

Bo Won Kim

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Academic Appointment

University of Texas at Arlington

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2024 – present

Arlington, TX

Research Interests

International Law, International Institutions and Design, Transnational Organized Crime, International Organizations, Diplomacy and Negotiations

Education

Northwestern University

PhD, Political Science

- Major: International Relations
- Minor: Methods

2017 – 2024

Evanston, IL

University of Chicago

Master of Legal Studies

- With Full Scholarship and Stipend

2019 – 2020

Chicago, IL

Northwestern University

Master of Arts, Political Science

2017 – 2020

Evanston, IL

Korea University

Course Completion, Masters in Political Science and International Relations

2015 – 2017

Seoul, South Korea

Korea University

Bachelor of International Studies and Political Science

- Valedictorian with Collegial Honors, Summa Cum Laude
- Division of International Studies Major;
Political Science and International Relations Double Major

2011 – 2015

Seoul, South Korea

Publications

“The Complex of Issue Networks in Transitional Justice” (with Sumin Lee) in *The Role of Networks in Advancing Human Rights*, Edward Elgar Press. [Link]

“Facing a Blow to Sovereignty, Why Comply? An Analysis of Compliance at the International Court of Justice.” *Yonsei Journal of International Studies*. Volume 9, Issue 2. (ISSN: 2005-9809). P 206–230.

Book Project

Designing the Global Governance of Crime

Related Fieldwork:

- Washington, USA. Organization of the American States Archives (2025 May)
- Washington, USA. Organization of the American States Archives (2023 December)
- Vienna, Austria. United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (2022 October – 2023 April)
- Seoul and Daejeon, South Korea. Interviews with Diplomats, Prosecutors, and Academics (2022 March – 2022 May)

Under Review

“Arbitrators as Advisors: Evidence from Changes in Investment Treaty Design.” Co-authored with Minju Kim. Invited to *Revise and Resubmit* at *The Review of International Organizations*.

“Evolution or Devolution? The Unchanging Face of Nuclear Proliferation Agreements.” Co-authored with Saera Lee.

“Cooperation that Endures: Informal Consensus and the Monitoring of UN Crime Treaties”

Working Papers

“Leaving the Door Open: ICC Withdrawal and the Curious Norm Compliance in Africa.” Co-authored with Sumin Lee. *Paper available upon request.*

“Forced Consensus: Why Environmental Negotiations Choose Deadlock Over Efficiency?” Co-authored with Diana Elhard. *Paper available upon request.*

“Stigma Sensitivity: The Life and Death of Balance of Payments Safeguards in the GATT/WTO.” Co-authored with Stephen C. Nelson. *Paper available upon request.*

Works in Progress

“The Socialization Dilemma: How Ratification Impacts Future Collaboration.” Co-authored with Rachel Hulvey.

“Individual-driven Diffusion: Designing the OPCAT.” Co-authored with Dagmar Heintze.

Paper Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2025, 2024
International Studies Association (ISA)	2026, 2025, 2024, 2023
International Studies Association Midwest	2023
Midwest Political Science Association	2025, 2021, 2019 (JSS)
Political Economy of International Organization	2023 (Poster)
Conference on International Law and the Social Sciences	2024
Texas Triangle	2025
Economy and Society Summer Conference	2023

Grants & Scholarships

ASU Global Human Rights Hub Mini Research Grant (with Sumin Lee)	\$1,000
<i>Arizona State University</i>	2023
ISA Travel Grant	\$500
<i>International Studies Association</i>	2023
ISA-Midwest Travel Grant	\$250
<i>International Studies Association</i>	2023
Bridge Grant for Conference Travel	\$150
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2023
Minar Awards Summer Research Funding	\$500
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2023
The Graduate School, Graduate Research Grant	\$3,000
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2023
Buffett Institute for Global Affairs Research Travel Award	\$5,000
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2022
Department of Political Science Conference Funding	\$500
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2021–2023
Access Lex Emergency Stipend, University of Chicago Law School	\$3,000
<i>University of Chicago</i>	2020
University of Chicago Law School Stipend	\$24,633
<i>University of Chicago</i>	2019–2020
University of Chicago Law School Full Scholarship	\$72,174
<i>University of Chicago</i>	2019–2020
Minar Awards Summer Research Funding	\$1,000
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2019
Department of Political Science Conference Funding	\$500
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2019
Department of Political Science, University Fellowship	\$30,780
<i>Northwestern University</i>	2017–2018

Teaching Experience

University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Political Science:

- International Organization (POLS 4312, Spring 2025)
- Global Governance and International Institutions (POLS 4392 / POLS 5342, Spring 2025)
- Politics of International Law (POLS 4373, Fall 2024)
- Introduction to International Relations (POLS 3302, Fall 2024)

Research and Work Experience

Intern, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime <i>Division of Treaty Affairs, Firearms Trafficking Section</i>	2022 – 2023
GA, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs <i>Northwestern University</i>	2021 – 2022
RA for Professors Karen Alter and Stephen Nelson <i>Northwestern University</i>	2017 – 2021
RA for Center for Global Climate and Marine Governance <i>Korea University</i>	2017
RA for Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum <i>Korea University</i>	2016 – 2017
Junior Fellow, Seoul Forum for International Affairs	2015 – 2016
Intern, Trilateral Commission Annual Meeting, Seoul, Korea	2015

Language & Training

Statistical Programming: R programming

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, 2023

References

Karen J. Alter (Dissertation Committee Chair)

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Stephen C. Nelson (Dissertation Committee)

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