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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>International politics</b></li><li>• <b>Political geography</b></li><li>• <b>Economic history</b></li><li>• <b>Political economy</b></li></ul>	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>New York University Abu Dhabi</b> <i>Division of Social Science</i> <b>Associate Professor</b> (tenured) <b>Assistant Professor</b>	UAE  2020 - 2013 - 2020
	<b>New York University</b> <i>Wilf Family Department of Politics</i> <b>Affiliated Faculty</b>	USA  2012 -
OTHER POSITIONS	<b>Centre for Economic Institutions, Hitotsubashi University</b> Visiting Associate Professor	Japan Summer 2019
	<b>Academy of Korean Studies</b> Senior Research Fellow	Korea Summer 2018
	<b>Department of Economics, Seoul National University</b> Visiting Faculty	Korea Summer 2017
	<b>Paris School of Economics</b> Visiting Faculty	France Summer 2015
	<b>Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University</b> Faculty Fellow	USA 2012-2013
	<b>Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University</b> Postdoctoral Research Associate	USA 2010-2012
EDUCATION	<b>Stanford Graduate School of Business</b> PhD in Political Economics	USA June 2010
	<b>The University of Toronto</b> Master of Arts in Economics (PhD stream)	Canada June 2004
	<b>The University of British Columbia</b> Bachelor of Commerce (with honors)	Canada June 2003
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	[15] Ji Yeon Hong and Christopher Paik, forthcoming, "Hate Thy Communist Neighbor: Protestants and Politics in South Korea," <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> .  [14] Lisa Blaydes and Christopher Paik, forthcoming, "Trade and Political Fragmentation on the Silk Roads: The Economic Effects of Historical Exchange between China and the Muslim East," <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> .	

- [13] S.P. Harish and Christopher Paik, forthcoming, “Historical State Stability and Economic Development in Europe,” *Political Science Research and Methods*.
- [12] Lisa Blaydes and Christopher Paik, forthcoming, “Muslim Trade and City Growth Before the Nineteenth Century: Comparative Urbanization in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia,” *British Journal of Political Science*.
- [11] Ola Olsson and Christopher Paik, 2020, “A Western Reversal since the Neolithic? The Long-Run Impact of Early Agriculture,” *Journal of Economic History* 80(1): 100–135.
- [10] Christopher Paik and Jessica Vechbanyongratana, 2019, “Path to Centralization and Development: Evidence from Siam,” *World Politics* 71(2): 289–331.
- [9] Ji Yeon Hong and Christopher Paik, 2018, “Colonization and Education: Exploring the Legacy of Local Elites in Korea,” *Economic History Review* 71(3): 938–964.
- [8] Abbey Steele, Christopher Paik and Seiki Tanaka, 2018, “Constraining the Samurai: Rebellion and Taxation in Early Modern Japan,” *International Studies Quarterly* 61(2): 352–370.
- [7] Enze Han and Christopher Paik, 2017, “Ethnic Integration and Development in China,” *World Development* 93: 31–42.
- [6] Lisa Blaydes and Christopher Paik, 2016, “The Impact of Holy Land Crusades on State Formation: War Mobilization, Trade Integration and Political Development in Medieval Europe,” *International Organization* 70(3): 551–586.  
 – Recipient of the Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (2017).  
 – Recipient of the Best Article Award in European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association (2017).
- [5] Ola Olsson and Christopher Paik, 2016, “Long-Run Cultural Divergence: Evidence from the Neolithic Revolution,” *Journal of Development Economics* 122: 197–213.
- [4] Enze Han and Christopher Paik, 2014, “Dynamics of Political Resistance in Tibet: Religious Repression and Controversies of Demographic Change,” *China Quarterly* 217: 69–98.
- [3] Enze Han, Joseph O’mahoney, and Christopher Paik, 2014, “External kin, economic disparity and minority ethnic group mobilization,” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31(1): 49–69.
- [2] Christopher Paik, 2014, “Does Lineage Matter? A Study of Ancestral Influence on Educational Attainment in Korea,” *European Review of Economic History* 18(4): 433–451.
- [1] Christopher Paik and Tsering Wangyal Shawa, 2013, “Altitude and Adaptation: A Study of Geography and Ethnic Division,” *Applied Geography* 40: 212–221.

WORKING  
PAPERS

Sok Chul Hong, Christopher Paik and Yangkeun Yun, “Family Matters in a Meritocracy: Networks, Exams and Officialdom in the Joseon Dynasty,” (*revision requested at Journal of Economic Growth*).

Christopher Paik and Jessica Vechbanyongratana, “Reforms, Railways and Rice: Thailand’s Political Railroads and Economic Development in the 20th Century,” (*revision requested at Explorations in Economic History*).

Kemal Akoz, S.P. Harish and Christopher Paik, “Size, Resource Endowment and Survival of States.”

Christopher Paik, Joel Selway and Jessica Vechbanyongratana, “Mandala Matters: Former Tributary States and Modern Civil Conflict in Thailand.”

Ji Yeon Hong, Cecilia Mo and Christopher Paik, “Can Shared War Experience be a Gateway to Increase Refugee Acceptance?”

Lisa Blaydes and Christopher Paik, “Old World Trade Diasporas.”

Sok Chul Hong, Christopher Paik and Yangkeun Yun, “Spreading Knowledge in Exile.”

WORKS  
IN PROGRESS

Measuring Cultural Affinity to China: from the Silk Roads to the Belt and Road Initiative  
(with Lisa Blaydes)

Long Run Economic Outcomes of Ancient Nomadic Travel Routes in the Highlands of Asia  
(with Keshar Shahi)

Occupiers and Owners: Legacies of Colonial Enterprises (with Ji Yeon Hong)

Keeping Pulses on the Soil: Cultivation Practice and the Early Rise of Political Organization

Cassava Cultivation, Consumption and Urbanization in Africa (with Sok Chul Hong and  
Yangkeun Yun)

Ballots and Bullets: The Electoral Aftermath of the Maoist Insurgency (with Mario Chacon)

Railroad Rides for Freedom: Colonial Transportation Networks and Diffusion of Independence  
Movement (with Duol Kim)

OTHER  
WORK

Taejun Lee, Wonjun Chung and Christopher Paik, 2011, “Understanding Your Retirement  
Savings: How the Recent Economic Recession Changed Advertising in Retirement Financial  
Services,” *Journal of Financial Services Marketing* 16: 244–262.

GRANTS, HONORS  
& AWARDS

Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Copenhagen	2021
Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Centre for Economic Institutions, Hitotsubashi University	2019
Senior Researcher Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies	2018
NYUAD Research Enhancement Fund	2014-2015
Stanford Graduate School of Business Doctoral Fellowship	2004-2009
The University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship	2003-2004
The University of British Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program	2000-2003
The University of British Columbia Dean’s Honor Roll	2000-2003

PHD STUDENT  
ADVISING  
& INITIAL  
PLACEMENT

[NYU POLITICS PHD STUDENTS (DISSERTATION COMMITTEE ROLE; INITIAL PLACEMENT)]

2017	S.P. Harish (Reader; tenure-track assistant professor in government, College of William & Mary)
2014	Ji Yeon Hong (Member; tenure-track assistant professor of political science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE

Global Asia Initiative Team member	2019-2020
SRPP Faculty Hiring Committee member	
NYUAD Research Conference Program Committee member	
Global Asia Initiative Team Member	2018-2019
Economic History Faculty Hiring Committee member	
SRPP Faculty Hiring Committee member	
Global Asia Initiative Team Member	2017-2018
Post-doc selection committee member	2016-2017
Economic History Faculty Hiring Committee member	
Post-doc selection committee member	2015-2016
Politics Seminar Co-Organizer	2014-2015
Candidate Weekend Faculty Speaker	2013-2014
Politics Seminar Co-Organizer	
Political Science Faculty Hiring Committee	2012-2013

MEMBERSHIPS &  
CONFERENCE  
ORGANIZING

Faculty Fellow, AALIMS Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies  
2017-

Co-Organizer, AALIMS-NYUAD Conference on the Political Economy of Islam and Muslim Societies  
2019

Co-Organizer, NYUAD Historical Political Economy Conference  
2019

PRESENTATIONS  
(\*INVITED TALKS)

- 2020 Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)\*; University of Pittsburg\* (Historical Political Economy seminar)
- 2019 NYUAD-AALIMS Annual meeting; NYUAD (Historical Political Economy Workshop); Duke (State Capacity Workshop)\*; Hitotsubashi University (Institute of Economic Research)\*; Kobe University (Graduate School of Economics)\*; Kyoto University (Graduate School of Economics)\*; Osaka University (Institute of Social and Economic Research)\*; Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)\*; Shinshu University (Research Centre for Social Systems)\*; Pacific International Politics Conference (Taipei); Seoul National University (Department of Economics)\*; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)(Washington DC); Bocconi University (Dondena Workshop)\*; Yonsei University (Department of Political Science and International Relations)\*; Korea University (Department of Political Science and International Relations)\*; Korea Development Institute (KDI)\*; Korean Economic History Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Kyoto University (Graduate School of Economics)\*; Waseda University (School of Political Science and Economics)\*; Hitotsubashi University (Institute of Economic Research)\*; Yonsei University (Department of Political Science and International Relations)\*; Seoul National University (Applied Microeconomics Summer Workshop)\*; Academy of Korean Studies\*; New York University Shanghai\*; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston); Asian Historical Economics Conference (Hong Kong); UAE University (Political Economy of Development Workshop)\*
- 2017 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Division of Social Science)\*; Seoul National University (Department of Economics)\*; NYUAD-CEPR Economic History Workshop; AALIMS Annual Meeting (Pomona)\*; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hong Kong); Chulalongkorn University (Department of Economics)\*; Seoul National University (Applied Microeconomics Summer Workshop)\*; Korea Development Institute\*; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)(San Francisco); Indian Institute of Management (Rohtak)\*; Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Indian Statistical Institute)
- 2016 Nanyang Technological University (Economic Growth and Development Workshop)\*; Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Calgary); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (EPSA)(Brussels); Zayed University\*
- 2015 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (EPSA)(Vienna); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) (San Francisco); Paris School of Economics\*
- 2014 SOAS London\*; European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (EPSA)(Edinburgh); Canadian Economic Association Meeting; Asian Historical Economics Conference (AHEC) (Istanbul); Hertie School of Governance (Political Institutions and Inclusive Development Workshop)\*
- 2013 AALIMS Annual Meeting (Princeton)\*
- 2012 Brown (Department of Economics)\*; Social Sciences History Association Annual Meeting (Vancouver); Kookmin University (International Studies)\*
- 2011 International Society for New Institutional Economics Conference (ISNIE); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) (Seattle); Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)(Yale); University of Gothenburg (School of Economics and Business)\*; Kyung Hee University (International Studies)\*; NYU\*
- 2009 Pacific Development Economics Conference (San Francisco); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago); Stanford GSB (Political Economy Workshop); UC Berkeley Haas (Oliver Williamson Seminar on Institutional Analysis)\*; Stanford (Development Economics Workshop); International Society for New Institutional Economics Conference (ISNIE)

JOURNAL REFEREEE *Econometrica*(3), *Journal of Economic Growth*(6), *Journal of Development Economics*(2), *Journal of European Economic Association*(3), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Economic History*(5), *Economic History Review*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Australian Economic History Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *American Political Science Review*(2), *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*(3), *Quarterly Journal of Political Sci-*

*ence(2), International Studies Quarterly(2), Journal of Peace Research(2), Journal of Conflict Resolution, Eastern European Economics, Applied Geography, Terrorism and Political Violence, Social Science Quarterly, World Development, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Studies in International Comparative Development, Conflict Management and Peace Science*

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