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### **Current Positions and Affiliations**

- **Head, Department of Russian and CIS Studies**, Graduate School of International and Area Studies (GSIAS), Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (Feb 2025–Present)
- **Head, Department of Russian Studies**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (Feb 2016–Present)
- **Director, Center for Eurasian and Northeast Asian Studies (CENAS)**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (Feb 2025–Present)
- **Member, Policy Advisory Committee**, Ministry of Unification (Jan 2020–Dec 2023; Jan 2026–Present)
- **Editor-in-Chief, *The World and Eurasia*** (Jan 2015–Dec 2017; Jan 2022–Present)
- **Director, Center for Diplomacy and Security Studies**, Korea Consensus Institute (KCI) (Jan 2026–Present)
- **Secretary-General, Expert Forum for Korea–Central Asia Cooperation (EFKCAC)** (Mar 2024–Present)

### **Previous Positions**

- **Chair, Research Committee on Russia and Central Asia**, Korean Association of International Studies (KAIS) (Jan 2021–Dec 2023)
- **Expert Member, Presidential Committee on Northern Economic Cooperation** (Dec 2017–Dec 2018)
- **Head, Russia and Eurasia Team**, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) (Jan 2014–Aug 2015)
- **Research Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Team**, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) (Jul 2012–Aug 2015)
- **HK Research Professor, Institute of Russian Studies**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (Jul 2010–Jul 2012)

### **Research Interests**

- Russian and Eurasian political economy
- International relations in East Asia
- Geopolitics and geoeconomics
- Russian foreign policy

## **Education**

- **Ph.D. in Political Science**, Faculty of Philosophy, Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) (2005–2009)  
Dissertation: Geopolitical Aspect of Russian Foreign Policy in the Far East (2000-2007)
- **M.A. in Political Science**, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (2002–2004)  
Master's thesis: A Study on Russia's Countermeasures against NATO Expansion
- **B.A. in Russian Literature**, Department of Russian, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) (1994–2002)

## **Military Service**

- **Republic of Korea Army** (Oct 1998–Dec 2000)  
Completed mandatory military service; discharged as Sergeant, Reserve