
* ‘*Warmbier, et al. v. DPRK: State Immunity and Terrorism exception*,’ KSIL Issue Briefs 2019 No.2 (2019)
* ‘*Victim’s Rights and Victim-centered Approach in International Human Rights Law*,’ Korean Journal of International Law Vol.63 No.1, 163–203 (2018)
* ‘*Literature Reviews on KILR from Vol.1 to Vol.50: International Human Rights Law*.,’ Korea International Law Review, Vol.51 No.3, 45–62 (2018)
* ‘*Legality of Pre-emptive Attacks against DPRK*,’ KSIL Issue Briefs 2018 No.2 (2018)
* ‘*Pursuing Criminal Responsibility for Human Rights Atrocities in DPRK*,’ Korean Journal of International Law, Vol.62 No.1, 63–95 (2017)
* ‘*Development of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms in Asia*’ in Policy studies on international law in Korea 2016 (Korea National Diplomatic Academy ed., Jun. 2016)
* ‘*Evolvement of International Human Rights Instruments under the U.N.*,’ Korea International Law Review, Vol.43 No.1, 1–26 (2016)
* ‘*Forced Disappearance by DPRK and Crimes against Humanity*’ in Forced disappearance and abduction by DPRK (Korean Institute for National Unification ed., 2015)
* ‘*Human Rights Approach to North Korea Human Rights*,’ Seoul International Law Journal, Vol.21 No.1 (2014)
* ‘*A Review of the Commission of Inquiry on DPRK*’ in UN Human Rights mechanisms and North Korea (Korean Institute for National Unification ed., 2013)
* ‘*International Human Rights Law Perspective on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision in Kiobel*,’ Korean Journal of International Law, Vol.58 No.3 (2013)
* ‘*Role of U.N. Commission of Inquiry (CoI) DPRK*,’ ASAN Issue Briefs No.50 (2013)
* ‘*Policy Recommendations on Human Rights for the New Administration*,’ ASAN Issue Briefs No.48 (2013)

Selected academic presentations

* ‘*Comparative Lessons from South Korea: Implementing Truth and Reconciliation and the Role of Civil Society*,’ 3rd MELA Conference on Memory Laws in Europe and Beyond: Towards Ethical Governance of Historical Narratives, MELA & Asser Institute, Center for International and Comparative Law, Brussels, Belgium, May 2019.
* ‘*The Role of Human Rights NGOs in Asia-Pacific Region*,’ The 2019 Seoul Conference on Human Rights: Crafting Human Rights Policies – the Promise of Evidence-based Research, SSK Human Rights Forum & Human Asia, Seoul, Korea, May 2019.
* ‘*Peace in the Korean Peninsula and Transitional Justice*,’ 3rd KIC-EAI Int’l Conference: After the Singapore Summit, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 2019.
* ‘*Transitional Justice in Unified Korea*,’ Int’l Conference on the Development of International Law in Asia, White & Case LLP, New York, U.S., September 2018.
* ‘*Victim-centered Approach in International Human Rights law: Focusing on the Japan-South Korea ‘Comfort Women’ Agreement in 2015*,’ Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) Conference, TWAIL & National University of Singapore, Singapore, July 2018
* ‘*The State Practice of International Law: Korea 2017*,’ DILA International Conference, the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA), Islamic University of Indonesia, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, April 2018.
* ‘*State Responsibility and International Human Rights Law*,’ KSIL Annual Meeting, Korean Society of International Law, Seoul, Korea, October 2017.
* ‘*Human rights and counterterrorist fantasies: The case of South Korea*,’ AsianSIL 6th Biennial Meeting, Asian Society of International Law, Seoul, Korea, August 2017.
* ‘*The State Practice of International Law: Korea 2016*,’ DILA International Conference, the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA), Koguan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, June 2017.
* ‘*Human Rights and Enforced Disappearances*,’ International Conference: Enforced Disappearances in the Context of Transitional Justice, United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, Seoul, Korea, February 2017.
* ‘*The State Practice of International Law: Korea 2015*,’ DILA International Conference, the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA), Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, November 2016.
* ‘*The Accountability of Key Perpetrators of Human Rights Violations in North Korea: Issues regarding International Criminal Trials under the Rome Statute*,’ 2016 International Law Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, Korea, September 2016.
* ‘*Something to Consider: Transitional Justice and Korea*,’ Korea-Japan Symposium on International Human Rights Law, Osaka University, February 2016.
* ‘*North Korea: the Human Rights and Security Nexus*,’ CSIS, Washington D.C., February 2016.
* ‘*Rethinking the Implementation of International Human Rights Law*,’ AsianSIL 5th Biennial Meeting, Asian Society of International Law, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2015.
* ‘*International Human Rights Law and Role of NGOs in Asia*’ DILA International Conference, the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA), Hasanuddin University, Indonesia, October 2015.
* ‘*Local Government and Human Rights in Korea*’ World Human Rights Cities Forum, Korea Human Rights Foundation, Kwangju, Korea, May 2015.
* ‘*Transitional Justice in Post-Unification Korea*,’ Korea Global Forum, CSIS, Washington D.C., December 2014.
* ‘*International Mechanisms to Ensure Respect for International Humanitarian Law*,’ 9th Southeast and Northeast Asia Teaching Session on International Humanitarian Law (SEATS), International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), University of the Philippines, October 2014.
* ‘*Asian Perspectives on Human Security and on the Responsibility to Protect*,’ 9th Southeast and Northeast Asia Teaching Session on International Humanitarian Law (SEATS), International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), University of the Philippines, October 2014.
* ‘*Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Law in the Republic of Korea*’ DILA 25th Anniversary International Conference, the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA), Korea National Diplomatic Academy, October 2014.
* ‘*Partially Right, Partially Wrong: Rethinking the Implementation of International Human Rights Law in Countries with gross human rights violations*,’ 3rd Annual Junior Faculty Forum for International Law, University of Melbourne, July 2014.
* ‘*Transitional Justice in Post-Unification Korea*’ AsianSIL 4th Biennial Meeting, Asian Society of International Law, Delhi, India, November 2013.
* ‘*Civil Society and Transitional Justice in South Korea*,’ ASAN Transitional Justice Conference, Washington D.C., May 2013.
* ‘*Human Security and Human Rights in North Korea*,’ ASAN Plenum, Seoul, Korea April 2013.
* ‘*Human Rights in times of Transition*,’ ASAN-AUC Conference, American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, December 2012.
* ‘*Internalization of International Human Rights Norms*,’ KSIL Annual Meeting, Korean Society of International Law, Busan, Korea, October 2012.
* ‘*Regional Human Rights Institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region*,’ International Symposium on the Military Justice, Republic of Korea Army Headquarters, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Seoul, Korea, October 2012.
* ‘*The ‘Comfort Women’ Issue: Is there a solution?*’ ASAN Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, Korea, October 2012.
* ‘*The Medium Foreseeing the Future: The Development of U.N. Human Rights System and the Role of NHRIs*,’ 2012 The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting, New York, June 2012.
* ‘*Why Have We Failed to Establish Regional Human Rights Institutions in Asia?*’ Doctoral Scholarship Conference, Yale Law School, December 2011.
* ‘*Partially Right and Partially Wrong: the Reassessment of the Development of International Human Rights Law*,’ Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, October 2011.
* ‘*NHRIs in Asian Human Rights Context*,’ Asian Diversity in a Global Context – International Asia Conference, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2010.
* ‘*Human Rights Institutions as Medium*,’ 46th Annual New York Conference on Asian Studies, NYCAS 2010, State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport, October 2010.
* ‘*Do We Need National Human Rights Institutions?*’ Toward Critical Global Humanities- Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) Workshop, Brown University, June 2010.
* ‘*NHRI’s Achievements and Challenges: Experience of Korea*,’ National Human Rights Institutions Workshop, the Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, Australia, July 2009.
* ‘*The Prospects for a Regional Human Rights Mechanism in Asia-Pacific region*,’ Annual Graduate Law Students’ Conference, the Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, May 2009.
* ‘*NHRIs and Regional Human Rights Institutions*,’ the Fifth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference, Cornell Law School, March 2009.
* ‘*Economic Sanctions against Human Rights Violations*,’ the Fourth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference, Cornell Law School, March 2008.

A list of research interests

* Public International Law; International Human Rights;
* Third World Approaches to International Law; International Organization;
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Other teaching experience

* ‘*Public International Law*,’ Seoul National University, Korea– Fall Semester, 2015
* ‘*International Human Rights Law*,’ Seoul National University, Korea – Fall Semester, 2014
* ‘*Public International Law*,’ Seoul National University, Korea – Spring Semester, 2013

Professional experience

* Kyung-Hee University, College of International Studies, Seoul, Korea– Sep.2013–present
* *Assistant Professor*
* Korea Human Rights Foundation – Mar.2015–present
* *Auditor*
* Ministry of Unification, Center for North Korea Human Rights Records Mar.2017–Feb.2020
* *Advisory Member*
* Seoul International Law Academy – Mar.2015–Feb.2020
* *Executive Director*
* Ministry of National Defense – Mar.2018–Feb.2019
* *Human Rights Advisor*
* Int’l Human Rights Committee, National Human Rights Commission of Korea Apr.2015–Mar.2018
* *Advisory Member*
* Korean Society of International Law
* *Director of Research* – Jan.2019–Dec.2019
* *International Director* – Jan.2017–Dec.2017
* *Academic Director* – Jan.2016–Dec.2016
* Korean Society of Human Rights Law – Jan.2015–Dec.2016
* *Director of Research*
* Int’l Human Rights Committee, Korean Bar Association – Sep.2015–Aug.2017
* *Advisory Member*
* ASAN Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, Korea.– Sep.2012–Aug.2013
* *Research Fellow*
* Center for International Law and Conflict Resolution
* Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., U.S. Sep.2011–Jun.2012
* *Visiting Researcher*
* *Fellow, Asian Law and Policy Studies Program*
* National Human Rights Commission of Korea, Seoul, Korea
* *Research Fellow* – Summer 2009
* *Advisor of Chairperson* – Aug. 2009
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* *Administrative Manager 2004–2005*
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