

# Ha Eun Choi

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Potsdam**, Germany  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, April 2024 -

## EDUCATION

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI, US  
PhD, Political Science, 2025  
Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics  
Dissertation: Negotiating Gender Equality in Trade Agreements  
Committee: Cristina Bodea (chair), Andrew Kerner, Shahryar Minhas, and Jennifer Wolak  
*Graduate Certificate in Computational Modeling* - Department of Computational Mathematics,  
Science and Engineering

**Hankuk University of Foreign Studies**, Seoul, South Korea  
MA, Political Science, 2017  
BA, German and Political Science (double major), 2015

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, International Institutions/Organizations, Gender & Politics, Human Rights, Trade, Text-as-Data, Network Analysis

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Seo, Hyerin and Ha Eun Choi. *forthcoming*. “Defending the Nation, Defining the Enemy: National Identity and the Moralized Partisan Polarization in South Korea.” *Korea Observer*.

Choi, Ha Eun, Jihwan Jeong, Amanda Murdie, Byungwon Woo, and Hyunjin Yim. 2025. “UN Secretary-General Visits and Human Rights Diplomacy.” *Journal of Peace Research*.

Choi, Ha Eun, Scott de Marchi, Max Gallop, and Shahryar Minhas. 2025. “[Decisive or Distracted: the Effects of United States Constraint on Security Networks](#).” *British Journal of Political Science*.

Choi, Ha Eun, Jihwan Jeong, Byungwon Woo, Hyunjin Yim. 2022. “Who Supports Russia in the Russo-Ukrainian War?: An Empirical Analysis of Voting on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution to Suspend Russia’s Membership in the Human Rights Council.” *Korean Political Science Review* 56(6): 41-69.

## WORKING PAPERS

Ha Eun Choi. “Negotiating Gender Equality: How Women in the Executive Shape Trade Agreements.”

- 2025 Honorable Mention, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN).
- To be presented at the EGEN/SUCCESS conference (Bergen, June 2026)

Choi, Ha Eun and Andrea Liese. “The Deep Divide: Processes and Consequences of Contesting Gender and Sexuality Norms in the UN.” *Under Review*.

Cheng, Cindy, Ha Eun Choi, and Shahryar Minhas. “The Burden of Order: Asymmetric Conflict Exposure in the Trade-Connected Core.”

Choi, Ha Eun, Jihwan Jeong, Byungwon Woo, and Hyunjin Yim. “From Travels to Transfers? UN Secretary-General Visits and Patterns of Multilateral Aid Allocation.”

- Presented at APSA 2023, PEIO 2024

Choi, Ha Eun and Hyerin Seo. “Nationalism and Public Support for International Organizations.”

SELECTED WORKS “Crises, Responses, and the Public Legitimacy of International Organizations: Experimental Evidence from the IMF.” (with Thomas Sommerer)

IN PROGRESS

- Presented at ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (Innsbruck, April 2026), to be presented at ECPR General Conference (Krakow, September 2026)

“The UN Secretary-General Travels: Where Do They Go and What Are the Consequences?” (with Jihwan Jeong, Byungwon Woo, and Hyunjin Yim)

“Mandate Expansion and Legitimacy of International Organizations: Survey Experiment on NATO’s Resilience Domain.” (with Andrea Knapp)

“Of Change and Resilience: Human Rights Norms in the Universal Periodic Review.” (with Andrea Liese)

- To be presented at EISA (Lisbon, September 2026)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Choi, Ha Eun, Scott de Marchi, Max Gallop, and Shahryar Minhas. 2026. “Concerns about US institutions suggest that ongoing loyalty from other democracies can no longer be taken for granted” LSE USAPP – American Politics and Policy Blog.

Sommerer, Thomas and Ha Eun Choi. 2025. “Between Stability and Stagnation: The Performance and Openness of International Organisations in a Changing Global Order.” *ENSURED Research Report*. no.21 (December): 1-38.

Choi, Ha Eun and Andrea Liese. 2025. “The Global Governance of Sex and Gender: Women’s and LGBTQI+ Rights Amid Regress, Reform, and Resilience.” *ENSURED Research Report*. no.19 (December): 1-40.

Choi, Ha Eun, Hylke Dijkstra, Andrea Liese, Thomas Sommerer, and Clara Weinhardt. 2024. “EU Support for Robust, Effective, and Democratic Global Governance: A Conceptual Framework.” *ENSURED Research Report*. no.4 (July): 1-44.

Kerner, Andrew, Ha Eun Choi and Cristina Bodea. 2021. “Janet Yellen will be the first female treasury secretary in U.S. Why are so few women in top economic posts?” In *Monkey Cage*. The Washington Post.

WORKING SOFTWARE

*Netify* (previously *conflictNet*): R package for modeling network data with Cassy Dorff (Co-PI), Colin Henry, and Shahryar Minhas (Co-PI).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2026 Explorer Research Grant (with Andrea Knapp), University of Potsdam (€4,800)

2026 ECPR SGIR Travel Grant (€250)

2025 Honorable Mention for Doctoral Dissertation (\$1,600), EGEN

2023 APSA Travel Grant (\$300), International Collaboration Section

2023 APSA Travel Grant (\$150)

2020-2022 R Programming Summer Teaching Fellowship, Department of Political Science, MSU

2022 Research & Scholar Award (\$4,000), College of Social Science, MSU

2022 Research Grant for Best Research Proposal (\$760), SICSS-Korea

2022 Graduate Office Fellowship (\$4,000), Department of Political Science, MSU

2021 Department Internal Research Funding (\$300), Department of Political Science, MSU

CONFERENCES

2026 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (Innsbruck), (scheduled) ECPR (Krakow)  
2025 ISA (Chicago)  
2024 ECPR (Dublin)  
2023 ISA (Montreal), PEIO (San Diego), APSA (LA), ISA-Midwest (St. Louis)  
2022 MPSA (Chicago), APSA (Montreal)  
2020 ISA (Honolulu - canceled due to COVID19)  
2017 ISA International Conference (Hong Kong)

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2021-2023  
Supervisor: Shahryar Minhas (Michigan State University)  
Building an NSF-funded R package for creating, reshaping and modeling of network data.

**Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2018  
Supervisor: Cristina Bodea (Michigan State University)  
Coding gender of policymakers in central banking.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Michigan State University, Department of Political Science**

**Instructor of Record**

PLS 202 Introduction to Data Analytics and the Social Sciences, Fall 2023

**Co-Instructor**

Programming in R for Political Scientists (for incoming PhD students), Summer 2020–2022

**Teaching Assistant**

PLS 202 Introduction to Data Analytics and the Social Sciences, Spring & Summer 2021; Summer 2023

PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science, Summer 2019; Summer & Fall 2020

PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2019

ISS 330 Africa: Social Science Perspectives, Spring 2020

ISS 308 Social Science Approaches to Law, Spring 2019

**Guest Lecturer**

International Organizations, Yonsei University, "Global Governance on International Women's Rights: CEDAW", June 2025

Introduction to International Relations, MSU, Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)**  
Program Assistant, July - October 2016

SKILLS

**Computing:** R, Python, STATA

**Language:** Korean (native), English (full professional proficiency), German (elementary proficiency)

**Fieldwork:** UN at Geneva (Interviews and participant observation; February & July 2025)

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

**The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS)-Korea**, South Korea, June 2022

**ÊSTIMATE Workshop (Prof. Jeff Wooldridge & Tim Vogelsang)**, Department of Economics (MSU), June 2021

SERVICE

**Peer Reviewer** *Review of International Organizations (2x), International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Global Politics (in Korean)*

**Editorial Assistant**, 2021-2022

*The Political Economist*, Newsletter of APSA Political Economy Section

**Program Committee**, April 2022

Department of Political Science PhD Student-Alumni Conference

REFERENCES

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