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EDUCATION

2022-Present Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Data Analytics, Pennsylvania State University
2022 MA in Sociology, Seoul National University
2018 BA in Sociology, Seoul National University, *cum laude*

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Global and Transnational Sociology, Culture, Politics, Science, Media, Computational Social Science

PUBLICATIONS

Seo, Soomin, **Jungsik Choi**, and Hayoung Choi. 2022. “The ‘Kim Jong-Un Effect’ and the Mainstreaming of North Korea Coverage in UK Media.” *European Journal of Communication* 38(3):287–306.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Choi, Jungsik and Daniel DellaPosta. “Cunning of the Bulls? Discussion Networks and Crowd Wisdom in Stock Market Predictions.” *Revise and resubmit at Organization Science*

Choi, Jungsik and Ibrahim Enes Atac. “Is Science a World Culture? Restricted Actorhood and Public Trust in Science.” *Under review*

Choi, Jungsik. “Material Convergence, Symbolic Divergence: Economic Representation of Nation-States in U.S. Media, 1981 to 2014.” *Under review*

Choi, Jungsik. “Varieties of Popular Beliefs Toward Democracy.” *Data analysis*

Lee, Mu-Tse Anderson, **Jungsik Choi**, and Daniel DellaPosta. “When Distinction Pays: Cultural Gatekeepers and the Asymmetric Enforcement of Categorical Boundaries.” *Data analysis*

PRESENTATIONS

“Is Science a World Culture? Restricted Actorhood and Trust in Science.”

- *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, August 2025.
- *Sociological Science conference*, Stanford, CA, June 2026.

“Remapping the World—Analyzing the Cultural Representation of Nation-States through Word Embedding.”

- *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, August 2024.
- *International Conference on Computational Social Science*, Philadelphia, PA, July 2024.

“When is the World Reversed? Economic Representation of Nation-States in U.S. Media, 1981 to 2014.”

- *Center for Social Data Analytics Research Roundup*, State College, PA, February 2026.
- *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, August 2026.

“Cunning of the Bulls? Discussion Networks and Crowd Wisdom in Stock Market Predictions.”

- *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, August 2026.

“The ‘Kim Jong-un Effect’ and the Mainstreaming of North Korea Coverage in UK Media.”

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Pennsylvania State University:

Research in Democracy Support Grants (\$400), The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, 2025.
Accelerator Award Seed Grant (\$3,000), The Center for Social Data Analytics (C-SoDA), 2024.
Faculty-Alumni Enrichment Award (\$906), Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2024.

Seoul National University:

Merit Based Scholarship, Department of Sociology, 2016-2020.
Sangbaek Memorial Award for Best Bachelor's Thesis, Department of Sociology. 2018.
Excellence Award, Contest for Youth Generation on Peace Alliance in East Asia (\$1,694), The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies. 2017.

External:

Fund for Humanities and Social Studies (\$5,000), Posco Tae-Joon (TJ) Park Foundation, 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University:

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Prof. Daniel DellaPosta), 2022-Present

Dongguk University:

"The Alike but Different Aspects of Resignation and Resistance, Distorted Life World of the Disabled: Comparison of Persons with Physical, Visual, and Audio Disabilities," Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Prof. Cheongseok Kim), 2021-2024

Seoul National University:

"Searching for Alternative Forms of Social Economy Network in the Age of Low Growth: A Study of East Asian Young Generation," Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Prof. Hyunji Kwon), 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seoul National University:

Inequality and Social Justice, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2020

Pennsylvania State University:

Social Conflict, Guest Lecturer, Spring 2024

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Student Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, 2022–2025.

Military Police, Republic of Korea Air Force Academy, 2013–2015.

SKILLS AND TRAINING

Statistical Models

Neural Embedding Models, Network Analysis, Multi-level Regression Models, Panel Regression Models

Programming Languages

Python, R, STATA, LaTeX

Qualitative Research Methods

In-depth interviewing (Japanese)

REVIEWER

Social Forces, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

LANGUAGE

Korean (native), English (fluent), Japanese (fluent)

REFERENCES

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