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Education

University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations	May 2018
Dissertation Title: "Forced March to Modernity: State-Imposed Cultural Change and Regime Stability in 20th Century East Asia"	
Ritsumeikan University	Kyoto, Japan
M.A. in International Relations	September 2007
Brown University	Providence, RI
B.A. in Computer Science	May 2000
B.A. in East Asian Studies	May 2000

Fellowships and Grants

Mansfield-Luce Scholars Network Cohort I	2020-2022
U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholars (CSIS/USC)	2018-2019
USC Graduate School Final Year Fellowship	2017-2018
Fulbright Research Fellowship	2016-2017
USC Provost Fellowship	2012-2017
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship	Summer 2014
ACE-Nikaido Summer Research Fellowship	Summer 2013
Japan MEXT Fellowship	2005-2007

Academic Publications

- M. Shaw, (2022). Godzilla vs Pulgasari: Anti-Japanism and Anti-Communism as Dueling Antagonisms in South Korean Politics. *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 22(2), 201-230, doi:10.1017/jea.2022.2
- M. Shaw, (2022). "The Abyss Gazes Back: How North Korean Propaganda Interprets Sanctions, Threats and Diplomacy," *The Pacific Review*, 35(1), 202-228, doi: [10.1080/09512748.2020.1844281](https://doi.org/10.1080/09512748.2020.1844281)
- M. Shaw, "The 'Strong and Prosperous' Slogan in Recent North Korean Fiction," *On Korea* Vol 12, (2019): 113-125.
- David Kang, Ronan Tse-min Fu, Meredith Shaw, and Dat Nguyen, "War, Rebellion, and Intervention under Hierarchy: Vietnam-China Relations, 1365-1841," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2019): 896-922.
- Meredith Shaw and David Kang, "The Seventy-Year History of North Korean Cultural Formation," in *The Routledge Handbook of Korean Culture and Society*, Dec 2016.
- David Kang, Ronan Tse-min Fu and Meredith Shaw, "Measuring War in Early Modern East Asia, 1368-1841: Introducing Chinese and Korean Language Sources," *International Studies Quarterly* Volume 60, Issue 4, 1 December 2016, Pages 766-777.
- Meredith Shaw and Choi Jin-wook, "The Rise of Kim Jong Eun and the Return of the Party," *The International Journal of Korean Unification Studies*, Vol. 19 No. 2 (Winter 2010).

General Media Publications

- "Will Yoon Suk-yeol Finally Reform South Korea's National Security Law?," Meredith Shaw and Joseph Yi, *The Diplomat*, March 15, 2022 ([link](#)).
- "Novel Leader: State Fiction and the Legend of Kim Jong Un," *Global Asia*, June 2018 ([link](#)).
- "Inside North Korea's Literary Fiction Factory," *The Conversation*, January 26, 2018 ([link](#)).
- "Can South Korean TV Shows Really Bring Change to North Korea?" *The National Interest*, Dec 4, 2015 ([link](#)).

Selected Conference Presentations

- "Learning to Love the Bomb: Nuclear and Missile Technology in North Korean State Literature," International Conference: Free of Nuclear Weapons and

Economic Development on the Korean Peninsula, DPRK Strategic Research Center/KIMEP, Almaty, Kazakhstan, May 20, 2022.

“Global Finance through the Lens of North Korean State Propaganda,” The 3rd North Korea Economic Forum Annual Conference: Session II, GW Institute for Korean Studies, Washington DC, Oct 15, 2021.

“One Nation, Divisible: Cultural Rivalries in Politically Divided Nations,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver CO, March 24, 2019.

“‘Adorning Our Country with Beauty’: Thematic Shifts in North Korean Fiction since the Third Generation Leadership Transition,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C., March 23, 2018.

“The ‘Strong and Prosperous’ Slogan in Recent North Korean Fiction,” KEI Academic Paper Series, Washington D.C., December 4, 2018

“Imposed culture and Mongolia’s democratic transition,” CEE-ISA, Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 2016.

Podcasts and Videos

“Dialogue with Dictators: The Costs and Benefits of High-Level Diplomacy with North Korea,” Tokyo College Forum, Tokyo Japan ([English](#) | [日本語](#))

“How North Korean Propaganda Interprets Sanctions, Threats, & Diplomacy,” AU Korea, American University, April 28, 2022 ([English](#))

The Korea Now Podcast #120: “Antagonisms in South Korean Politics - Anti-Japanism vs. Anti-Communism”, March 15, 2022 ([English](#))

“Global Finance through the Lens of North Korean State Propaganda,” The 3rd North Korea Economic Forum Annual Conference: Session II, GW Institute for Korean Studies, Oct 15, 2021 ([English](#))

The Korea Now Podcast #92 (Literature Series): ‘Messages in North Korean Literature’, September 20, 2020 ([English](#))

Research Affiliations

Research Assistant to Professor Saori Katada	Fall 2015, Summer 2016
Graduate Affiliate, USC Korea Studies Institute	2012-2018
Young Leader, Pacific Forum CSIS	2012-2018
Research Associate, Korea Institute for National Unification	2010-2012

Teaching Experience

Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan	Lecturer, Spring 2020
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POL422 Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Democracies

University of Southern California, USA Teaching Assistant, 2013-2015
IR211: Introduction to Research Methods, Professor Patrick James
IR210: International Relations: Introductory Analysis, Professor Stephen Lamy
IR213: The Global Economy, Professor Iva Bozovic

Kyoto Sangyo University, Kyoto, Japan Lecturer, 2007-2009
Business Writing 2007-2009
Information Management 2007-2009
Business Presentation 2008
English through E-Learning 2008-2009

Other Professional Experience

Korea Institute for National Unification 2010-2012
Research Associate, translator and editor Seoul, South Korea

Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd 2003-2005
Senior Engineer Sendai, Japan

Microsoft Corp. 2000-2002
Software Development Engineer Redmond, WA

Additional Training and Skills

Languages: English (native), Japanese (fluent), Korean (fluent), Mandarin
(intermediate), Mongolian (basic)

Computing Skills: Stata, R, VB, Python

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