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CURRENTLY SERVING AS

- **Research Associate,**
The Centre for Asian Studies in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa
(2023.09 – present)
- **Research Associate,**
K-Academic Diffusion Research Center, Inha University, Korea
(2024. 08 – present)
- **Member of the reviewing committee of the government-affiliated institutions,**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2021. 07 – present)
- Advisor at the Korea-Africa Foundation (2021.12- present)
- Executive board member (International Affairs) at Korea Academic Association of African Studies (2022.01 – present)
- Executive board member (Academic Affairs) at Korea Academic Council on the United Nations System (2025. 02- present)
- Executive board member (International Affairs) at Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation
- Editorial committee member at Journal of the Korean Association of African Studies (2022.01- present)

EDUCATION

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| 2014 | PhD (awarded funding from the Korean government)
International Relations
Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape
Cape Town, South Africa
Thesis
Aid Dependence and the Political Economy of Aid-directed Foreign
Policy: Elite Perceptions on Mercantilism in Korea and Ghana |
| 2010 | Master of Social Science (distinction in dissertation) |

International Relations

Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town

Cape Town, South Africa

Mini-thesis

Leadership and Bureaucracy in Developmental States: Case studies of Korea and Ghana

2007

Master of Arts

International Commerce

Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University

Seoul, Korea

2001

Bachelor of Arts

Media Studies & English Literature, Sogang University

Seoul, Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Book under Contract

1. **Kim, S.** *Connecting Southern Africa and the Two Koreas: Paths of Reversing Soft Power*. Anticipated publication date: forthcoming (Springer).

Refereed Journal Articles

1. **Kim, S.** (2025, in print) Korea's solidarity with the Global South (to which it didn't and doesn't belong), *Pacific Focus* (SSCI)
2. 고선규 & 김수원 (2025, in print) Modelling AI political party: Operation system for better democracy, *연구방법논총* (KCI)
3. 김수원 (2024) 아프리카 미들파워 연구: 모로코의 실리적 가교 외교, *한국아프리카학회집* (73), pp.45-76 (KCI)
4. 김수원 & 강우철 (2024) 인도태평양 전략에서 아프리카 개발협력의 의미: 한일협력의 가능성을 중심으로. *국제지역연구* 28(4), pp. 143~166 (KCI)
5. **Kim, S.** (2023) When film met aid, in a city of a Southern donor. *Journal of International and Area Studies*, 30(2), pp. 47-64 (KCI)
6. **Kim, S.** (2023) Almost South-South solidarity: The frustration of K-pop fans (but not true fans) in South Africa. *International Journal of Cultural Studies*, 26(5): 518-535 <https://doi.org/10.1177/13678779231181412> (SSCI: IF 2.1)

7. **김수원** (2022) 남아공 문화콘텐츠 정책의 변천과 문화교류 (Cultural Exchange and the Political Economy of the South African Mediascape). *문화교류와 다문화 교육*(Cultural Exchange and Multicultural Education), 11(6), pp 393-416 (KCI)
8. **Kim, S.** (2021) Hallyu, Public Diplomacy, and Development Cooperation: Korea's Cultural Diplomacy Concocted for Africa, *Journal of International and Area Studies*, 28(2), pp.1-16 (KCI)
9. **Kim, S.** (2021) "Stop killing OUR rhinos!": Transformation of khaki-clad colonialism into the collective rhino keeper identity. *국제지역연구*, 25(2), 147-164 (KCI)
10. **Kim, S.** (2020) Aggressive yet benign: Korea's engagement in creative industries in Africa. *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, 26(7), 929-941. (A&HCI, SSCI: IF 2.173)
11. **Kim, S.** (2019) The misadventure of 'Korea Aid': Developmental soft power and the troubling motives of an emerging donor. *Third World Quarterly*, 40(11), 2052-2070. (SSCI: IF 3.327)
12. **Kim, S.** (2018) Who watches Korean TV dramas in Africa? A preliminary study in Ghana. *Media, Culture and Society*, 40(2), 296-306. (SSCI: IF 3.171)
13. **Kim, S.** (2016) Ghana's quest for external financial source. *Journal of International Area Studies*, 20(4), 137-162. (KCI)
14. **김수원** (2015) 코뿔소 밀렵의 정치경제: 원조공여국 주도로 만들어진 SADC 국경 관리 원칙이 미치는 영향을 중심으로 (Rhino poaching and the border control in the SADC). *Journal of International Area Studies*, 19(3), 63-90. (KCI)
15. **Kim, S.** (2014) Mao's New Democracy and Ghana's foreign policy change in 1983. *African East-Asian Affairs*, 2014(2), 38-61. (DHET)

Chapter in book /book parts

1. **Kim, S.** and Yongkyu Chang (2024) "Taking off the Blinkers in South Africa: From Hollywood on TV to Korean Dramas on the Web." In *Asia-Africa-Multifaceted Engagement in the Contemporary World*. Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore, pp. 205-220.
2. **김수원** (2024) 아프리카를 향한 왜곡된 시각, 빈곤 포르노 (김수원) *글로벌 미디어로 읽는 세계: 국제 관계를 꿰뚫어 보는 미디어 리터러시* (2024), 초록비책공방, pp. 212-232
3. **Kim, S.** and Tycho van der Hoog (Forthcoming) The Evolution of Korean-African Relations: The Inter-Korean Rivalry in Africa. The University of Johannesburg's (UJ) Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC)

4. 장용규, 김계리, **김수원**, 박지민 (2022) 아프리카 문화콘텐츠 산업의 발전과 한국에 주는 함의 (Cultural content industry in Africa and what it means to Korea). 세계지역전략연구 22-05, 대외경제정책연구원 (Korea Institution for International Economic Policy) (ISBN 978-89-322-9036-2 94320)
5. **김수원** (2021) 기술과 문화분야 개발협력: 디지털 디바이드의 관점에서 (Development cooperation in technology and culture). 편집 김태균. *한국-아프리카 국제개발협력 톨아보기: 한국적 이드와 서구식 얘고를 넘어서* (Rethinking Korea-Africa Development Cooperation: Beyond Korean Id and Western Ego). 서울대학교 국제학연구소 (Seoul National University, Centre for International Studies), pp.235-269. (ISBN 978-89-499-4962-8)
6. **Kim, S.** (2020) Dynamics of Korea-Africa cultural engagements. In Chang Y (eds) *South Korea's Engagement with Africa: A History of the Relationship in Multiple Aspects*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 133-158.
7. 김수원 (2020) 아프리카 문화산업 이해와 문화교류 전망, 아프리카 주요이슈 브리핑 3 권, 1 호, 서울: 한아프리카재단. pp. 235-265

TEACHING & RESEARCH FIELDS

Korea's foreign policy (Africa), public diplomacy, development cooperation, the International political economy of cultural and creative industry, food and animals

Non-degree academic background

- The 11th Democracy and Diversity Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2012, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School (New York, US)
- A course for docent, 2009, Seoul Museum of Art (Seoul, Korea)
- Sommerhochschule, 2006, University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)
- Exchange programme, 2004, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University (New York, US)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020-present	Assistant professor International Development Studies Graduate School of International and Area Studies Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Seoul, Korea)
2016-2019	Extraordinary Research Fellow Department of Political Studies

University of the Western Cape (Cape Town, South Africa)

- 2015-2016 Adjunct Professor
Department of International Relations
Webster University (HQ: St. Louise, US)
- 2015 Lecturer
Graduate School of International Studies
Korea University (Seoul, Korea)
- 2015 Lecturer
Graduate School of International and Area Studies
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Seoul, Korea)

GRANTS & PROJECTS

2023. 09-12 ODA capacity building in municipalities in the Asia-Pacific region.
Gyeonggi-do (Project Manager, KRW 60,000,000)
2023. 05-08 The diplomatic strategy for African Coast of the Indian Ocean in Korea's
Indo-Pacific Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Project Manager, KRW
20,000,000)
2023. 04-08 The public relations strategy for 2023 Korea-Africa Summit, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs (Co-researcher, KRW 50,000,000)
- 2020, 2021, Research Grants, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (KRW 10,000,000)
2022
- 2019 Research Grant for Part-time Lecturers
National Research Foundation, Korea (KRW 14,000,000)
- 2015 Research Grant for the Independent Research of Strategic Areas
Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Korea (KRW 4,500,000)
- 2012 Democracy and Diversity Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic
Studies, New School, US (Tuition Waiver)
- 2009-2011 Korean Government Scholarship for PhD candidates
National Institution for International Education, Korea (USD 51,900)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (International only)

- 2024 The post-SDGs, culture, and decolonisation: A Southern donor's cultural aid, The JAHSS & JASID Joint International Conference, Tokyo, Japan
- 2024 Korea's Museum Diplomacy, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2024 A Weeper in the Keepers' Club: Korea's Museum Aid in the DRC (co-authored with Jérémie Eyssette), Mapping Asia-Africa Connections in a changing world order, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 2024 South-South Solidarity, Korean Studies and Contending Issues between Mongolia and Korea, Jeju, Korea
- 2024 The potential for Korea-Japan collaboration in Africa: The Indo-Pacific Strategies, The Japan Association for African Studies the 61st Annual Conference, Osaka, Japan
- 2023 Hallyu We Trust, University of Goethe, Germany
- 2023 Creative Korea: Exploring Contemporary Korean Cultural Industries and Cultural Production, Bologna, Italy (online)
- 2023 When film met aid: The transformation of Korea Model, University of Central Lancashire, England
- 2021 Panel discussion at North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum 2021: Development Cooperation of North-East Asian Countries in Strengthening post-COVID-19 Risk Resilience, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office, etc. Virtual meeting
- 2020 Tantalisingly close yet too far: the paradox of digital public diplomacy towards the global South. The KAPD International Conference 2020. Korea Association of Public Diplomacy, Seoul
- 2020 South Korea's Engagement with Africa-Mapping Africa's Global Engagement by Reconfiguring African Studies, The Centre for African Studies (CAS), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (online)
- 2019 The Two Koreas and Africa. The 2nd RCCZ International Conference. Intermingling and Hybridity in Contact Zones. JungAng University, Korea
- 2019 The misadventure of 'Korea Aid'. The UN and Africa: Progress Towards Achieving the SDGs, Academic Council on the United Nations System, 2019 Annual Meeting, June, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2018 *The two Koreas and Africa*. India and Africa: An Afro-Asian Perspective, Jamia Millia Islamia and Centre for African Studies, New Delhi India.
- 2017 *The troublesome motives of an emerging donor*. A paper presented at the 5th World Congress of Hallyu Studies, University of Seoul, Seoul Korea.

- 2017 *Save our rhinos: a race towards being a true South African*. Paper present at Space, Place and Hybridity in National Imagination, Grenoble Alps University, Grenoble France.
- 2017 *The troublesome motives of an emerging donor: 'Korea Aid', 10 vehicles carrying Bibimbab and K-pop for African development*. The European Association of African Studies 2017, Basel University, Basel Switzerland.
- 2016 *Hallyu in Sub-Saharan Africa: preliminary investigations in Ghana*. Paper presented at Korean Screen Studies Conference, King's College, London UK.
- 2014 *The Creation and Alteration of Borders in Africa*. Paper presented at Maritime and Terrestrial Borders in the World, Northeast Asian History Foundation, Seoul Korea
- 2013 *Ideological Influence of Mao's New Democracy on Ghana's Foreign Policy Change in 1983*. Paper presented at Office of Human Resources and the Center for Cold War International History Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai China
- 2013 *Developmental Leadership: A Comparison of Korea under Park Chung-hee and Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah*. Paper presented at "2050 - Africa's future on the horizon: Prospects and challenges for development," Young Graduate Scholars Conference, North West University, Pretoria South Africa.
- 2011 *The Political Economy of Aid-Orientated Foreign Policy Change: Elite Perceptions on Mercantilism in Korea and Ghana*. Paper presented at Global South Doctoral Workshop organised by The Graduate Institute in Swiss, Yogyakarta Indonesia.

INVITED TALKS

1. 아프리카 진출전략, 현자자동차 (2024)
2. 아프리카 문화산업 교류 전략, 대외경제정책연구원 (2024)
3. 빈곤포르노 밖의 아프리카 바로 읽기 (Read Africa beyond poverty porn), 미디어외교센터 미디어 리터러시 교육 프로그램, 서울 (2022.06.27)
4. '남아공 인권과 법치주의 (Human rights and the rule of law in South Africa)', 국제민주연구소 (National Democratic Institute), 서울 (온라인) (2022. 02.17)
5. Hallyu: Twenty-Five Years and Beyond: KCC OECD. Paris, France (2021)

6. '아프리카 남부지역 개괄 (Introduction to the southern Africa)'. 제 73 차 국회 아프리카 새 시대 포럼 아침세미나, 국회의원회관, 서울 (2020.08.07)
7. 'Aggressive yet benign', 대외경제연구원 전문가 포럼, 세종시 (2020. 07. 30)
8. Discussion on Saemaul Mindset DEEP Programme in South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa (2018.11.06)
9. How South African Elite understand Korean Economic Model? An invited talk at seminar on Korea-South African Economic Cooperation by Korea-Africa Exchange Association, Seoul. Korea. (2014.12.14)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (New classes only, all lectures delivered in English)

2023	Culture and Development, The IPE of Korean popular culture and Hallyu
2022	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, Urban Development, International Political Economy, International Studies in the Global Age, Understanding International Development Cooperation, HUFS
2021	Aid and Diplomacy, Industrial structure and comparative development, HUFS
2020	ICT and Social Change, Monitoring and Evaluation, Politics of Development, Political Economy of International Development Assistance, Global Governance and NGOs, HUFS
2017	Understanding Foreign Policy (3 rd grade), Department of Political Science and International Relations, Soongsil University
2016	Asian Area Studies (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
2016	Introduction to International Relations (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
2016	Issues in International Politics: Sport and Politics (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
2016	War and Diplomacy (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
2015	Comparative Foreign Policy (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
2015	Politics of Development (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University

- 2015 Politics of the Developing World (Undergraduate), Department of International Relations, Webster University
- 2015 Non-thesis reading/research & Capstone in International Relations, (Master's), Department of International Relations, Webster University
- 2015 International Development Program and Project, Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University
- 2014 Special lectures on foreign aid (Undergraduate), Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape
- 2014 International Political Dynamics (Undergraduate), Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape

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