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Education

PhD- Middle East and African Studies, 2019– Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Dissertation: *Economic Development and Incumbency: A Case Study of the Effects of Economic Performance on Voting Patterns in Eastern Turkey under the AKP.*

MA- Political Science- Concentration in Politics of the Middle East, 2015– Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

BA- Political Science, Minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, 2010– University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Research and Scholarship

Peer Reviewed Publications

Lawrence, Robert. 2019. "Turkey's 2014 Presidential Elections and Kurdish Nationalist Movements in Turkey, Syria, and Iraq." *The Journal of Middle Eastern Affairs* 18, no. 4: 1-29.

Lawrence, Robert. 2021. "Deteriorating U.S.-Turkish Relations: A Critical Juncture Approach." *The Journal of Middle Eastern Affairs* 20, no.1: 38-76.

Lawrence, Robert. 2021. "Turkey, the Caucasus, and Central Asia: A Multidimensional Energy Security Approach." *The Journal of Eurasian Turkic Studies* 6: 140-155.

Lawrence, Robert. 2022. "Chaldiran Revisited: Positing an Alternative Emergence of the Kurdish *Ethnie*." *Journal of the Korean Association of Islamic Studies* 32, no. 2: 105-130.

Lawrence, Robert. 2023. "The 2017 Kurdish Independence Referendum and Political Disarray in the Kurdish Region of Iraq." *Journal of the Korean Association of Islamic Studies* 33, no. 3: 129-170.

Lawrence, Robert. 2024. "Foreign and Domestic Objectives in Turkish Approaches to Changes in Global Order." *Korean Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 45, no. 2: 157-180.

Lawrence, Robert. 2025. "The Utility of Enlightenment Philosophy in the Modern Era." *Journal of Humanities* 30 (forthcoming).

Academic Conference Papers and Presentations

- Lawrence, Robert (2018). *Turkey's 2014 Presidential Elections and Kurdish Nationalist Movements in Turkey, Syria, and Iraq*. Paper presented at the 2018 Korean Association of Middle Eastern Studies International Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2019). *Economic Voting in Eastern Anatolia*. Presented at the 2019 Korean Association of Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2019). *Threat Perception and Turkey-U.S. Relations*. Presented at the 2019 Korean Association of Middle Eastern Studies International Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2021). *Transactional Foreign Policy and Asymmetric Alliances: A Case Study of U.S.-Iran Relations' Effect on the Republic of Korea*. Presented at the 2021 Korean Association of Islamic Studies International Virtual Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2022). *Ethno-Religious Hegemony and the Politics of Resistance: How Alevis are Making Their Mark on the Electoral Landscape in Turkey*. Presented at the 2022 Korean Association of Islamic Studies Fall Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2023). *Türkiye and Great Power Competition: How Foreign and Domestic Objectives Determine Turkish Approaches to Changes in Global Order*. Presented at the 2023 Korean Association of Islamic Studies-Hankuk University of Foreign Studies Institute of Middle Eastern Studies Joint Fall Conference, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2024). *Security Dimensions of Türkiye's Syrian Refugee Policy: Domestic and International Repercussions of Refugee Rentierism*. 4th Cultural and Strategic Forum for the Korean Peninsula and the North, Seoul, ROK.
- Lawrence, Robert (2025). *The Utility of Enlightenment Philosophy in the Modern Era*. 2024 Academic Year Dongduk Women's University Humanities Research Institute, Seoul, ROK.

Invited Presentations

- "U.S.-Iranian Tensions and the Republic of Korea." Global Asia Leadership Forum. Seoul, ROK. May 16, 2020.
- "Do's and Don'ts of Advanced Writing in English." Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Seoul, ROK. January 21, 2021.
- "Studying at GSIAS and Doing Your Own Research." Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Seoul, ROK. January 22, 2021.
- "Different Levels of Academic Writing: Strategies, Expectations, and Results." Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Seoul, ROK. July 1, 2021.
- "Media Literacy and Graduate Studies in the Fake News Era." Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Seoul, ROK. July 2, 2021.

Professional Experience

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Middle East and African Studies Department, Visiting Professor. March 2022-Present.

Courses Offered: *Minorities in Middle East Politics/ Energy Security in the Middle East/ Great Power Competition in the Middle East/ Mapping Regional Orders in the Middle East*

Dongduk Women's University, Assistant Professor of English. March 2016 - Present.

Media

Guest Middle East Analyst for Arirang TV

Honors/Awards

2019 Teacher's Day Most Passionate Teacher Award- Dongduk Women's University