

# Seung Deok Seo

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<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</b> PhD in Political Science Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: International Relations	United States 2022 – Present
	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> MSc in Development Studies	United Kingdom
	<b>Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS)</b> BA in Arabic Interpretation and Translation Minor: Political Science and Diplomacy <i>Study Abroad Program: Cairo University (Egypt); University of Jordan (Jordan)</i>	Republic of Korea
<b>Academic Training</b>	<b>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)</b> Admitted Participant (forthcoming)	United States 2026
	<b>Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS)</b> Computational Social Science Training	Republic of Korea 2025
	<b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Rothberg International School)</b> Summer Course: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict	Israel 2019
	<b>Bourguiba Institute of Modern Languages</b> Arabic Language Training	Tunisia
<b>Research Interests</b>	Civil Society; NGO Politics; Foreign Aid; Organizational Behavior; Authoritarian Regimes; Donor–Recipient Relations; Middle East	
<b>Working Papers</b>	[1] Beyond Economic and Political Motives: Exploring the Religious Dynamics in Gulf States' Foreign Aid Allocation (with Paul Un)	
<b>Work in Progress</b>	[1] Flocking Together: NGO Identity and Cooperation in Jordan (Dissertation project) [2] Donor Identity and Recipient Perceptions: A Conjoint Experiment on Foreign Aid in Indonesia (with Paul Un)	

Fellowships  
and Grants

**Internal (University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign)**

Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant, \$4,995	2026
Graduate Research and Professionalization Fund (Department), \$1,200	2026
Evelyne Accad and Paul Vieille Research Award, \$1,000	2026
Departmental Travel Support (IQMR participation), \$500	2026
Illinois Global Institute Language Fellowship (Arabic), \$20,000	2024–2025
Conference Travel Award (3 awards), \$100 each	2024, 2025
Kneier Fellowship, \$3,927	2023

**External**

IQMR: Admitted Participant, fees + lodging covered, \$3,085	2026
Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies), \$3,000	2026
SICSS: Fully Funded (Tuition and Lodging)	2025
ISA–Midwest: Conference Travel Grant, \$250	2024
HUFS: Study Abroad Scholarship (Jordan), \$3,700	2015

Teaching  
Experience

**Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign**

PS 282: Governing Globalization (Discussion Leader)	Spring 2026
PS 241: Comparative Politics in the Global South (Discussion Leader)	Fall 2025
PS 322: Law and Public Policy (Course Grader)	Spring 2024
PS 250: Rise Up: Organizing Resistance (Course Grader)	Fall 2023

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Presenter)	2026
International Studies Association Annual Convention (Presenter)	2025
International Studies Association–Midwest Annual Convention (Presenter)	2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Presenter)	2024

Professional  
Experience

<b>Korea International Cooperation Agency Iraq Office</b>	Iraq (Remote)
Development Cooperation Junior Consultant – Middle East/North Africa	2021
<b>UN Women Palestine Country Office</b>	Palestinian Territories
Social Media and Youth Engagement Officer	2018–2020

Skills

**Languages**

*Korean* (Native), *English* (Professional Working Proficiency), *Modern Standard Arabic* (Advanced), *Levantine Arabic* (Advanced)

**Programming**

R, Python,  $\LaTeX$ , Jupyter Notebook, Qualtrics

References

References available upon request.