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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

1. 2025– Professor
KDI School of Public Policy and Management
7. 2019– Associate Professor (with tenure, since 2024)
KDI School of Public Policy and Management
7. 2012– Assistant Professor
6. 2019 National University of Singapore
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP)

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
Department of Urban Studies and Planning
- 2005 Master in Urban Planning with Distinction
Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
- 2003 B.S. in Industrial Design, Magna Cum Laude
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Urbanization and development in Asia; Urban policy, governance, and politics;
Smart cities; Global cities; City branding; Urban cultural policies; Creative cities.

PUBLICATIONS

SSCI Journal Articles:

Joo, Yu-Min. 2023. "Developmentalist smart cities? The cases of Singapore and Seoul." *International Journal of Urban Sciences*. 27, 164-182.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/12265934.2021.1925143>

Bae, Yooil and **Yu-Min Joo** (corresponding author). 2020. "The making of Gangnam: Social construction and identity of urban place in South Korea." *Urban Affairs Review*. 56(3): 726-757. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087419827645>.

Seo, Bokyong and **Yu-Min Joo**. 2019. "Innovation or episodes? Multi-scalar analysis of governance change in urban regeneration policy in South Korea." *Cities*. 92:27–35.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2019.03.010>.

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Joo, Yu-Min and Bokyoung Seo. 2018. "Dual policy to fight urban shrinkage: Daegu, South Korea." *Cities*. 73:128–137. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2017.08.015>.

Joo, Yu-Min and Teck-Boon Tan. 2018. "Smart cities: A new age of digital insecurity?" *Survival*. 60(2):91–106. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00396338.2018.1448577>.

Joo, Yu-Min and Se-Hoon Park. 2017. "Overcoming urban growth coalition: The case of a culture-led urban revitalization project in Busan, South Korea." *Urban Affairs Review*. 53(5):843–867. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1078087416638449>.

Joo, Yu-Min and Yee-Kuang Heng. 2017. "Turning on the taps: Singapore's new branding as a global hydrohub." *International Development Planning Review*. 39(2):209–227. <https://dx.doi.org/10.3828/idpr.2016.29>.

Bae, Yooil, **Yu-Min Joo**, and Soh-Yeon Won. 2016. "Decentralization and collaborative disaster governance: Evidence from South Korea." *Habitat International*. 52:50–56. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2015.08.027>.

Bae, Yooil and **Yu-Min Joo**. 2016. "Pathways to meet critical success factors for local PPPs: The cases of urban transport infrastructure PPPs in Korean cities." *Cities*. 53:35–42. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2016.01.007>.

ESCI international journal article:

Joo, Yu-Min. 2019. "Smart city Seoul." *East Asian Policy*. 11 (3):59-67. <https://doi.org/10.1142/S1793930519000278>

KCI journal article:

Joo, Yu-Min. 2025. "Slow cities for local development in Korea: From entrepreneurial cities to progressive localism." *Journal of Governmental Studies*. (forthcoming)

Bae, Yooil and **Yu-Min Joo**. 2021. "Singapore's Migrant Workers and COVID-19 Responses: Policy Changes in Immigration and Critical Junctures." *Journal of Contemporary Politics*, 14(3), 239–274.

Park, Se-Hoon and **Yu-Min Joo**. 2014. "Building effective governance for cultural district planning: The case of the Totatoga project in Busan." *The Korea Spatial Planning Review*. 83:49–67.

Books:

Joo, Yu-Min and Teck-Boon Tan (eds.) 2020. *Smart Cities in Asia*. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/smart-cities-in-asia-9781788972871.html>

(Reviewed in *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2022; *Environment and Urbanization ASIA*, 2021; *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 2020)

Joo, Yu-Min. 2019. *Megacity Seoul: Urbanization and the Development of Modern South Korea*. Oxford and New York: Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Megacity-Seoul-Urbanization-and-the-Development-of-Modern-South-Korea/Joo/p/book/9781138242531>

(Reviewed in *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 2019)

Joo, Yu-Min, Yooil Bae, and Eva Kassens-Noor. 2017. *Mega-Events and Mega-Ambitions: South Korea's Rise and Strategic Use of Mega-Events*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9781137531124>

(Reviewed in *Journal of Sport History*, 2018)

Book Chapters:

Joo, Yu-Min. 2023. "Seoul: Pursuing and sharing a global city." In Hu, R. (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Asian Cities*. New York: Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Handbook-of-Asian-Cities/Hu/p/book/9781032188409>

Joo, Yu-Min. 2022. "Micro-segregation in Seoul, the capital city of the 'Republic of Apartments'". In Maloutas, T. and Karadimitriou N. (eds.) *Vertical Cities*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800886391.00031>

Song, Jun-Min and **Joo, Yu-Min.** 2020. "From rubbles to the Korean Wave hub: The Making of the new Digital Media City in Seoul." In Gu, X. O'Connor, J. and Lim, K. (eds.) *Re-imagining creative cities in twenty-first century Asia*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030462901>

Joo, Yu-Min. 2020. "Exporting new city developments? From new towns to smart cities." In Park, S.H., Shin, H. B., & Kang, H.S. (eds.) *Exporting urban Korea? Reconsidering the Korean urban development experience*. New York: Routledge <https://www.routledge.com/Exporting-Urban-Korea-Reconsidering-the-Korean-Urban-Development-Experience/Park-Shin-Kang/p/book/9780367498405>

Joo, Yu-Min, Teck-Boon Tan, and Mingyee Foo. 2020. "The Smart Nation: Unpacking Singapore's latest mega-digitalization push." In Joo and Tan (eds.) *Smart cities in Asia*. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/smart-cities-in-asia-9781788972871.html>

Joo, Yu-Min. 2020. "Two faces of mega-urban region formation in South Korea." In Wei Shan and Lijun Yang (eds.) *Metropolitan Circles Development and the Future of Urbanization*. Singapore: World Scientific. <https://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/11468>

Joo, Yu-Min. 2019. "Progressive solutions to urban woes? Arts and culture as tools for progressive urban regeneration in Busan, South Korea." In Douglass, M., R. Garbaye, and KC Ho (eds.) *The Rise of Progressive Cities East and West*. Singapore: Springer. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9789811302084>

Joo, Yu-Min. 2013. "New town developments in South Korea: Then and now." In Del Cerro, G. (ed.) *Urban Megaprojects: A Worldwide View*. London: Emerald Group Publishing. <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/book/10.1108/S1047-0042%282013%2913>

Joo, Yu-Min, Bokyoung Seo, and Se-Hoon Park. 2018. "Is urban regeneration without gentrification possible? The case of creative space development in the old downtown of Busan." (in Korean). In Choi, B.D. (ed.) *Urban Regeneration and Gentrification*. Paju: Hanwool.

Consulting project:

World Bank Group: Cities, Culture, Creativity: Learning from the Republic of Korea's Experience. 2023. <https://policycommons.net/artifacts/3457392/cities-culture-creativity/4257896/>

Op-Ed:

Tan, Teck-Boon and **Yu-Min Joo**. 2018. "Are smart cities safe?" *Global-is-Asian*. <http://global-is-asian.nus.edu.sg/index.php/smart-cities-safe/>

Awards:

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| 2020, 2023,
& 2024 | KDI School of Public Policy and Management: Teaching Award |
| 2014 | Paper Excellence Award of the Year (2nd place) from <i>The Korea Spatial Planning Review</i> . |
| 2005 | Harvard Graduate School of Design, Urban Planning and Design Thesis Award
<u>Thesis Title:</u> Industrial Districts as Local Urban Development in Boston. |

SERVICE (selected)

KDI School of Public Policy and Management Committees and Service:

- MDP program chair: 2023.9.1 – current.
- Director of the Learning Innovation Center: 2022.3.14-2023.1.15

Reviewer for:

Journals: International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; Urban Studies; Cities; Urban Affairs Review; Journal of Urban Affairs; Natural Resources Forum; Urban Affairs Review; Urban Policy and Research; International Journal of Urban Science; Territory, Politics, Governance, etc.

Book manuscripts and proposals: Edward Elgar Publishing, NUS Press, Routledge, UCL Press.

Others:

Member of the Seoul Design International Forum Working Group (2021-2022).
https://www.sdif.org/html/ko/working_group.php