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ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

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

PAST POSITIONS

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

WORKING PAPERS

The Illusion of Criminal Monopolies: Organised Crime and Municipal Finances in Mexico (with Ana Isabel Lopez Garcia and Juan Pablo Figueroa Mansur), Revise and Resubmit at *Studies in Comparative International Development*

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 Supply and Household Expenditure: 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

High-Stakes in the Crossfire: 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)

Impact of Inflow of Foreign Workers on Korean Shipbuilding Industry: Evidence from Administrative Data (with Yunji Choi and Jongkwan Lee)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Grants

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), *"Developing Policy Analysis Tools through Integrating Administrative Data"* (Investigator)	2024-25
Center for Development Economics and Policy grant, Columbia University (PI)	2022

Scholarship and Fellowship

Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University	2023-24
Research Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS)	2018-20, 2021-24
Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University	2018-24
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

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

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; Econometric Society Australasia Meeting, Adelaide University*

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

Instructor at Taipei School of Economics

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

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

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

Research Assistant

Bank of Korea Knowledge Partnership Program	Mar 2017 - Dec 2017

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: South Korea

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

Programming: Stata, Python, R, LaTeX, QGIS, MATLAB, Eviews, and SQL

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