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## ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

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Assistant Professor, Taipei School of Economics, National Tsing Hua University Aug 2025 -

## PAST POSITIONS

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Bong & Sul Research Fellow, Yonsei Institute of Population and Human Capital Aug 2025 - July 2026  
Visiting Fellow, Yonsei Institute of Population and Human Capital Dec 2024 - Jun 2025  
Postdoctoral Fellow, HKUST-SNU Jul 2024 - Jun 2025

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University May 2024  
M.Phil. Economics, Columbia University May 2021  
M.A. Economics, Columbia University May 2020  
B.A. Economics, Yonsei University Feb 2017

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

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**Primary:** Development Economics, Political Economy, Public Economics  
**Secondary:** Labor Economics, Economics of Migration

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Organized Crime, Local Politicians, and State Capacity**, *Journal of Development Economics*, (2026), 182, 103817

## WORKING PAPERS

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**The Illusion of Criminal ‘Order’: Institutional Trust and Municipal Finances in Mexico** (with Ana Isabel Lopez Garcia and Juan Pablo Figueroa Mansur), Revise and Resubmit at *Studies in Comparative International Development*

**Childbirth Effects of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami** (with Elizabeth Kayoon Hur), Revise and Resubmit at *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*

**Conflicts’ Long Shadow: The Decline of Local State Capacity in Burkina Faso** (with Ablam Estel Apeti, Rose Camille Vincent)

**The Impacts of Negative Income Tax on Labor Market and Health Outcomes: Evidence from a Large Scale Field Experiment** (with Hyuncheol Bryant Kim, Minki Kim, Jungmin Lee, and Sangyoon Park)

**Remittance and the Tax Structures in Developing Countries**

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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**Religious Conflicts and Educational Outcomes in Nigeria** (with Kayode Taiwo, Rose Camille Vincent)

**Exploring Demands, Preferences, and Public Service Provision in Fragile States: Evidence from a Randomized Survey Experiment in Haiti** (with Jung Mun Park and Rose Camille Vincent)

**Teaching the Tax Man: Experimental Evidence on Bureaucrat Training and Tax Compliance in Tanzania** (with Rose Camille Vincent)

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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### Grants

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| J-PAL Governance Initiative, Pilot Grant (Co-PI, With Rose Camille Vincent)                                                           | 2026-   |
| National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan) New Faculty Grant (PI)                                                               | 2026-27 |
| Ministry of Education (South Korea), <i>"Developing Policy Analysis Tools through Integrating Administrative Data"</i> (Investigator) | 2024-25 |
| Center for Development Economics and Policy grant, Columbia University (PI)                                                           | 2022    |

### Scholarship and Fellowship

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University                       | 2023-24          |
| Research Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) | 2018-20, 2021-24 |
| Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University                             | 2018-23          |
| Dual Undergraduate-Graduate Degree Scholarship, Yonsei University  | 2017-18          |
| Special Scholarship for Undergraduate Students, KFAS               | 2015-16          |
| National Humanities Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation      | 2011-12, 2015-16 |

### Honors and Awards

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Best paper, Korea Uni.-KIEP Paper Competition on South East Asian Studies | 2020 |
| Wueller Teaching Award, Winner (Undergraduate Core)                       | 2020 |
| 3rd Best Paper, Korea Institute of Public Finance Economics Paper Contest | 2017 |
| 2nd Best Paper, Maeil Business Newspaper Economics Paper Contest          | 2017 |

## EXTERNAL SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Note:** Items in *italics* indicate forthcoming presentations

**2026** Utrecht University; Oxford Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference 2026; Western Economic Association International Conference, Bangkok; Workshop on Social Safety Net and Economic Opportunity, Seoul National University; KER International Conference 2026, Jeju; KDI School of Public Policy; *National Taiwan University (School of Political Science and Economics); Academia Sinica*

**2025** KER International Conference 2025, Econometric Society World Congress Meeting, Seoul, National Taipei University

**2024** KADP-KIEP Joint Seminar, Seoul National University; KAAE - DEEP Joint Seminar (virtual); Taipei School of Economics and Political Science, National Tsing Hua University

**2023** Hiroshima University; Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economics Conference, National Taiwan University; Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University in St. Louis

**2021** IGC-DevLab@Duke Research Team Matching and Proposal Development Workshop (virtual); Paris School of Economics Summer School, Development Economics Program (virtual)

- 2018** Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Sogang University; International Panel Data Conference, Sogang University
- 2017** Korea-Japan Inter-University Conference, Ewha University; Korea Institute of Public Finance Conference
- 2016** Korea-Japan Inter-University Conference, Korea University

## TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor at Taipei School of Economics**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Public Economics and Development (Masters and Ph.D.)              | S2026        |
| Conflict and Peace (Political Economy of Development, Ph.D. Core) | F2025, F2026 |

### **Teaching Assistant in Columbia University**

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) | S2024, F2022, F2021, S2021, F2019 |
| Introduction to Econometrics II (Ph.D. core) | S2022, S2020                      |
| Economic Policy Analysis (Masters)           | F2020                             |

### **Teaching Assistant in Yonsei University**

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Public Finance (Undergraduate)              | S2018, S2017, F2016 |
| Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) | F2017               |
| Korean Economic Development (Undergraduate) | S2016, F2015        |

### **Research Assistant**

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| Bank of Korea Knowledge Partnership Program | Mar 2017 - Dec 2017 |
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## PERSONAL DETAILS

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**Nationality:** South Korea

**Language:** English (Fluent), Korean (Native), French (Basic, DELF B2), Spanish (Beginner)

**Programming:** Stata, Python, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , QGIS, MATLAB, Eviews, and SQL

**Military Service:** Sergeant, English Interpreter, Republic of Korea Army (May 2013 - Feb 2015)