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## EDUCATION

in progress	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Toronto <i>Earmarking People's Money: The (Non-)Financialization of National Pensions in the US, Canada, and South Korea</i>
2021	M.A. Sociology, National Taiwan University <i>Cold War-Made Developmental States: Credit Mobilization and Allocation in Taiwan and South Korea</i> (With Best Thesis Awards)
2014	B.A. <i>Cum Laude</i> , Chinese Language and Literature, Seoul National University

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political and Economic Sociology, Social Meaning of Money, Financialization, Welfare State, Pension politics, Politics of Credit, Fiscal Sociology, Comparative-historical Sociology.

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## PUBLICATIONS

2025	Kim, Joonsik and Sida Liu. About the Patient Named Taiwan: The Rise of Doctors in Taiwanese Party Politics. <i>Journal of Contemporary Asia</i> . Pp. 1-21.
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## WORKING PROJECTS

Kim, Joonsik. "Constraining Financialization: Earmarking Foreign Reserves against Riskier Investment." *R&R at peer-reviewed journal*

- Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Kim, Joonsik. "The Weight of Credit: Politics of Savings Mobilization in Taiwan and South Korea." *Manuscript available*

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

2025	"Constraining Financialization: Earmarking Foreign Reserves against Riskier Investment." Presented at SASE Annual Meeting. Montreal.
2024	"The Weight of Credit: Politics of Savings Mobilization in Taiwan and South Korea." Presented at Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Conference. Toronto.
2024	"Financialization of Central Banking: The Rise of the Bank of Korea as a Risk-taking Investor, 1997-2007." Presented at American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Montreal.
2024	"Avoiding Backlash: Politics of Savings Mobilization in Taiwan and South Korea 1961-1978." Presented at SASE Annual Meeting. Limerick.
2023	"Financialization of Central Banking: The Rise of the Bank of Korea as the Risk-taking Investor in the Global Credit Market, 1997-2007." Presented at SASE Annual Meeting. Rio de Janeiro.

- 2023 "About the Patient Named Taiwan': The Rise of Doctors in Taiwanese Party Politics."  
Presented at the North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference. Irvine.
- 2022 "From Territorialist Strategy to Capitalist Strategy: Reverse  
Capital Flow and the Geopolitical Origin of Financialization, 1950-1980" Presented at  
SSHA Annual Conference. Chicago.

### **AWARD, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS (Selected)**

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- 2025 Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2025 Problem-Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop Award, Johns  
Hopkins University
- 2025 Early Career Workshop Award, SASE
- 2024 Political Economy of Finance Summer School Award, The Rhodes Centre for  
International Finance and Economics
- 2023 Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2022 Richard Sutch Student Travel Awards, Social Science History Association
- 2022 Big Ideas Competition: Exploring Global Taiwan (Research Traineeship), Asian Institute,  
University of Toronto
- 2021 Sociology Admission Merit Award, University of Toronto
- 2021 Doctoral Recruitment Award, University of Toronto
- 2021-2025 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto
- 2021 Best Master's Thesis Award, Taiwan Sociological Association
- 2021 Best Master's Thesis Award, National Taiwan Library
- 2021 Best Master's Thesis Award, Association for Taiwan Social Studies

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Teaching Assistant**

- 2024 Economic Sociology (Fall), University of Toronto
- 2023 Economy, Culture, and Society (Winter), University of Toronto
- 2022 Introduction of Sociology (Fall, Winter), University of Toronto

#### **Research Assistant**

- 2022-2023 "Professions and Politics in Taiwan and Hong Kong"  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Sida Liu
- 2022 "Protest Repertoires and Labor Movements in Neoliberal Korea"  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Yoonkyung Lee

#### **Market Researcher**

- 2014-2017 Hyundai Motor Company, Market Strategy Team

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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Korean (native), Chinese (near native), English (advanced), Japanese (intermediate)