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EDUCATION

PhD of Political Science

August 2023 - Present

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Dissertation: Authoritarian Leader Survival and Political Violence

Committee: Matthew Fuhrmann (chair), Hyeran Jo (co-chair), Ilayda Onder, Matt Malis, and Michael Denly (outside member)

M.A. of International Relations

September 2020 - February 2023

Chung-Ang University

Seoul, Republic of Korea

B.A. of Public Administration

March 2013 - August 2017

Kyonggi University

Seoul, Republic of Korea

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Onder, Ilayda B., and **Hongbi Choi**. "Introducing the Rebel Internal Governance (RIG) Dataset." *International Studies Quarterly* 70(3) (2026): sqag058

Choi, Hongbi, and Chungshik Moon. "Staying in the shadow or not? Remittances and the Shadow Economy." *Social Science Quarterly* 105(3) (2024): 682-695.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

"Rebel Self-Accountability for Civilian Harm and Foreign Public Opinion" (with Ilayda Onder) Under Review, *International Organization*

"Breaking the Chains of Autocracy: Elite Purging and Civil Military Relations in South Korea." Under Review, *Comparative Political Studies*

"The Conditional Importance of the Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies" (with Sam Sharman) Under Review, *International Studies Quarterly*

"Remittances and the Shadow Economy in Autocracies: How Electoral Institutions Matter?" (with Chungshik Moon) Revise & Resubmission, *International Interactions*

WORKING PAPERS

"Reading the Purge: Authoritarian Purges as a Domestic Source of Information in International Disputes"

"Dominant Power and Delayed Response: Club Goods Distribution After Protests in Authoritarian Regimes"

"Rebel Internal Governance and Peace Negotiation in Authoritarian Regimes"

"Civilian Victimization by Governance-Oriented Rebels" (with Ilayda Onder)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Motivation versus Capacity: Power Decline and Conflict Initiation in Autocracies”

“Beyond Information Leakage: Authoritarian State Media and the Strategic Reporting of Economic Sanctions”
(with Chamseul Yu)

“Rebel Governance and Duration of Peace Agreement” (with Chungshik Moon)

“Patterns of Changes in Global Security Norms: A Quantative Analysis of UN Security Council Resolutions and Votes” (with Tianyi Yang and Hyeran Jo)

INVITED TALKS

“Motivation versus Capacity: Power Decline and Conflict Initiation in Autocracies”

- NSF Funded International Conflict Workshop, February 2026

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Political Economy Society (IPES)

Beyond Information Leakage: Authoritarian State Media and the Strategic Reporting of Economic Sanctions 2026

The Conditional Importance of Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies 2025

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Civilian Victimization by Governance-Oriented Rebels 2026

Breaking the Chains of Autocracy: Elite Purging and Civil Military Relations in South Korea 2025

Staying in the Shadow or Not? Remittance and the Shadow Economy 2023

International Studies Association (ISA)

Dominant Power and Delayed Response: Club Goods Distribution After Protests in Authoritarian Regimes (scheduled) 2027

Rebel Self-Accountability for Civilian Harm and Foreign Public Opinion (scheduled) 2027

Civilian Victimization by Governance-Oriented Rebels 2026

International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Dominant Power and Delayed Response: Club Goods Distribution After Protests in Authoritarian Regimes 2025

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

The Conditional Importance of Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University

- POLS 604: Conceptualization and Theory in Political Analysis (PhD, Instructor: Ahmer Tarar), Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- POLS 601: Components of Political Inquiry (PhD. Instructor: Ahmer Tarar), Fall 2025
- POLS 209: Introduction to Political Science Research Method (Undergraduate, Instructor: Ilayda Onder), Fall 2024
- POLS 200: Foundations of Political Science (Undergraduate. Instructor: Todd Kent), Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant, Chung-Ang University

- Korea Foundation (KF) e-school program: International Political Economy (MA, Instructor: Chungshik Moon), Chung-Ang University, Dec. 2019-Dec. 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Summer and Fall 2025, Fall 2026 (with Ilayda Onder)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Fall 2026 (with Ahmer Tarar)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Summer 2026 (with Hyeran Jo)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Spring 2026 (with Matt Malis)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Spring 2025 (with Elizabeth N. Simas)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, Winter 2023 – Fall 2024 (with. Michael Denly)

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANT

- 2026 International Political Economic Society Travel Grant (\$750.00)
- Summer 2026 Graduate Research Enhancement Grant (\$4,973.75), Texas A&M University
- Cullen-McFadden-Fuhrmann Scholarship (\$3,500.00)
- Excellence Scholarship (\$2,000.00), Chung-Ang University, 2020 Fall
- Merit Scholarship, 2014 Fall, 2015 Spring and Fall, 2016 Spring and Fall, 2017 Spring and Fall, Kyonggi University (\$10,000.00)

SERVICE

Graduate Student President. Texas A&M University, Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Graduate Student Mentor. Texas A&M University, Fall 2025-Spring 2026, Fall 2026-Spring 2027

Student Body President. Kyonggi University, Spring 2014-Fall 2016

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected Participant / Mentee, Authoritarian Political Systems Group Mentorship Program, 2026–2027

JOURNAL REVIEW

Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, Journal of Public Affairs

REFERENCES

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