

# SOYEON JEON

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## EDUCATION

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**Washington University in St. Louis (WashU)**, MO, USA

Ph.D. in Political Science

2028 (expected)

Committee: **Jacob Montgomery**, Taylor Carlson, Christopher Lucas, Betsy Sinclair

M.A. in Political Science

2025

A.M. in Statistics and Data Science

**Seoul National University (SNU)**, Seoul, South Korea

M.A. in Political Science and International Relations

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B.B.A. in Business Administration

2019

B.A. in Political Economy and Philosophy

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Citizens’ attitudes toward democracy and institutional backsliding
- Computational methods for causal inference and adaptive treatments
- Bias in multimodal AI systems and AI-assisted measurement for political science

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Soyeon Jeon**, Messi H.J. Lee, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Calvin K. Lai. 2026. “From Faces to Politics: Vision-Language Models (Sometimes) Link Visual Demographic Characteristics to Ideological Labels.” *Political Analysis*. First View.

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. **Soyeon Jeon**. *Transforming Political Image Analysis: Vision Language Models as Accessible, Efficient, and High-Performing Tools*.
2. Cecilia Y. Sui, **Soyeon Jeon**, Christopher Lucas, Jacob Montgomery, Margit Tavits. *Cross-Lingual Transfer for Political Text Analysis: Detecting Populist Rhetoric Across Languages Using Single-Language Fine-Tuning*. Under Review at APSR.
3. Messi H.J. Lee, Jacob M. Montgomery, Calvin K. Lai, **Soyeon Jeon**. *Visual Cues of Gender and Race are Associated with Stereotyping in Vision-Language Models*.
4. Messi H.J. Lee, **Soyeon Jeon**. *Token Sampling Uncertainty Does Not Explain Homogeneity Bias in Large Language Models*.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- McDonnell International Scholarship, WashU 2022 – 2027 (Tuition & stipend)
- PolMeth Travel Award 2022, 2025
- APSA Travel Award 2023
- University Merit-based Scholarship 2014, 2020

## CONFERENCES

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- CPAC 2026 (*Panel, forthcoming*)
- Visions in Methodology 2026 (*Poster, forthcoming*)
- APSA 2025 (*Panel*)
- PolMeth 2022 (*Poster*), 2025 (*Panel & Poster*)

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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- Video Research Institute, Purdue University 2026 (*forthcoming*)
- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS-Korea) 2022
- Asleep, AI-Powered Sleep Tech Startup 2020 – 2021
- Special Commission on Social Disaster Investigation, Government 2018
- Asian Citizen’s Center for Environment and Health, NGO 2018
- Field Research on Korean Diaspora in Taiwan 2016

## INVITED TALKS

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1. Redesigning Democratic Discourse: AI Interventions for Civic Deliberation, SNU 2026

## TEACHING

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### **Instructor**

- Python Programming 2025
- Lab for Quantitative Political Methodology I 2025
- R Programming for Beginners 2024, 2025

### **Co-Instructor**

- Seminar in Contemporary Political Science 2026

### **Teaching Assistant**

#### *Graduate*

- Quantitative Political Methodology I 2025
- Research Methods in Political Science 2021
- Public Choice Theory Practice 2020
- Global Civil Society and Global Governance 2019

#### *Undergraduate*

- AI, You, and Now: The Stories That Win 2026
- Data Science for Politics 2025
- Global Leaders Program: Election System in Korea 2022
- Student Directed Education: Value Inquiry 2021
- Understanding Modern Politics of South and North Korea 2021
- Student Directed Education: Undergraduate Independent Study 1 2021
- Principles of Political Science 2021
- Selected Topics Seminar 3: Globalization and Media 2021
- Game Theory and Politics 2020
- Civil Politics 2019

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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## WashU

Populist Rhetoric on Social Media and Its Effects on Democracies (NSF Grant 2215008) 2023 – 2024  
Reimagining Multilateralism and U.S. Foreign Policy (Carnegie Grant G-23-600440) 2023 – 2024  
Interpersonal Pathways to Radicalization & Deradicalization (NSF Grant 0029220) 2021

## SNU

Korean Voter in the Age of Deepfake (National Research Foundation of Korea) 2022  
Peace Studies Research Project (Humanities Korea) 2020 – 2022  
Detecting Manipulation in Election Results Using Machine Learning (NRF Korea) 2021  
Scholarly Content Review (Social Sciences Korea) 2020  
Editor in Chief, *Civil Society Research* (Center for Social Innovation, SNU) 2019 – 2020  
Seoul Community Support Centre Project 2019

## BOOK CHAPTER

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1. **Jeon, Soyeon** and Jinwoo Lee. “Realization of People’s Sovereignty through NGOs: Based on the Observation of Participation in the Asian Citizen’s Center for Environment and Health.” In Kim, Eui Young and Lee, Hyun Jung (eds.), *Cultural and Technical Journal of Citizen Politics*. Seoul: Purungil, 2019.

## EDITED BOOKS

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1. Kim, Eui Young and Miura, Hiroki (eds.). *2019 Civil Politics Yearbook*. Seoul: Purungil, 2019. (Selected as Sejong Book.) *Editor in chief*.
2. Kim, Eui Young and Miura, Hiroki (eds.). *2020 Civil Politics Yearbook*. Seoul: Purungil, 2021. *Editor*.
3. Center for Social Innovation Education & Research (eds.). *Campus Impact 2020*. Seoul: Purungil, 2021. *Editor*.

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