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BIO

Gi-Wook Shin is the William J. Perry Professor of Contemporary Korea in the Department of Sociology; senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; the director of the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) since 2005; and the founding director of the Korea Program since 2001, all at Stanford University. In May 2024, Shin also launched the new Taiwan Program at APARC. As a historical-comparative and political sociologist, his research has concentrated on social movements, nationalism, development, democracy, migration, and international relations.

In Summer 2023, Shin launched the Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL), which is a new research initiative committed to addressing emergent social, cultural, economic, and political challenges in Asia. Across four research themes– “Talent Flows and Development,” “Nationalism and Racism,” “U.S.-Asia Relations,” and “Democratic Crisis and Reform”–the lab brings scholars and students to produce interdisciplinary, problem-oriented, policy-relevant, and comparative studies and publications. Shin’s latest book, The Four Talent Giants, a comparative study of talent strategies of Japan, Australia, China, and India to be published by Stanford University Press in the summer of 2025, is an outcome of SNAPL.

Shin is also the author/editor of twenty-six books and numerous articles. His books include Korean Democracy in Crisis: The Threat of Illiberalism, Populism, and Polarization (2022); The North Korean Conundrum: Balancing Human Rights and Nuclear Security (2021); Superficial Korea (2017); Divergent Memories: Opinion Leaders and the Asia-Pacific War (2016); Global Talent: Skilled Labor as Social Capital in Korea (2015); Criminality, Collaboration, and Reconciliation: Europe and Asia Confronts the Memory of World War II (2014); New Challenges for Maturing Democracies in Korea and Taiwan (2014); ; History Textbooks and the Wars in Asia: Divided Memories (2011); South Korean Social Movements: From Democracy to Civil Society (2011); One Alliance, Two Lenses: U.S.-Korea Relations in a New Era (2010); Cross Currents: Regionalism and Nationalism in Northeast Asia (2007); and Ethnic Nationalism in Korea: Genealogy, Politics, and Legacy (2006). Due to the wide popularity of his publications, many have been translated and distributed to Korean audiences. His articles have appeared in academic and policy journals including American Journal of Sociology, World Development, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Asian Studies, Comparative Education, International Sociology, Nations and Nationalism, Pacific Affairs, Asian Survey, Journal of Democracy, and Foreign Affairs.

Shin is not only the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, but also continues to actively raise funds for Korean/Asian studies at Stanford. He gives frequent lectures and seminars on topics ranging from Korean nationalism and politics to Korea's foreign relations and historical reconciliation in Northeast Asia and to talent strategies. He serves on councils and advisory boards in the United States and South Korea and promotes policy dialogue between the two allies. He regularly writes op-eds and gives interviews to the media in both Korean and English.

Before coming to Stanford in 2001, Shin taught at the University of Iowa (1991-94) and the University of California, Los Angeles (1994-2001). After receiving his BA from Yonsei University in Korea, he was awarded his MA and PhD from the University of Washington in 1991.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Sociology
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Professor (By courtesy), East Asian Languages and Cultures

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Founding Director, Taiwan Program, (2024- present)
- Director, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center (S-APARC), (2005- present)
- Founding Director, Korea Studies Program, (2001- present)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Guest Columnist, Sindonga (in Korean)- “Shin’s Reflections on Korea” (English) (2022 - 2023)
- Guest Columnist, Munhwa Daily (Korea) (2018 - 2020)
- Member, Global Advisory Board, Jeju Forum (2018 - present)
- Guest Columnist, The Korea Times (USA) (2017 - 2019)
- Guest Columnist, Maeil Economic Daily (2016 - 2017)
- Guest Columnist, Nikkei Asian Review (2014 - 2015)
- Guest Columnist, Dong-a Ilbo (2013 - 2014)
- Senior Advisor to the Center for Asia-Pacific Future Studies, Kyushu University (Japan) (2014 - 2015)
- Member of the Editorial Collective, Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique (1992 - 2008)
- Member, Evaluation Committee, Chong Moon Lee Scholarship (2002 - 2003)
- Guest Columnist, The Korea Times (US and San Francisco editions) (2002 - 2002)
- Member, Overseas Advisory Board, Institute of Modern Korean Studies (Seoul, Korea) (1997 - 2001)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee for East Asian Library, UCLA (1995 - 2001)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Korean Studies, UCLA (1994 - 2001)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, Tradition and Modernity and Trends and Perspectives (Seoul, Korea) (1997 - 2000)
- Colloquium Coordinator, the Center for Korean Studies, UCLA (1997 - 2000)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Washington , Sociology (1991)
- M.A., University of Washington , Sociology (1985)

- B.A., Yonsei University , Sociology (1983)

LINKS

- APARC / FSI Page: https://aparc.fsi.stanford.edu/people/giwook_shin
- Sociology: https://sociology.stanford.edu/people/gi-wook-shin
- Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL): https://aparc.fsi.stanford.edu/snapl

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Korean democratization; Korean nationalism; U.S.-Korea relations; North Korean politics; reconciliation and cooperation in Northeast Asia; global talent; multiculturalism; inter-Korean relations

PROJECTS

- Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL) - Stanford University (8/1/2023 - present)
- Asia-Pacific Wars: Elite Memory in China, Japan, Korea, and America - Shorenstein APARC (2008 - present)
- Comparative Policy Responses to Demographic Change in East Asia (1/1/2011 - present)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Asia-Pacific Transformation: INTLPOL 244D, SOC 167A, SOC 267A (Win)
- Nations and Nationalism: SOC 309 (Spr)
- Research Apprenticeship: SOC 394 (Aut, Win)

2024-25

- Nations and Nationalism: SOC 309 (Win)
- State and Society in Korea: INTNLREL 143, SOC 111, SOC 211 (Win)

2023-24

- Asia-Pacific Transformation: INTLPOL 244D, SOC 167A, SOC 267A (Win)
- Historical and Comparative Sociology: SOC 316 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Minyoung An, Siyu Liang

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

ELISA KIM

Doctoral (Program)

Haley Gordon, ELISA KIM

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The US alliance and public attitudes toward China: evidence from the Asia-Pacific region** *AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS*
  Kim, G., Shin, G.
  2026
- **Countering Brain Drain through Circulation and Linkage: Illustrations and Lessons from China and India** *INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW*
  Shin, G., Caywood, K.
  2025
- **Racism "Denial" in Asia: Critical Discourse Analysis of UN CERD State Reports, 1978-2023** *CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY*
  Nakahara, J., Shin, G.
  2025
- **Toward a portfolio theory of talent development: Insights from financial theory, illustrations from the Asia-Pacific** *WORLD DEVELOPMENT*
  Shin, G., Gordon, H. M.
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- **SOUTH KOREA'S DEMOCRATIC DECAY** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
  Shin, G.
  2020; 31 (3): 100–114
- **Skilled Migrants as Human and Social Capital in Korea** *ASIAN SURVEY*
  Shin, G., Choi, J., Moon, R. J.
  2019; 59 (4): 673–92
- **Korea's Migrants: From Homogeneity to Diversity An Asian Survey Special Section** *ASIAN SURVEY*
  Shin, G., Moon, R. J.
  2019; 59 (4): 595–606
- **1919 in Korea: National Resistance and Contending Legacies** *JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES*
  Shin, G., Moon, R.
  2019; 78 (2): 399–408
- **International student networks as transnational social capital: illustrations from Japan** *COMPARATIVE EDUCATION*
  Moon, R. J., Shin, G.
  2019
- **North Korea in 2018 Kim's Summit Diplomacy** *ASIAN SURVEY*
  Shin, G., Moon, R. J.
  2019; 59 (1): 35–43
- **THE BURDEN OF THE PAST Problems of Historical Perception in Japan-Korea Relations Foreword** *BURDEN OF THE PAST: PROBLEMS OF HISTORICAL PERCEPTION IN JAPAN-KOREA RELATIONS*
  Shin, G., Kimura, K.
  2019: VII-+
- **Park Chung Hee and Modern Korea: The Roots of Militarism, 1866-1945 (Book Review)** *HISTORIAN*
  Book Review Authored by: Shin, G.
  2018; 80 (2): 420-+
- **North Korea in 2017 Closer to Being a Nuclear State** *ASIAN SURVEY*
  Shin, G., Moon, R. J.
  2018; 58 (1): 33–42
- **South Korea in 2016 Political Leadership in Crisis** *ASIAN SURVEY*

Shin, G., Moon, R. J.
2017; 57 (1): 103-110

- **Aid as Transnational Social Capital: Korea's Official Development Assistance in Higher Education** *PACIFIC AFFAIRS*
  Moon, R. J., Shin, G.
  2016; 89 (4): 817-837
- **Asymmetry of power and attention in alliance politics: the US-Republic of Korea case** *AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS*
  Shin, G., Izatt, H., Moon, R. J.
  2016; 70 (3): 235-255
- **PAST ACTIVISM, PARTY PRESSURE, AND IDEOLOGY: EXPLAINING THE VOTE TO DEPLOY KOREAN TROOPS TO IRAQ** *MOBILIZATION*
  Kim, S., Chang, P. Y., Shin, G.
  2013; 18 (3): 243-266
- **The Election That Could Reorder South Korea's Politics** *CURRENT HISTORY*
  Shin, G.
  2012; 111 (746): 223-228
- **Identity Politics and Policy Disputes in U.S.-Korea Relations** *POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*
  Shin, G.
  2012; 127 (2): 289-310
- **Troubled Transition: North Korea's Politics, Economy and External Relations**
  Straub , D.
  edited by Shin, G., Choe, S.
  Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.2012
- **“Racist Korea?: Diverse but not tolerant of diversity** *Race and Racism in Modern East Asia: Western and Eastern Constructions*
  Shin , G.
  Brill .2012: 369–390
- **Anti-American and Anti-Alliance Sentiments in South Korea** *ASIAN SURVEY*
  Shin, G., Izatt, H. J.
  2011; 51 (6): 1113-1133
- **U.S.-DPRK Educational Exchanges: Assessment and Future Strategy**
  edited by Shin , G., Lee, K. J.
  Shorenstein APARC.2011
- **Beyond North Korea: Future Challenges to South Korea's Security**
  edited by Shin , G., Kim, B. K., Straub , D.
  Shorenstein APARC, distributed by the Brookings Institution Press.2011
- **History Textbooks and the Wars in Asia: Divided Memories** *History Textbooks and the Wars in Asia: Divided Memories*
  edited by Shin , G., Sneider , D. C.
  Routledge .2011
- **South Korean Social Movements: From Democracy to Civil Society**
  Shin, G., Chang , P.
  Routledge.2011
- **Historical Disputes and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia: The US Role** *PACIFIC AFFAIRS*
  Shin, G.
  2010; 83 (4): 663-673
- **Values and History in U.S.-South Korean Relations** *Issues of History, Values, Memory, and Identity in the U.S.-South Korea Relationship*
  Shin, G.

Cambridge University Press.2010

- **One Alliance, Two Lenses: U.S.-Korea Relations in a New Era**
  Shin , G.
  Stanford University .2010
- **First Drafts of Korea: The U.S. Media and Perceptions of the Last Cold War Frontier**
  edited by Shin , G., Macintyre, D., Sneider, D. C.
  Shorenstein APARC, distributed by Brookings Institution Press.2009
- **North Korea and Identity Politics in South Korea** *Brown Journal of World Affairs*
  Shin , G.
  2008; 15 (1)
- **Paradox or Paradigm? Making Sense of Korean Experience** *Korea Confronts Globalization*
  Shin, G., Choi , J. N.
  ROutledge.2008 : 250–272
- **Journal of Korean Studies**
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  Rowman & Littlefield.2008; 13
- **Cross Currents: Regionalism and Nationalism in Northeast Asia**
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- **Journal of Korean Studies**
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  Rowman & Littlefield.2007; 12
- **North Korea: 2005 and Beyond**
  edited by Shin , G.
  Shorenstein APARC, Brookings Institution Press.2006
- **Rethinking Historical Injustice and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia: The Korean Experience**
  Shin , G.
  Routledge.2006
- **Journal of Korean Studies**
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- **Ethnic Nationalism in Korea: Genealogy, Politics, and Legacy**
  Shin , G.
  Stanford University Press: Studies of the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.2006
- **Asianism in Korea's politics of identity** *Conference on Koreas Identities*
  Shin, G. W.
  ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD.2005: 616–30
- **Journal of Korean Studies**
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- **Journal of Korean Studies**
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- **Social conflict and regime formation - A comparative study of South Korea and Costa Rica** *INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY*
  Shin, G. W., Hytrek, G.
  2002; 17 (4): 459-480

- **The Politics of Ethnic Nationalism in Korea** *Nations and Nationalism: Journal of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism*
  Shin, G., Yi, G.
  1999; 5

PRESENTATIONS

- Changing Course? A Critical Analysis of South Korea's Parliamentary Election Results (4/16/2012)
- When Fast Growing Economies Slow Down: International Evidence and Implications for China - Will China Fall into a Middle Income Trap? Growth, Inequality and Future Instability, REAP Conference (12/6/2011)
- Can the U.S. Play a Role in Northeast Asian Reconciliation? (1/21/2010)