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EDUCATION

- Sep 2024 ~ Seoul National University (Seoul, South Korea)
Ph.D. Program in Sociology
- 2024 Seoul National University (Seoul, South Korea)
M.A. in Sociology, Aug 2024 | Advisor: Professor Hong-Jung Kim
Thesis Title: “A study on Luc Boltanski’s ‘sociology of critique’: Focusing on its divergence from Bourdieusian critical sociology” (in Korean, English abstract included, pp. 1~141)
- 2021 Yonsei University (Seoul, South Korea)
B.A. in Korean History and B.A. in Education, Aug 2021
- 2014 ~ 2018 Student at Kyung Hee University (Seoul, South Korea)
School of English Language
*Completed mandatory military service as a Sergeant in the ROK Air Force (2015 ~ 2017)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Pragmatist sociology, Political and moral sociology, Social theory, Democracy and critique, Meritocracy, Media

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Reassembling the relationship between critique and sociology in the age of mistrust: Focusing on Luc Boltanski’s ‘pragmatic sociology of critique’” (in Korean and in English)
- “The distant top-star instructor (*Ilta-gangsa*) and his poor: A pragmatic sociology of rendering the ‘unresting test life’ bearable in South Korea” (in Korean and in English)

SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “From ‘critical sociology’ to ‘sociology of critique’: Focusing on Luc Boltanski’s endeavor to reformulate the question of critique” (in Korean)
- Critical Sociological Association of Korea (CSAK) 2024 Fall Conference, Jeju National University, Oct 18, 2024
 - Graduate Student Brown-bag Seminar, Department of Sociology, SNU, Nov 25, 2024
- “A few thoughts on anxiety: Re-reading W. Benjamin’s *Capitalism as Religion* and L. Boltanski’s *On Critique*” (in Korean)
- Graduate Student Brown-bag Seminar, Department of Sociology, SNU, Jan 16, 2023
- “Korean youth as test takers and politics of dreams in the survivalist era: Exploring social theories for a relational approach” (in Korean)
- The 21st National Sociology Graduate Student Conference, Yonsei University, Feb 11, 2022

SELECTED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

K-future: Theoretical Experimentations Team, SNU Contemporary Korean Studies, SNU – (Mar 2024 ~)

- Supported an interdisciplinary research initiative aimed at “traversing theories and symptoms, thought and fieldwork” to explore future-oriented approaches to Korean studies.
- Organized and coordinated 10+ sessions of the *Theory Atelier*, a flagship colloquium series inviting distinguished scholars from diverse traditions to engage in dialogue with Korean studies. Notable sessions organized:
 - (1) “Believing: Religious Transformation and Liberalism in Korean New Religious Movements” – Prof. Nathalie Luca (CNRS/EHESS) [co-hosted with Dept. of Anthropology, BK21 Program], Aug 22, 2024
 - (2) “Civil War and Hygiene: Horizons of a Critique of Colonial-Capitalism” – Prof. Hang Kim (Yonsei Univ.), Dec 5, 2024
 - (3) “The Unencumbered Self: Probability, Space-Time, and the Modern Myth of Freedom” – Prof. Samantha Frost (Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Feb 10, 2025
 - (4) “(Back to the) Future Fieldwork” – Prof. Valérie Gelézeau (CNRS/EHESS), May 9, 2025
 - (5) “Moische Postone: Critical Theory Critiquing Itself” – Prof. Yongtaek Jung (Hanshin Univ.), May 26, 2025
- Served as conference staff for the 1st and 2nd International Conference for Contemporary Korean Studies (ICCKS) at SNU, held under the themes “*Reimagining Korea*” (2024) and “*Korea as Symptom: Perspectives on the Future*” (2025).

Program on Civil Society and NGOs, SNU Asia Center (SNUAC) – (Jan 2025 ~ Sep 2025)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Spring 2025	Sociology in Contemporary Society Jung-Hwan Kim (Undergraduate course) Gave a lecture titled “Critique of Culture and the Culture of Critique” on Apr 18
Fall 2024	Topics in Sociological Theories (Focusing on Alternative Social Theory) Hong-Jung Kim (Graduate course)
Spring 2024	Seminar of Future Studies Hong-Jung Kim (Graduate course)

STUDY ABROAD

Spring 2020	Exchange Student Program (ESP), 12 credits (undergraduate courses), College of Education, Michigan State University, USA
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TRANSLATION PROJECTS

Translation proposals in preparation for the following works:

Boltanski, L. 2011. *On Critique: A Sociology of Emancipation*, Cambridge: Polity. [2009. *De la critique. Précis de sociologie de l'émancipation*, collection NRF essais, Paris: Gallimard.]

_____. 2012. *Love and Justice as Competences*, Cambridge: Polity. [1990. *L'amour et la justice comme compétences*, Paris: Métailié.]

Boltanski, L. and L. Thévenot. 2006. *On Justification: Economies of Worth*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [1991. *De la justification: Les économies de la grandeur*, Paris: Gallimard.]

LANGUAGE

Korean (native), English (fluent), French (basic in reading), Chinese (basic in reading)