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## Degrees

2002 Ph. D., University of Chicago, Political Science  
1994 M.A., Seoul National University, International Relations  
1990 B.A., Seoul National University, International Relations

## Positions

2016 – Present Professor at Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University.  
2013 – 2016 Associate Professor at Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University.  
2009 – 2013 Associate Professor, PS & IR, Chung-Ang University  
2005 – 2009 Assistant Professor, PS & IR, Chung-Ang University

## Dissertation

2002 “The Politics of Soul-Care: Socratic and Platonic Political Life and its Modern Reclamations”

## Dissertation Advisors

Prof. Nathan Tarcov (Chair), Prof. Jean B. Elshtain, Prof. Patchen Markell,  
Prof. Danielle Allen

## Publications (Book and Peer-reviewed Journal Articles)

2018 (article) “Platonic Political Philosophy and Athenian Empire” *21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science Review*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (in Korean).  
2016 (article) “Platonic International Political Thought in Plato’s Republic: Is it possible to extend Platonic justice to international realm?” *21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science Review*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (in Korean).  
2016 (article) “Ethical Foundation of Foreign Aids from the Perspective of Global Distributive Justice,” *Peace Studies*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (in Korean)  
2015 (article) “The Problematic Character of the City-Soul Analogy in Plato’s Republic: Integrating Ethical and Political Arguments and Approving Priority of the Philosophical Life,” *Journal of Greco-Roman Studies*, Vol. 54, No. 3. (in English)

- 2015 (article) “Non-Historicist Approach to Platonic Political Philosophy and a Preliminary Examination of New Reading of Platonic Dialogues” *Journal of Korean Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (in Korean)
- 2014 (book) *Politics of Soul-Caring: Origin and Development of Platonic Political Philosophy*. Seoul: Ingansarang. (in Korean)
- 2014 (article) “Philosophical Foundation of the Concept of National Interest and Philosophical(Socratic) Pursuit of National Interest in Reading Plato’s ‘Alcibiades’” *The Korean Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 54, No. 3 (2014) (in Korean)
- 2014 (article) “Leo Strauss’s Critique of Max Weber’s Distinction between Facts and Values and its Significance in Political Philosophy,” *Journal of Korean-German Society for Social Science*, Vol. 24, No. 3, A Special Issue for Max Weber 150 Anniversary (in Korean).
- 2012 (article) “A Political Philosophy-Based Critique of Leo Strauss’s Responsibility for the Iraq War,” *Journal of International and Area Studies*, Vol. 21., No. 1 (in Korean)
- 2011 (article) “Globalization and Crisis of Democratic Legitimacy: A Preliminary Search for a New Discourse of Democracy,” *Journal of Political Science and Communication*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (in Korean).
- 2011 (article) “Moral Limit in Pursuing National Interest and Aristotle’s Concept of Politics of Good Life,” *The 21<sup>st</sup> Political Science Review*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (in Korean)
- 2010 (article) “Reinterpretation of Socratic Citizenship in Plato’s Apology and Crito,” *The Journal of Asiatic Studies* (in Korean)
- 2010 (article) “Plato’s Theaetetus and Philosophical Defense of Socratic Life,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2009 (article) “Rule of Law as Integration of Ethics and Politics: Aristotle’s Rule of Law in <Nicomachean Ethics> and <Politics>,” *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2008 (article) “Thucydides on the Fate of the Democratic Empire,” *Journal of International and Area Studies* (in English)
- 2008 (article) “Limits and Alternatives in Reading Thucydides in the context of Realist Paradigm of IR Theories,” *Korean Journal of International Studies* (in Korean)

- 2008 (article) “Madisonian Republicanism and its Contemporary Significance: Interpreting Federalist Paper No. 10 in the Context of Liberalism-Republicanism Debates,” *The 21<sup>st</sup> Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2007 (article) “Identity of Athenian Empire and Platonic Political Life in Plato’s Menexenus,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2006 (article) “Tension and Harmony between Democracy and Constitutionalism: Debates on Originalism in the Interpretation of American Constitution,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2005 (article) “Politics of Eudaimonia: Philosophical Life and Political Life in Aristotle’s <Nicomachean Ethics> and <Politics>,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in Korean)
- 2004 (article) “Plato’s Republic and the Paradox of Philosopher-King,” *The Korean Review of Political Thought* (in Korean)
- 2004 (article) “Two Concepts of Justice in the City-Soul Analogy in Plato’s Republic,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in English)
- 2004 (article) “Plato’s Apology and Socratic Political Life,” *Korean Political Science Review* (in Korean)

### **Publications-Book Chapters**

- 2011 “Plato” in *History of Ancient and Medieval Political Thought* (in Korean)
- 2010 “Political Sociology of Constitutional Revision in Korean Politics” in *Politics of Constitutional Revision in Korean Politics* (in Korean)

### **Conference Papers (in English)**

- 2018 “Politics of Soul-Care in Plato’s Alcibiades” presented at the Second Asia Regional Meeting of the International Plato Society (Forming the Soul: Plato and his Opponents) at Chinese Culture University (20-22 April, Taipei, Taiwan)
- 2018 “Socrates’ Confronting with Callicles in the Gorgias : Not for a Fight but for a Compromise” presented at *III Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy* (Radicalism and Compromise), University of Minho (1-2 February 2018, Braga, Portugal)
- 2017 “Leo Strauss’s Platonism Reconsidered: Recovering the Political Philosophy and Rediscovering the Conflict between Reason and Revelation” presented at *Conference of “Political Philosophy and its History: Leo Strauss and Beyond* in KU Leuven, Institute of Philosophy (December 6-7, 2017, Leuven, Belgium)

- 2017 “Platonic Rhetoric as a Philosophical Response to Parrhesia for Democratic Deliberation” *presented at Annual Conference of Midwest American Political Science Association* (April. 6, 2017, Chicago)
- 2017 “Platonic Irony as Platonic Rhetoric: A Philosophical Response to Parrhesia for Democratic Deliberation” *presented at The Second Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy* (January 12-13, 2017, Braga, Portugal)
- 2016 “Plato’s International Political Thought: Justice from within and from without in Plato’s Republic” *presented at Annual Conference of American Political Science Association* (September 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia)
- 2013 “The Problematic Character of the City-Soul Analogy of Plato’s Republic: Searching for Plato’s Political and Philosophical Message” *presented at University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop* (February 2013, Chicago)
- 2012 “Leo Strauss’s Interpretation of Plato’s Republic Reconsidered: Limit of Politics in Korea Here and Now” *presented at Conference on Leo Strauss in Northeast Asian Context at Chung-Ang University* (September, 2012, Seoul, Korea).

**Areas of Research Interest**

Classical Political Philosophy, International Political Thought, History of Political Thought.