

Biographical Sketch

Sung Deuk Hahm



Sung Deuk Hahm is Dean and Seyoung Professor of Political Science and Law of the Graduate School of Political Studies at Kyonggi University. Concurrently, he is a representative (2023-present) of the ruling conservative People Power Party for the Special Committee for the Constitutional Revision at the Korean National Assembly. He was the executive director (2008-2010) of the Constitutional Revision Commission and the deputy director (2002-2008) of the Korean Legislative Studies Institute at the Korean National Assembly.

Professor Hahm is the pre-eminent scholar of the Korean presidency. He has been a friend and adviser to Presidents Yoon Suk-yeol (2022-present), Moon Jae-in (2017-2022), Park Keun-hye (2013-2017), Lee Myung-bak (2008-2013), Roh Moon-hyun (2003-2008), Kim Dae-jung (1997-2003), Kim Young-sam (1993-1997), Roh Tae-woo (1988-1993), and Chun Doo-hwan (1980-1988). He is currently the chairman (2002-present) of the Korean Institute for Presidential Studies (KIPS), an independent research foundation which evaluates the presidential performance and the editor-in-chief (2000-present) of the Korean Presidential Studies Series of the Nanam Publishing House. He was a president (2008-2010) of the Korean Association for Presidential Studies.

He received his BA in political science and diplomacy with highest honors from Yonsei University in 1985 and MA in public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin with the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Academic Excellence Award in 1989. He received his Ph.D. in public policy analysis from Carnegie Mellon University under the guidance of Nobel Laureate Herbert Simon in 1993. During the completion of his dissertation, he was an assistant professor of public administration of the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics at West Virginia University as well as a research associate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Center for Public Affairs and the Center for Science and International Affairs of the John F. Kennedy (JFK) School of Government at Harvard University.

Professor Hahm received the Raymond Vernon Prize for the best article in the 1992 Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. He also received the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the National Association of Schools for Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) in 1993. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1993, he became an assistant professor of public policy and business administration of the McCourt School of Public Policy and the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. He

also served as a director (1995-1997) of the Georgetown Center for Asian Public Policy at Georgetown University. He was a fellow (1995-1996) of the Canadian Centre for Management Development and an Ernst & Young Scholar (1996) of the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University. In addition, he was a program chair of the 1997 National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

Since returning to South Korea in 1997, he has been a professor of the Department of Public Administration, an associate dean of the College of Political Science and Economics, a chairman of the Department of Public Administration, an associate dean of the Graduate School of Policy Studies, and a director of the Center for American Studies of the Ilmin International Relations Institute, the Korea University-University of Oxford program, and the Korea University-Bar-Ilan University of Israel program at Korea University.

Professor Hahm also served as a faculty associate (1997-2010) of the Capital Markets Research Center of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. He was the first recipient of the Outstanding Research Award for Alumni from his alma mater Yonsei University in 1997. He also received the Granite Tower Award for Teaching Excellence from Korea University in 2008. In addition, he was a Seoul Broadcasting System (SBS) Foundation Scholar (2003-2004) of the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at the Johns Hopkins University and a LG Foundation Scholar (2011-2012) of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University for his sabbaticals.

His research interests are in the areas of Korean presidency, international political economy, public budgeting and finance, and industrial policy. He is a two-time recipient of Outstanding Research Award from the Korean National Research Foundation. He received the prestigious Social Science Korea (SSK) Grant (2010-2013) for outstanding research from the Korean National Research Foundation. He has published 18 books and over 150 articles in edited volumes and scholarly journals such as Asian Survey, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Journal of Public Policy, and Public Administration Review.

His well-known books include the bestsellers The End of Imperial President in Korea (Sum & Sum, 2017), The Korean Presidency (3rd ed.) (Nanam Publishing House, 2016; 2003; 1999) and After Development: The Transformation of the Korean Presidency and Bureaucracy (Georgetown University Press, 1997). His books include The Owner's Manual for President-Elect (2012), Korean Ministers (2003), Korean Chief of Staffs (2002), and Success and Failure of the Kim Young Sam Government (2001).

He was the editor-in-chief of Korean Social Science Journal (Springer) (2011-2013) published by the Korean Social Science Research Council, Korea Journal (2011-2013) published by the UNESCO-Korea Commission, and International Review of Public Administration (Taylor & Francis) (2004-2005) published by the Korean Association of Public Administration. He was a co-editor of International Public Management Journal (Taylor & Francis) (2008-2014), an associate editor of Administration & Society (Sage) (2007-2014) and the managing editor of Governance (Wiley-Blackwell) (1995-1997). Currently, he is a member of the editorial boards of Asian Survey (University of California Press) (2022-present), Governance (2006-2008; 2015-present), and Korea Observer (2022-present).

Professionally, professor Hahm is currently a member of executive board of Daewoo Electric Inc. (2014-present) and Trigem Computer Inc. (2014-present). He was a vice-chairman (2009-2011) of the World Taekwondo Peace Corps Foundation of the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism. He was also a member of executive board of the largest public corporation in Asia, the Korea Land & Housing (LH) Corporation (2007-2013), Hyundai Elevator Inc. (2009-2012), and Hana Bank-UBS Inc. (2009-2012). He has been an advisor for many Korean government agencies such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Unification, and National Intelligence Service and a consultant for Hyundai Motor Company, Korean Air Inc., Shinhan Securities Inc., Seoul National University Hospital, Baker Botts, LLP., and Ernst & Young, LLP.

Also, he has been a guest analyst for various media including CNN, BBC, ABC, MSNBC, NHK, New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times, Financial Times, Newsweek, Time, Business Week, Reuters, Asahi Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun, and Mainichi Shimbun. He was a regular columnist for JoongAng Ilbo-International Herald Tribune (English edition), Korea Times, and Asahi Shimbun (Japanese edition). He is currently listed in *Marquis Who's Who in the World*, *Cambridge University's International Biographical Center*, and *Barons The Asia 500: Leaders for the New Century*.

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