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## EDUCATION

### PhD Student in Philosophy

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

2025–Present

### M.A. in Philosophy

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Master's Thesis: *A Critique of Benatar's Pessimism on the Meaning of Life*

2021–2024

Advisor: Byeong Deok Lee; Committee: Min Seol, Jeonggyu Lee (Chair)

### B.A., Dual Major in History and Philosophy

Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Republic of Korea

2016–2021

Undergraduate Thesis: *Normal science of Kuhn and Feyerabend*

Supervisors: Namjoong Kim

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of AI, Ethics

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Free Will

## RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

- *A New Consideration of Consciousness Theories*

Doctoral Student Research Fellowship, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF),

2025–2027

Principal Investigator, KRW 20 million

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

- *Philosophy of Culture* (Instructor: Arum Lee) Fall 2025
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) Fall 2025
- *Critical thinking* (Instructor: Jiho Hong) Spring 2025
- *Analytic Philosophy* (Instructor: Seong Soo Park) Spring 2025
- *Data Analysis and Situational Judgement* (Instructor: Jung Ha Park) 2021–2023

- *Topics in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Instructor: Kee-Baek Rhee) Fall 2022
- *Ethics* (Instructor: Jeongok Cho) Spring 2022
- *Topics in Modern Philosophy* (Instructor: Phil-bae Park) Fall 2021

### HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- New Graduate School Excellence Scholarship TYPE1 Top student type, SKKU 2025–Present
- 3rd Prize, SKKU Research Matters, SKKU  
*The Trolley Problem and the Value of Moral Philosophy* 2022
- SimSan Scholarship, SKKU 2022
- 3rd Prize, 2020 Excellent Library Users, GNU Library 2021
- 3rd Prize, Most certified person in the Reading Certification System, GNU Library 2021
- Excellent Bachelor's Thesis Scholarship in the Dept. of Philosophy, GNU 2021
- 2nd Prize, The 14th Book Review Competition, GNU Library  
Hannah Arendt, *Eichmann in Jerusalem* 2020
- 2nd Prize, 2019 Excellent Library Users, GNU Library 2020
- 1st Prize, Competition for Academic Essays by Undergraduate Student at the College of Humanities, GNU 2019
- 2nd Prize, The 39th International Conference on Chinese Studies in 2019 Undergraduate Student Paper Presentation Competition, The Korea Society for Chinese Studies  
*The Process of Neo-Confucianism's Overcoming the Power Asymmetry in Sung Dynasty* 2019
- 1st Prize, Department of Philosophy Presentation Competition, GNU  
*Aristotle's Concept of Happiness and its Controversy* 2019
- Pioneer Merit Scholarships, GNU 2016–2021

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- Translation in progress: *The Human Predicament*, by David Benatar — English to Korean
- “Panpsychism” (Chapter in Progress, in *The reflective and conscious brain*, co-authored with Jeyoun Park)
- “A Defense of Compositional Nihilism”
- “A Defense of Musical Materialism”

### TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Philosophy of Psychiatry and Consciousness,” Korean Association for Consciousness Sciences February 2024