

# Hyunseop Kim

Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Appointment

Professor (tenured), Seoul National University, Dept. of Philosophy, September 2024 –  
Associate Professor, Seoul National University, Dept. of Philosophy, March 2018 – August 2024  
Assistant Professor, Seoul National University, Dept. of Philosophy, March 2014 – February 2018  
Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford University, Center for Ethics in Society, September 2012 –  
February 2014  
Visiting Fellow, New York University School of Law, Classical Liberal Institute, September  
2018 – August 2019

## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, New York University, September 2006 – May 2012

Dissertation: “What We Owe to Our Descendants: A Pluralistic Account of Our Moral  
Obligations to Future People”

Committee: Samuel Scheffler (Chair), Thomas Nagel, Derek Parfit, David Velleman

M.A. in Philosophy, Seoul National University, Korea, August 2004

LL.B., Seoul National University, Korea, February 2001

Visiting Student, University of Auckland, New Zealand, Fall 2000

## Work Experience

Seoul Eastern District Court	Judge (adjudicated civil litigations), 2006
Korea Army	Judge Advocate (military prosecutor), 2003 – 06
Judicial Research & Training Institute	Researcher, 2001 – 2003
Korean Bar Exam	1999

## Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy-Politics-Economics

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law, Biomedical Ethics, Environmental Ethics

## Publications

- “Is luxury tax justifiable?”, *Economics and Philosophy* 39.3 (2023): 446-467.
- “Inclusive and Autonomous Education Policies to Realize Property-Owning Democracy in Korea: A prolegomenon for the empirical turn of Rawls’s theory of justice”, *The Korean Journal of Ethics* 12.2 (2023): 35-70. [in Korean]
- “What Is Democratic Backsliding? How Does It Start and Develop? Why Is It Problematic? A Survey and Evaluation”, *Journal of Korean Politics* 32.3 (2023): 29-67. [in Korean]
- (with Sungjae Jun) “The Creation and Application of a Korean Moral Foundations Dictionary using Word2Vec: the case of ‘gapjil’”, *The Korean Journal of Ethics* 11.2 (2022): 47-70. [in Korean]
- “The Emotion of Fulfillment and its Phenomenology”, in Uriah Kriegel (ed.) *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind* vol.1 (2020), pp.86-105.
- “An Extension of Rawls’s Theory of Justice for Climate Change”, *International Theory* 11.2 (2019): 160-181.
- (with Jiewuh Song, Biung-ghi Ju, Eunnyeong Heo) “A Study on Korea’s Fair and Efficient Climate Policies under the Paris Agreement”, *Innovation Studies* 14.3 (2019): 301-330. [in Korean]
- “Happiness as Emotions that Reflect the Prudential Value of one’s Life”, *The Journal of Philosophical Ideas*, CCPEA special issue (2017): 272-92.
- “What would Aristotle’s virtue of equity be like in Korea?”, *Korean Journal of Legal Philosophy* 20.2 (2017):125-164. [in Korean]
- “The Ethical Issues in Genome Editing and a Review of Korea’s Bioethics and Biosafety Act”, *Korean Journal of Medical Ethics* 20.2 (2017): 206-18. [in Korean]
- “A Stability Interpretation of Rawls’s *The Law of Peoples*”, *Political Theory* 43.4 (2015): 473-499.
- “The Uncomfortable Truth about Wrongful Life Cases”, *Philosophical Studies* 164.3 (2013): 623-641.

Book Review of David Boonin's "The Non-Identity Problem and the Ethics of Future People",  
*Ethics* 126.3 (2016): 803-808.

Presentations (selected)

"The moral and psychological challenges of "chatting" with large language models", Seoul  
National University Artificial Intelligence Institute ELSI Center, December 2023.

"Ethics of Finance: Duties and Aspirations", Kookmin Bank, September 2023.

"Do We Know How to Implement Liberal Principles of Justice?", Conference in honor of  
Professor Samuel Scheffler, UC Berkeley, Department of Philosophy, May 2023.

"The fetus's right to life and the mother's right to self-determination", Catholic Institute of  
Bioethics, March 2023.

"Should physician-assisted suicide be legalized?", The National Assembly of the Republic of  
Korea, August 2022.

"Koreans' Trust", Nova Humanitas Coreana, SNU College of Humanities, June 2022.

"Liberty and Justice: Rawls's Liberal Theory of Justice", Naver Open Lecture, May 2022.

"Algorithmic accountability for Human Agency", SNU AI Policy Initiative, December 2021.

"The Emotion of Fulfillment and its Phenomenology", Wuhan University, School of Philosophy,  
China, November 2019.

"Meaningful Work and Limits on the Social Division of Labor", the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PPE society  
meeting, New Orleans, March 2019.

"Are Luxury Taxes Justifiable?", the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual PPE society meeting, New Orleans, March 2018.

"Happiness as Emotions that Reflect the Prudential Value of one's Life", the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference  
of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Athens, June 2016;  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2018

"An Extension of Rawls's Theory of Justice for Climate Change", the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference  
on Applied Ethics, Sapporo, Japan, October 2014.

(with Mark Budolfson & Francis Blake) "Ethics in an Energy Crisis", The Energy Seminar,  
Stanford University, October 2013.

“Rawls, Stability, and Climate Change”, Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, May 2013.

“What’s the Point of Rawls’s Extensions?”, John Rawls: Past, Present, Future, Yale University, November 2012.

Fellowships and Research Grants (selected)

(with Eunjoo Lee et al.) “Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence”, Korean Ministry of Science and ICT, 2023 – Present.

(with Kyoungsoon Leem et al.) “Democracy Studies”, SNU Institute for Future Strategy, 2022 – Present.

(with Haksoo Ko et al.) “Accountability and Governance of Artificial Intelligence from Technical, Medical, Ethical & Legal perspectives”, Korean Ministry of Education, 2019-22.

“Overseas Training Expenses for Humanities & Social Sciences”, SNU, 2018-19.

“What is ‘gapjil’ and why is it problematic?”, Seoul National University, 2018-19.

(with Dokyun Kim) “A Study on Theories of Tax Justice”, SNU Law Research Institute and Yulchon Center for Jurisprudence and Legal Theory Fund, 2017-19.

(with Eunjung Park) “A Study on the Concept and Practice of an Ideal Judge”, “The virtues of Judges in Practice: An Empirical and Practical Investigation”, The National Court Administration of Korea, 2015-17.

(with Jiewuh Song, Biung-ghi Ju, Eunnyeong Heo) “A Study on the Fair Distribution of Climate Burdens under the Paris Climate Agreement”, Seoul National University, 2016-17.

Distinguished Junior Scholars Award, Seoul National University, 2014.

Mellon Fellowship, 2011-12.

Frankel Fellowship, 2010-11.

Samsung Fellowship, 2006-10.

Honors Prize from the Minister of Justice of Korea, 2003

Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 800 researchers at Judicial Research & Training Institute

### Services

Member of the Korean Government Public Service Ethics Committee, 2023 – Present.

Member of the Specialized Committee for Research on Human materials and Biobanks in the National Bioethics Committee of Korea, 2021 – Present.

Member of the Advisory Committee of Korean Ministry of Justice, 2021-23.

Member of the Seoul National University Diversity Council, 2024 – Present.

Member of the SNU Philosophy-Politics-Economics Program Committee, 2016 – Present.

### Teaching Experiences

<Graduate Seminars at Seoul National University>

The Values of Democracy (2023), Education and Finance (2022), The Ethics of Abortion (2021), Constitutionalism (2020), Property Rights (2019), Paternalism (2017), Happiness and well-being (2016), Egalitarianism (with Korea University, 2015), Consequentialism (2014).

<Undergraduate Classes>

The Ethics of Markets, SNU, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2017 – present.

Ethics, Seoul National University, 2014 – present.

Law and Values, Seoul National University, 2015-21.

Happiness: an Interdisciplinary Approach, Seoul National University, 2016-18.

Environmental Ethics, Stanford University, Winter 2013

Life and Death, New York University, Summer 2010

Medical Ethics, New York University, Summer 2009

### References Available upon Request