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EDUCATION

- Jan 2009 – Present **Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (Expected May 2012)
Major: International Relations, Minor: Methodology
Dissertation: *When Ethnic Exclusion is Good Politics: Ethnic Exclusion, Armed Conflict, and Leadership Tenure in Small-Coalition Regimes*
Committee: Michael Colaresi (chair), Brian Silver, Cristina Bodea, Christina DeJong, and Ravi Bhavnani
- Sept 2006 – Dec 2008 **Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ
Ph.D. Coursework
- Sept 2003 – May 2005 **The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy**, Tufts University, Medford, MA
Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy
Fields of Study: International Security, and Asia-Pacific
- Mar 1996 – Feb 2000 **Kyunghee University**, Seoul, South Korea
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Social Research, 2009, 2010

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

The recent literature on civil wars has shown that ethnic exclusion increases the risk of ethnic conflict. I go beyond this observation and argue that ethnic exclusion is not necessarily bad politics. Rather, the practice of ethnic exclusion can be good politics (but not good policy) for non-democratic leaders with small winning coalitions, despite the increased risk of armed conflict. Specifically, in small coalition regimes: (1) leaders who promote ethnic exclusion are more likely to stay longer in office than those who promote ethnic integration; (2) leaders are less likely to be deposed by coups when they foster ethnic exclusion; and (3) political benefits from employing ethnic exclusion are greater than the increased risk of ethnic conflict. These hypotheses are tested and supported by Cox's proportional hazard regression using data on the tenures of more than 1,400 leaders from 1946 to 2004. My findings are robust to different measures of coalition size and ethnic exclusion.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil and International Conflict, Political Institutions, Ethnic Politics, Northeast Asia, Agent-Based Modeling, and Time-Series Cross-Section / Survival Analysis.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- [4] Bhavnani, Ravi, Dan Miodownik, and Hyun Jin Choi. 2011. "Violence and Control in Civil Conflict: Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza." *Comparative Politics* (Forthcoming). [Peer Reviewed]
- [3] Bhavnani, Ravi, Dan Miodownik, and Hyun Jin Choi. 2011. "Three Two Tango: Control and Violence in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55:1. [Peer Reviewed]
- [2] Choi, Hyun Jin. 2009. "Fueling Crisis or Cooperation? The Geopolitics of Energy Security in Northeast Asia." *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 36:1. [Peer Reviewed]
- [1] Schoff, James L. and Hyun Jin Choi. 2008. "Reform Locally, Act Globally? Crisis Management Trends in Korea." *KEI Academic Paper Series* 3:3 (April). [Editor Reviewed]

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- Bhavnani, Ravi, and Hyun Jin Choi. 2011. "How does Ethnic Geography Shape the Location of Violence?" *Complexity* (Under Review).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [5] "How Does Ethnic Geography Shape the Location of Violence"
International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, March 2011.
- [4] "Three Two Tango: Control and Violence in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza"
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.
- [3] "Exploring the Logic of Control and Violence in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza"
Global Effects and Local Dynamics of Intra State Conflicts, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2009
- [2] "Explaining Violence against Civilians during Internal Armed Conflicts"
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2009.
- [1] "Fueling Crisis or Cooperation? The Geopolitics of Energy Security in Northeast Asia"
East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, February 2008.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Instructor

- Fall 2011: Introduction to International Relations (PLS160), 60 students
Summer 2011: Introduction to International Relations (PLS160 *online*), 57 students

Recitation Leader

- Spring 2011: Government and Politics of the World (PLS140-04), 33 students
Spring 2010: Introduction to Research Methods (PLS201-08H), 11 students
Fall 2009: Introduction to Political Science (PLS200-03/04), 90 students
Spring 2009: Introduction to Research Methods (PLS201-09), 30 students

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2010/11: Internal Political Violence (PLS363), Instructor: Ravi Bhavnani

Research Assistant

Fall 2010: Research Assistant for Professor Michael Colaresi

2010-2011: Research Assistant for Professor Ravi Bhavnani

Arizona State University

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2007/Summer 2008: Empirical Political Inquiry (POS301), Instructor: Kim Fridkin

Fall 2007: World Politics (POS360), Instructor: Timothy Ruback

Fall 2006/Spring 2007: Comparative Governments (POS150), Instructor: Robert Youngblood

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy Advisor

Office of National Assembly Member Han Sun-Kyo, Seoul, South Korea

Mar 2006 – Aug 2006

Research Associate

Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis (IFPA), Cambridge, MA

Sept 2004 – Feb 2006

Research Intern

Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), Philadelphia, PA

Summer 2004

Platoon/Company Commander

The 9th Division, Republic of Korea Army, Paju, South Korea

Mar 2000 – June 2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

ICPSR Summer Workshop Grant, Michigan State University, 2009/2010

The Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, December 2008

University Graduate Scholar Fellowship, Arizona State University, 2006–2008

Fletcher Scholarship, Tufts University, 2004

Summer Research Grant, Tufts University, Summer 2004

Tuition Scholarship, Kyunghee University, 1998

PERSONAL

High proficiency in English and Korean

Computer Skills: STATA, SPSS, NetLogo

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REFERENCES

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