

Yeilim Cheong

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Missouri, Columbia 2025-Present
Assistant Professor, Truman School of Gov. and Public Affairs

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego 2019-2025
Ph.D. in Political Science

- Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
- Committee: Stephan Haggard (chair), John Ahlquist, Agustina Paglayan, Margaret E. Roberts, Kaare Strøm

University of California, San Diego 2021
M.A., Political Science

Korea University 2017-2019
M.A., Political Science & International Relations

Sciences Po 2015-2016
Exchange Student Program

Korea University 2012-2017
B.A., Political Science & International Relations, and
Economics (Double Major), *Magna Cum Laude*

RESEARCH

Book Project

*Beyond the Struggle for Democratic Transition: The Rise and Fall of Opposition
Successor Parties.*

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Yeilim Cheong and Stephan Haggard. 2023. “Political Polarization in Korea.”
Democratization 30 (7): 1215-1239.

Yeilim Cheong and Stephan Haggard. 2024. “Violence and Democracy.” *Political Science Quarterly* 00 (0): 1-17.

Working Papers

“When State Repression Backfires: The Role of Information and Narratives.”

“Exit, Voice, or Loyalty? Economic Opportunity, Escape Viability, and Political
Dissent in North Korea.”

Work in Progress

“Why Some Opposition Successor Parties Win While Others Falter: Comparative Evidence from the Asia-Pacific.”

“Struggles that Strengthen: How Opposition Successor Parties Developed in the Shadow of Authoritarian Legacies in South Korea.”

“Democracy and Successor Parties in the Asia-Pacific.”

“Valence Scrutiny Gone Wrong? Party Activism and Party Candidate Selection in Polarized Environments.”

OTHER WRITING

Cheong, Yeilim and Stephan Haggard. February 2022. “Polarization in Korea Part I: The Public vs. Partisans.” The Peninsula Blog: Korea Economic Institute (KEI).

Cheong, Yeilim and Stephan Haggard. March 2022. “Polarization in Korea Part II: Divided Over What?” The Peninsula Blog: Korea Economic Institute (KEI).

Haggard, Stephan and Yeilim Cheong. January 2023. “2022 in Review: Is Korea Becoming More Polarized?” The Peninsula Blog: Korea Economic Institute (KEI).

Cheong, Yeilim and Stephan Haggard. December 2024. “The Rise and Fall of Yoon Seok-yeol.” UC IGCC Global Policy At a Glance.

CONFERENCES & TALKS

Presenter, KPSA World Congress for Korean Politics and Society. June 2019.

Discussant, Korea-Pacific Program’s Public Events, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy. January 2022.

Presenter and Discussant, University of Southern California (USC), Korea Studies Institute Graduate Symposium. February 2023.

Presenter, Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia (FEREA) Conference. New York University (NYU). May 2023.

Presenter, 17th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention in Europe (KS-GSC). May 2023.

Presenter, Political Economy Lunch Group (PELG) Speaker Series, UC San Diego. February 2024.

Presenter, Korea-Pacific Program’s Public Events, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy. May 2024.

Presenter, Michigan Korean Studies Summer Institute. Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor. June 2024.

Presenter, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA). September 2024.

Presenter, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshop. December 2024.

	Panelist, Democratic Crisis in S. Korea & Its International Implications. Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan. December 2024.	
HONORS & AWARDS	Best M.A. Thesis Proposal in Comparative Politics Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University	2019
	B.A. Magna Cum Laude Department of Political Science and International Relations, and Economics, Korea University	2017
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	Graduate Research Grant The Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research UC San Diego	2025
	Dissertation Fellowship UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC)	2024-2025
	Summer Graduate Teaching Scholars (SGTS) UC San Diego	2024
	Graduate Research and Travel Awards International Institute, UC San Diego	2023
	GPSA Travel Grant Award Graduate Student Association, UC San Diego	2023
	National Scholarship for Humanities and Social Sciences Korea Student Aid Foundation Full-tuition scholarships awarded for academic excellence	2014-2016
	Best Honors Full-Tuition Scholarship for Fall Semester 2013 Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University	2013
	Best Honors Full-Tuition Scholarship for Spring Semester 2014 Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University	2014
TEACHING	Instructor of Record (UCSD, Undergraduate) Korean Politics (Summer I 2024)	
	Lab / Discussion Section Leader (UCSD, Undergraduate) Political Inquiry (Scott Desposato, Summer II 2022 and Fall 2022; Umberto Mignozzetti Winter 2023 and Summer I 2023; Anthony Anderson Spring 2023) Introduction to Social Data Analytics (Sichen Li, Winter 2024) Ethics and Society II (Samuel Elgin, Winter 2022, Fall 2023)	
	Teaching Assistant (UCSD, Master's) Korean Security (Stephan Haggard, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023) International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (Stephan Haggard, Winter 2022, Winter 2023)	

	Teaching Assistant (UCSD, Undergraduate)	
	Abuse of Power (Kaare Strøm, Fall 2019) Politics, Policy, and Education Inequality (Agustina Paglayan, Winter 2020) California Government and Politics (Thad Kousser, Spring 2020) Politics of Multiculturalism (Claire Adida, Fall 2020) Analyzing Elections (Federica Izzo, Winter 2021) National and International Security (Randy Willoughby, Spring 2021) Political Psychology (Alexander Lange, Summer I 2021) Political Economy/Development (Simeon Nichter, Fall 2021)	
	Teaching Assistant (Korea University, Undergraduate)	
	Civil Wars (Jung Jai Kwan, Fall 2018) Political Parties (Jung Jai Kwan, Spring 2018) Overview on Political Science (Spring 2017) Liberty, Justice, Truth (Spring 2018 and Spring 2019) (Debate instructor)	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Stephan Haggard (UC San Diego)	2021-2023
	Jai Kwan Jung (Korea University)	2018
	Hun Joon Kim (Korea University)	2017
	Hyung-min Joo (Korea University)	
	Alexander Dukalskis (University College Dublin)	
OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE	Internship, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)	2015
	Research and statistics formulation assistance for S. Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA) projects	
LANGUAGES	Korean	Native
	English	Fluent
	French	DELF B2 certificate
	Spanish	DELE B1 certificate
SOFTWARE	R, LaTeX, Python, QGIS, STATA	
SERVICES	Referee: <i>Democratization</i> , <i>Journal of Contemporary Asia</i> , <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i> , <i>Party Politics</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Political Research Exchange</i>	
	2024 Research Apprenticeship Program for Dissertation Project (UC San Diego Department of Political Science)	
	Undergraduate Research Assistants/Mentees: Shahzaib Bandukda, Alex Chen, Annika Dengel, Bryan Garbanda, Jianyu Hao, Gretchen Knutsen, Jeffrey Tu	
	Volunteering Event Organizer, UCSD Political Science Graduate Student Council (2020-2022)	