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Professional Experience

Assistant / Associate Professor, School of Northeast Asian Studies, Incheon National University	2019–present
Economist, Economic Research Institute, Bank of Korea	2014–2019
Researcher, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy	2005–2007

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Seoul National University	2014
Dissertation: “North Korea’s Trade with China: Aggregate and Firm-Level Analysis”	
Master of Public Policy, KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2003
Concentration in Transition and Development Studies	
Bachelor of Agriculture, Korea University	2001

Research Interests

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- North Korean economy; North Korean foreign economic relations, particularly with China and Russia; unification and economic integration; economic adaptation of North Korean refugees

Selected Publications

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- Lee, Jongmin, Seohyun Lee, and Seungho Jung. 2026. “Corporate Investment Under North Korea Threats.” *Applied Economics Letters*, 1–8.
 - Lee, Jongmin, Seungho Jung*, and Hyeseung Wee. 2026. “Health Status and Economic Assimilation of North Korean Defectors in South Korea.” *Asian Perspective*, 50(3), 583–610. *Corresponding author.
 - Jung, Seungho, and Jongmin Lee. 2024. “Economic Implications for North Korea of Strengthened Relations with Russia Amid the Russia–Ukraine War.” *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, 36(4), 369–393.
 - Jung, Seungho, Dawool Kim, and Kyoochul Kim. 2024. “Impact of COVID-19 and Border Closures on North Korean Markets: A Comparison with International Prices.” *Asia and the Global Economy*, 4(2).
 - Jung, Seungho, Moo-Soo Yang, and Byung-Yeon Kim. 2022. “Measuring North Korean Marketization: An Index Approach.” *Asian Perspective*, 46(2), 195–223.
 - Jung, Seungho, Jongmin Lee, and Seohyun Lee. 2021. “The Impact of Geopolitical Risk on Stock Returns: Evidence from Inter-Korea Geopolitics.” *IMF Working Paper*, No. 2021/251.

Data

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- GPRNK — Geopolitical Risk Index for North Korea. Monthly, 1995–present. Free download at shjpeace-cloud.github.io/academic/gprnk.html
 - North Korean Marketization Index — price liberalization, privatization and financial development, five periods to 2020, rebuilt from public survey data. Free download at shjpeace-cloud.github.io/academic/marketization.html

Teaching

Understanding North Korea’s Economic System and Transition
Development Economics, Economic Growth of South Korea
Principles of Economics, Statistics for Economics, Econometrics, Time Series Analysis

Honors and Awards

Research Excellence Award, Incheon National University (2021, 2022, 2024)
Excellent Teaching Award, Incheon National University (Fall 2024)