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## EDUCATION:

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**07/02/2017 – 10/11/2020**

### **PhD in Climate Change and Environmental Politics**

Technical University of Munich (Technische Universität München), Germany

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs
- Dissertation: Water Management in Germany and South Korea: A Comparison of Climate Change Adaptation Strategies
- Graduated with Mit Erfolg bestanden (equivalent to Magna cum Laude according to both internal reviewers)

**01/01/2015 – 31/01/2017**

### **PhD Candidate at Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU)**

Free University of Berlin (Freie Universität Berlin), Germany

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs

**30/09/2011 – 30/09/2012**

### **MSc in Climate Change and Development**

University of Sussex and Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK

- Dissertation: Internal Migration and Adaptation Policy Options in Coastal Bangladesh
- Graduated with Merit

**02/03/2002 – 25/08/2006**

### **BA in Political Science and Diplomacy**

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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**01/06/2021 - Present**

### **Postdoctoral Researcher**

Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium

- Research on youth actors in international environmental negotiations for the [Youth Earth](#) project led by Prof. Amandine Orsini.
- Conducted field research during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021 (online, 6-16 July 2021), the Stockholm+50 Conference (Stockholm, 2-3 June 2022), the UN Climate Change Conference COP27 (Sharm El Sheikh, 6-18 November 2022), and the UN Biodiversity Conference COP15 (Montreal, 7-19 December 2022).
- Teaching experience: 1) co-teaching of International Relations with Prof. Orsini (Winter 2022), 2) three lectures of International Organizations (Summer 2022), 3) two lectures in the EU Environment Policies and Law program (February 2022 and April 2023).

**21/10/2021 – 18/11/2021**

### **Lecturer**

Dobong Environmental Education Centre (Korean NGO)

- Designed and taught an online lecture series on climate change adaptation policy (in Korean) for 20 environmental educators in South Korea.

**01/03/2020 – 31/05/2021**

### **Coordination Hub Member**

PlanAdapt, Berlin, Germany

- Management of online communications of a non-governmental organisation by updating its LinkedIn and Twitter accounts (in English) on a regular basis.

- Research on nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) practices in Global South for a technical paper of the Urban EbA working group of the Friends of EbA.
- Supported the writing of project proposal and strategy development.

**27/11/2020 – 11/12/2020**

**Lecturer**

Environmental Education for All Research Institute (Korean NGO)

- Designed and taught an online lecture series on climate change adaptation and development (in Korean) for 25 environmental educators in South Korea.

**01/11/2013 – 31/12/2014**

**Researcher**

Korea Environment Institute, Seoul, South Korea

- Researched biodiversity and international cooperation to support the Korean government in preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP12) held in South Korea, 2014.
- Organised expert seminars and workshops for developing national strategy on biodiversity.
- Drafted the speech of Prime Minister delivered at the CBD COP12.
- Co-authored three analytical reports on national governmental strategies for biodiversity conservation in collaboration with Ministry of Environment of South Korea.
- Participated in the 18th meeting of Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the CBD COP12 as a member of the national delegation team.
- Facilitated liaisons with governmental agencies and research institutes.
- Edited the Korean edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4.

**15/06/2013 – 31/12/2013**

**Policy Consultant**

Green Technology Centre, Seoul, South Korea

- Researched and analysed green technology and energy policy in Europe.
- Compiled summary reports for a biweekly publication on the trends in global green technology.

**01/02/2013 – 30/09/2013**

**Knowledge Management Consultant and Intern**

International Labour Organization (ILO) Country Office for Indonesia and Timor-Leste, Jakarta, Indonesia

- Produced and edited project reports for the Green Livelihood Access for Central Kalimantan's Inclusive Environmental Response to Climate Change (GLACIER) Project.
- Coordinated the development process of a publication that aimed to increase policymakers' awareness of climate change issues.

**22/06/2012 – 31/10/2012**

**Intern**

Policy Group of Voluntary Service Overseas International, London, UK

- Completed a paper for VSO staff (Title: *Climate Change: VSO's role, experiences and approaches 2012*) recommending the integration of climate change to all the thematic areas and strengthening of regional coordination within the organisation.

**01/01/2011 – 30/06/2011**

**Administrative Staff**

Grassroots Alternative School for Initiators, Seoul, South Korea

- Planned and edited the school prospectus and leaflet using Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign that was given to prospective students (age 16+) who are interested in alternative education for higher education.

20/04/2006 – 31/01/2011

### Journalist

PRESSian (Korean online newspaper), Seoul, South Korea

- Wrote daily articles on environment, education, culture and human rights issues (in Korean) for PRESSian with more than 100,000 daily visitors per day.
- Initiated exclusive coverage projects in collaboration with partner organisations on human rights, cultural movement, education, women and environment issues.

## PUBLICATIONS:

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### International Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Orsini, Amandine & **Kang, Yi hyun**. 2023. “European Leadership and European Youth in the Climate Change Regime Complex.” *Politics and Governance*. Vol. 11. no. 2. 84-96. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v11i2.6500>

**Kang, Yi hyun**, Dieperink, Karel & Dries Hegger. 2022. “Policy translation and dynamics: The role of Dutch ideas in developing South Korea's coastal management policies.” *Ocean & Coastal Management*. Vol. 221. DOI: [10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2022.106102](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2022.106102)

Lee, Sang Hun, **Kang, Yi hyun** & Rong Dai. 2021. “Toward a more expansive discourse in a changing world: an analysis of political leaders’ speeches on biodiversity.” *Sustainability*. Vol. 13, no. 5, 2899. DOI: [10.3390/su13052899](https://doi.org/10.3390/su13052899). Open access.

Martin, Maxmillan; **Kang, Yi hyun**; Billah, Motasim; Siddiqui, Tasneem; Black, Richard & Dominic Kniveton. 2017. “Climate-influenced migration in Bangladesh: The need for a policy realignment.” *Development Policy Review*, vol. 35, no. 52. O357-O379. DOI: [10.1111/dpr.12260](https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12260).

### Books

**Kang, Yi hyun**. 2022. *Climate change adaptation in river management: A comparative study of Germany and South Korea*. Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-10486-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-10486-2)

Kang, Yang-gu & **Kang, Yi hyun**. 2009. *Table Revolution* (in Korean). Salimteo.

- Discussed food and agriculture policies and local food movements in Japan, France, Canada, the UK and the US.
- Selected as one of the Year’s Recommended Books by Korea Publication Ethics Commission.

Kim, Hayoung; **Kang, Yi hyun**; Yeo, Jungmin; Jeon-Hong, Kihye & Hyunseok Seong. 2008. *Guerillas against the Samsung Empire* (in Korean). PRESSian Book.

- Compilation of interviews with those who advocated labour rights against Samsung Group.

### Book Chapters

**Kang, Yi hyun** and Orsini, Amandine. 2023. A multi-level analysis of youth climate activism in South Korea. In V. Frangville, T. Kellner, and F. Ponjaert (Eds.), *National Identity and Millennials in Northeast Asia: Power and Contestations in the Digital Age*. In press. Routledge.

### Technical Papers

FEBA (Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation). 2021. *Climate Justice for People and Nature through Urban Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA): A Focus on the Global South*. Vidal Merino, M., **Kang, Y. H.**, Arce Romero, A., Pahwa Gajjar, S., Tuhkanen, H., Nisbet, R., DeMaria-Kinney, J., Min, A.K., Atieno, W. C., Bray, B. (authors). PlanAdapt, Berlin, Germany and IUCN, Gland, Switzerland. 43 pp. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5187945](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5187945). Open access.

**Kang, Yi hyun**. 2021. “The participation of European future generation in environmental politics (in Korean).” *Overseas Environmental Policy Trend*.

### Conference Proceedings

**Kang, Yi hyun.** 2019. “A tipping point for policy transformation: case studies of water management in South Korea and Germany.” *Conference Proceedings of Adaptation Futures 2018*. DOI: [10.15641/0-7992-2543-3](https://doi.org/10.15641/0-7992-2543-3). Open access.

### **Policy Briefs and Project Reports**

Lee, Hyunwoo; Kim, Sungjin; Kang, Jooyeon; Park, Junhyun; Lee, Jungho & **Kang, Yi hyun.** 2021. *Establishment of Global Green Transition Network* (in Korean). Korea Environment Institute.

Lee, Hyunwoo; **Kang, Yi hyun** & Sanghun Lee. 2014. *Detailed Plan for the Twelfth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and follow-up plans* (in Korean). Ministry of Environment.

Myeong, Sujeong; Lee, Hyunwoo; Kim, Choongi; **Kang, Yi hyun** & Sanghun Lee. 2014. *Issues Discussed at the Convention on Biological Diversity and South Korea's Countermeasures* (in Korean). Korea Environment Institute.

Park, Yongha; **Kang, Yi hyun**; Jang, Hun & Ilchan Oh. 2014. *The Development of a National Strategy for the Twelfth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity* (in Korean). Ministry of Environment.

### **Translations**

Giacomo D'Alisa, Federico Demaria and Giorgos Kallis. 2015. *Degrowth: A Vocabulary for a New Era*. Oxon: Routledge

- Translated the Korean edition published in 2018 by Gumulco.

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. 2014. *Global Biodiversity Outlook 4*. Montréal: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

- Edited the [Korean edition](#) published in 2014 by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### **Blog posts**

[Was 2021 a turning point for the South Korean Energy Transition?](#), In *Energy Transition*. 24/02/2022

[Why are farmers against solar panels in Korea?](#), In *Energy Transition*. 11/01/2022

[Korea's hydrogen ambitions – pioneering or heading down the wrong path?](#) In *Energy Transition*. 07/10/2021.

[Youth at the HLPF: Facing the Ongoing Challenge of Meaningful Participation](#). Co-authored with Amandine Orsini. In *IISD SDG Knowledge Hub*. 20/09/2021.

[‘K-battery’ competition and Korea’s mobility transition](#). In *Energy Transition*. 24/06/2021.

[Nuclear Power debate rumbles on in Taiwan and Korea](#). In *Energy Transition*. 03/06/2021.

[Grassroots solar energy in South Korea](#). In *Energy Transition*. 03/09/2018.

[Open the window for fresh air? Not in Korea](#). In *Energy Transition*. 23/05/2018.

[Will South Korea’s energy transition include nuclear?](#) In *Energy Transition*. 27/03/2018.

### **Others**

Kang, Yi hyun. 2011. *Climate Change: VSO's role, experiences and approaches 2012*.

- Internal concept paper for Voluntary Service Overseas International.

Grassroots Alternative School for Initiators. 2011. *School Prospectus* (in Korean).

- Planned and edited a school prospectus for prospective students.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

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- 01/02/2022 – Present**                    **Korean Association For Environmental Sociology** – Board member of the Cooperation Committee for Conferences
- 11/08/2022 – Present**                    **Earth System Governance** - Research Fellow

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS and TRAINING:**

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- 02/11/2022 – 19/11/2022**                **FNRS Mobility Grant**  
UN Climate Change Conference COP27
- 22/08/2022 – 26/08/2022**                **FNRS Mobility Grant**  
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference
- 16/08/2021 – 20/08/2021**                **ECPR Method Summer School** - Social Network Analysis course
- 01/12/2019 – 31/01/2020**                **Visiting Student**  
Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University
- 01/10/2018 – 31/03/2019**                **STIBET Teaching Assistantship**  
Technical University of Munich
- 18/06/2018 – 21/06/2018**                **DAAD-Kongressreisen**  
The 5<sup>th</sup> International Climate Change Adaptation Conference
- 18/02/2017 – 18/04/2017**                **TUM Graduate School Internationalisation Grant**
- 05/06/2017 – 09/06/2017**                **TUM Graduate School Internationalisation Grant**
- 18/02/2017 – 18/04/2017**                **Visiting Researcher**  
Environmental Planning Institute, Seoul National University
- 01/09/2015 – 30/11/2015**                **STIBET Research Assistantship**  
Free University of Berlin

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

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### **Invited Presentations**

- “International Environmental Negotiations: UNFCCC COP 27 and CBD COP 15” Presentation at POLLEN Module EU Environmental Policies and Law, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, 12/04/2023
- “Adaptation to climate change: Case studies of Germany and South Korea” Presentation at POLLEN Module EU Environmental Policies and Law, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, 17/02/2022
- “An analysis of youth participation in international environmental negotiations” Presentation at a seminar on future generations’ participation for green transition, Korea Environment Institute (in Korean), virtual conference, 12/01/2022
- “Current discussion on degrowth and the challenges ahead” Keynote speech at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oikos Forum of the Inter-religious Climate and Ecology Network (in Korean), virtual conference, 24/11/2020
- “The Present condition of online media in South Korea” Oral presentation at East-West Center Media Conference 2008, Bangkok, Thailand, 01/2008

## **International Conferences with Selection Committees**

“Youth Constituencies in Global Environmental Governance” Oral presentation at 2022 Toronto Conference on Earth System Governance, virtual conference, 20/10/2022

“The formal transnational networks of the youth climate movement” Oral presentation at European Consortium for Political Research General Conference 2022, co-presented with Amandine Orsini, Innsbruck, 22/08/2022

“Les jeunes dans les négociations internationales sur le climat. Le cas de la COP26” Oral presentation at Association Française de Science Politique Congrès 2022, co-presented with Amandine Orsini and Maxime Gaborit, Lille, 05/07/2022

“Youth actors in earth politics: inventory and characterization” Oral presentation at International Studies Association annual convention 2022, co-presented with Amandine Orsini, virtual conference, 29/03/2022

“European youth as consolidators of European leadership in international regime complexes? The cases of climate change and biodiversity” Oral presentation at Workshop ‘The European Union and international regime complexes,’ co-presented with Amandine Orsini, virtual conference, 27/01/2022

“The socialization of youth actors in Earth politics” Oral presentation at the International workshop ‘Learning schools for democracy? Young People, Politics and Civic Education,’ co-presented with Amandine Orsini, virtual conference, 22/11/2021

“The evolution of youth movements in global environmental politics (1992-2021)” Oral presentation at the 51st Annual Conference of the International Association of Labour History Institutions (IALHI), co-presented with Amandine Orsini, virtual conference, 10/09/2021

“What motivates policy transfer in coastal management? A Historical Review of South Korea’s Land Reclamation and Restoration Policies” Oral presentation at the 16th European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) General Conference, co-presented with Dries Hegger and Carel Dieperink, virtual conference, 05/07/2021

“Channels for change: a discursive institutionalist analysis of flood risk management” Oral presentation at the panel of Institutional Change in Water Governance: Contexts, Drivers and Dynamics of ECPR General Conference, virtual conference, 28/08/2020

“An analysis of media coverage during the 2018 heat wave in South Korea” Oral presentation at Europe-Korea Conference on Science and Technology, Vienna, 07/2019

“Policy transformation analysis: comparative case study of water management in South Korea and Germany” Oral presentation at 2018 Utrecht Conference on Earth System Governance, Utrecht, 11/2018

“Tipping point for policy transformation? Case Studies of water management in South Korea and Germany” Oral presentation at 5<sup>th</sup> International Climate Change Adaptation Conference, Cape Town, 06/2018.

“Can framing affect SDG achievement? Implication from South Korea's adaptation policy” Poster presentation at the Impacts World 2017, Potsdam, 10/2017

“Climate change adaptation governance in the developmental state: a case study of water management in South Korea” Oral presentation at Resilience 2017, Stockholm, Sweden, 08/2017.

“The role of uncertainty in adaptation policy process: a case study of South Korea” Poster presentation at the 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference, Glasgow, UK, 06/2017.

“‘Business-as-Usual’ dressed up as ‘Green Economy’? A critical review of green growth policy in South Korea” Oral presentation at International Political Science Association: 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science, Poznan, Poland, 07/2016

“A reality check for 'Green Economy': the climate change adaptation policy of South Korea” Oral presentation at Berlin Conference 2016: Transformative Global Climate Governance après Paris, 05/2016

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**Computer Skills:** Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook), Adobe (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), R, Gephi, MAXQDA, LimeSurvey, Citavi, Mendeley, Zoom, Teams, social media platforms (Twitter, LinkedIn)

**Languages:** **Korean** (mother tongue); **English** (proficient); **German** (upper-intermediate, TELC B2 certificate); **French** (intermediate); **Spanish** (intermediate); **Japanese** (basic); **Indonesian** (basic)