

# Erik Mobrand

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University. March 2016-.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore (NUS). July 2010-Dec. 2015.

Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science, NUS. Jan. 2008 - June 2010.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, NUS. Aug. 2006 - Dec. 2007.

## EDUCATION

Princeton University, Politics, PhD, 2006; MA, 2003.

Dissertation: "Internal Migration and State Retreat in Chinese and South Korean Industrialization."

University of Washington, International Studies and Political Science (with distinction), BA, 2000.

## LANGUAGES

Chinese: proficient reading, speaking (Mandarin)

Korean: proficient reading, speaking

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Erik Mobrand, Top-Down Democracy in South Korea (University of Washington Press, forthcoming 2019). Manuscript edited (not proofed), moving to production stage (as of Sept. 2018).

Erik Mobrand, The Life and Representations of Kim Tu-han: Justifying Violence on Korea's Cold War Frontiers (Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2019). Contract signed, manuscript to be delivered.

### Journal articles

Erik Mobrand and Kristoffer Tingbacke, Nordic Representations of North Korea: A Study of Newspaper Sources, Review of Korean Studies, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Dec. 2018).

Erik Mobrand, On Parties' Terms: Gender Quota Politics in South Korea's Mixed Electoral System, Asian Studies Review, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Dec. 2018).

Erik Mobrand, Limited Pluralism in a Liberal Democracy: Party Law and Political Incorporation in South Korea, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Vol. 48, No. 4 (2018): 605-621.

Erik Mobrand, The Local Dimension in the Industrialization-Democratization Connection: Scale, Opposition Demands, and Ruling Party Transformation in Taiwan and South Korea, Journal of Northeast Asian History, (Summer 2017).

Erik Mobrand, The Street Leaders of Seoul and the Foundations of the South Korean Political Order, Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 50, No. 2 (March 2016): 636-674.

- Erik Mobrand, The Politics of Regulating Elections in South Korea: The Persistence of Restrictive Campaign Laws, Pacific Affairs, Vol. 88, No 4 (Dec. 2015): 791-811.
- Erik Mobrand, Legitimizing and Contesting Exclusion: Discussions about *Shiminhua* in Urban China, China: An International Journal, (Aug. 2015).
- Erik Mobrand, Reverse Remittances: Internal Migration and Rural-to-Urban Remittances in Industrializing South Korea, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Vol. 38, No. 2 (Feb. 2012).
- Brad Williams and Erik Mobrand, Explaining Divergent Responses to the North Korean Abductions Issue in Japan and South Korea, Journal of Asian Studies, Vol. 69, No. 2 (May 2010).
- Erik Mobrand, Endorsing the Exodus: How Rural Leaders Backed Peasant Migrations in 1980s Sichuan, Journal of Contemporary China, Vol. 18, Issue 58 (Jan. 2009).
- Erik Mobrand, Struggles over Unlicensed Housing in Seoul, 1960-1980, Urban Studies, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Feb. 2008).
- Erik Mobrand, Mobilization or Repression of Migrants in Urban China? Hometown Networks, Leadership, and Lessons from International and Historical Comparisons, Journal of Comparative Asian Development, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Fall 2007).
- Erik Mobrand, Politics of Cityward Migration: An Overview of China in International Perspective, Habitat International, Vol. 30, No. 2 (June 2006).

#### Book chapters

- Erik Mobrand, Authoritarian Legality after Authoritarianism: Legal Governance of Parties and Elections before and after Democratic Transition in South Korea, in Authoritarian Legality in Asia, edited by Hualing Fu and Weitseng Chen (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2019).
- Jamie Davidson and Erik Mobrand, Rule-making and rule-breaking: Electoral corruption in Asia, in Routledge Handbook of Corruption in Asia, edited by Ian Scott and Ting Gong (New York: Routledge, 2016).
- Erik Mobrand, Unlicensed Housing as Resistance to Elite Projects: Squatting in Seoul in the 1960s and 1970s, in Public Goods versus Economic Interests: Global Perspectives on the History of Squatting, edited by Freia Anders and Alexander Sedlmaier (New York: Routledge, 2016).
- Erik Mobrand, South Korean Democracy in Light of Taiwan, in Democratization in China, Korea, and Southeast Asia? Local and National Perspectives, edited by Kate Zhou, Shelley Rigger, and Lynn T. White, III (New York: Routledge, 2014).
- Erik Mobrand, Chinese Urban Migration and Politics, in The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration, edited by Immanuel Ness (New York: Wiley Blackwell, 2013).

#### Reports, working papers, and extended commentaries

- Erik Mobrand, Constitutionalization of Political Parties in East and Southeast Asian Democracy, Centre for Asian Legal Systems, National University of Singapore, Working Paper published online Sept. 2018.
- Erik Mobrand, Party Law and Challenges to Democracy in East Asia, Global Democracy Study: Collection of Academic Writings by 2017 Global Democracy Fellows (pp. 35-56), Korea Democracy Foundation, Dec. 2017.

Hyejin Kim and Erik Mobrand, A Baseline Study of the Palm Oil Industry in Singapore, report for the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), 2016.

Erik Mobrand, North Korea's Growing Economic Ties with China, World Security Network Newsletter, 12 April 2006.

#### Analyses for media

Erik Mobrand and Hyejin Kim, Assemblyman's Death Highlights Limits of Pluralist Politics, *Asia Times*, 29 July 2018.

Erik Mobrand, 'America' takes a new meaning in South Korea, *The Diplomat*, 6 July 2018.

Erik Mobrand, South Korea's Local Elections Underscore a Political Shift, *The Geopolitics*, 3 July 2018.

Hyejin Kim and Erik Mobrand, Hasten Thaw on the Korean Peninsula: Singapore and Southeast Asia have roles to play, *Channel NewsAsia*, 31 May 2018.

Erik Mobrand, Decisive and determined is how Moon Jae-in's 100 days will be remembered, *Channel NewsAsia*, 19 August 2017.

Contributor and North East Asia Editor, *World Security Network*, 2006-2008.

Erik Mobrand, The Road to North Korea's Nuclear Test, *World Security Network Newsletter*, 11 Oct. 2006.

#### **SELECT RESEARCH GRANTS**

Emerging Researcher Support Program, Humanities and Social Sciences, National Research Foundation of Korea, for project on "Party Democracy in Asia: A Study of Party Law in Southeast Asia," 2016-19, KRW55million (~USD55,000).

Next Generation Emerging Researcher Award, Republic of Korea government, for multiple projects, 2016-17, KRW49 million (~USD49,000).

New Faculty Research Resettlement Fund, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, for project on "Authoritarian Legality in Asia," 2016. KRW10 million (~USD10,000).

Faculty Research Committee Tier 1 grant, Ministry of Education (Singapore), for organizing conference on "Theorizing Democracy in East Asia: Perspectives from within the Region," 2013-14. SGD20,000 (~USD16,000).

Faculty Research Committee Tier 1 grant, Ministry of Education (Singapore), for research on "Beacons of Change? Female Politicians and Democratisation in Thailand and South Korea," 2009-12. SGD83,000 (~USD62,000). I was co-principal investigator.

Korean Migration and Development Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council and Korean Research Foundation. For project on "Rural Families, Migration to Seoul, and Korean Development," 2006-07. USD20,000. I was principal investigator.

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. Dissertation writing support for academic year 2005-06. USD15,000.

#### **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

Visiting Researcher, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden, Jan-Feb 2018.

Academic Fellow, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, August – December 2017.

Global Democracy Fellow, Korea Democracy Institute, August – December 2017.

Visitor, Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, Jan.-Feb. 2017.  
Research Affiliate, East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, 2011-15.  
Research Associate, Asian Urbanisms Cluster, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2011-15.  
Fellow, Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University, May-July, 2011.  
Visiting scholar, Universities Service Centre for China Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2002 and 2004-05.  
Researcher, China-Korea Cultural Exchange Research Center, Dalian University (China), 2003.

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

International workshop: The Party-State Nexus in Asia, Stockholm University, 23-24 Aug. 2018.  
I am a co-director of this workshop.  
International workshop: East Asian Democracy in Regional and History Perspective, Seoul National University, 13 June 2017. I organized and hosted the event, for which I invited speakers from Australia, Taiwan, Mongolia, and the United Kingdom.  
International conference: “Theorizing Democracy in East Asia: Perspectives from within the Region,” NUS, Nov. 18, 2013. I organized and hosted the event, which featured speakers invited from Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Australia, and the UK.  
Seminar series on globalizing political studies of Asia, held at three universities in Singapore, 2014-15.

### **CURRENT RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS**

Director for East and Southeast Asia, Political Finance Database, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), based in Stockholm (Jan. 2018-). I oversaw a team collecting data for 12 countries (now, and each subsequent two years). I will co-author a paper on the results.  
Co-director of a project on the “Party-State Nexus in Asia” (2017-). I co-organized an international symposium, hosted by Stockholm University, that brought together leading scholars on politics and parties in East and Southeast Asia. We are preparing a joint publication.  
Member, project on Authoritarian Legality in Asia (2016-). Organized from the University of Hong Kong and the National University of Singapore, this project examines the politics of law in authoritarian contexts.  
Member, project on De-Demonizing North Korea, based at Seoul National University and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (2017-). I have served as the liaison between two teams of researchers for the project and produced two papers.

### **EDITORIAL SERVICE AND REFEREEING**

Member, editorial board, Oxford Bibliographies Online.  
I am the Comparative Politics editor. I suggest new article topics, recommend potential authors, identify possible referees, serve as a referee, and periodically review the overall article list.  
Manuscript referee for American Political Science Review; Modern Asian Studies; International Studies Review; International Political Science Review; Political Geography; Pacific Affairs; Journal of Contemporary China; Urban Studies; Asian Studies Review; Millennium; Journal of Asian and African Studies; Asian Journal of Political Science; Journal of Urban History;

Cities; Asia and Pacific Migration Journal; Journal of Contemporary Southeast Asian Affairs; International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies; Asian Journal of Social Science; Journal of the National University of Singapore Teaching Academy; Oxford Bibliographies Online.  
Referee for Minority Rights Group, ed., State of the World's Minorities Report, 2010 and 2011.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- i) Political Science (PS) 4881D: "Topics in Comparative Politics: Money and Politics." I designed and proposed this advanced undergraduate seminar, and I taught it on a number of occasions. The seminar usually had about 25-30 students.
- ii) PS5312: Graduate "Seminar in Comparative Politics." This is a small graduate seminar. The seminar had 10 students, a mix of PhD and masters.
- iii) PS4225: "Contemporary Issues in Chinese Politics": I designed and proposed this advanced undergraduate seminar, and I taught it on a number of occasions.
- iv) PS4222: "Politics of Social Policy": I designed and proposed this advanced undergraduate seminar, and I taught it on a number of occasions.
- v) PS1101E: "Introduction to Politics." This is the introductory course for the department. I taught it three times. There were up to 450 students in the lecture.
- vi) PS3263/2235: "Comparative Study of Development." This is a third-year lecture course with 50 to 70 students. I also led the discussion groups (meet in groups of 20-25).
- vii) PS6770: "Graduate Research Seminar." This is a compulsory class for graduate students (PhD and masters). We covered basics of research and share research projects.
- viii) FMA1202M: "Freshman Seminar: Popular Culture and Power": I designed and proposed this first-year seminar.
- ix) Politics of Development. Graduate seminar, 20 students.
- x) Democracy in Asia: Ideas, Power, and Institutions. Graduate seminar, 20 students.
- xi) Modern Korean Society and History. Graduate seminar, 28 students.
- xii) Public Action in an Era of Transnational Forces. Graduate seminar, 11 students.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING**

Developed method for integrating Facebook into teaching. In relation to my work in this area:

- I gave invited presentations on "Facebook for Teaching and Learning," inaugural seminar in series on Technology in Pedagogy, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, NUS, April 6, 2011, and on "Learning with Facebook," BuzzEd (conference on teaching and technology), NUS, January 4, 2011, and at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore, April 30, 2010.
- My methods were featured in training for new instructors at NUS.

Advisory board, Conference on Technology-enhanced Learning, Oct. 7, 2013, NUS.  
Presentation for Political Science department students on plagiarism prevention, "Originality in an Age of Sharing," NUS, July 2015.  
Established a department writing center and directed it for eight years.  
Have designed and proposed 10 new courses.

### **ADVISING**

Adviser to 1 PhD student (Chen Chao), graduated 2015, for thesis on Chinese labor. Now tenure-track faculty member at Xiamen University.  
Dissertation committee member or external examiner for six PhD students (graduated) and one

current student.

Adviser to 14 MA students (2010-2018).

In 2018, two of my recent MA advisees were admitted into competitive PhD programs with full funding (in the United States and Singapore).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

Admission committee member, Korean Studies (SNU), Oct. 2016, May 2017.

Comparative politics field coordinator (NUS), 2012-14. Introduced Comparative Politics Study Group.

Curriculum committee chair, 2014. Led review of offerings in area of Singapore politics.

Adviser to Peers Programme, 2008-15. Designed this program. Every year I trained students to work as peer mentors on writing assignments. I oversaw the building of an online platform related to the program, and managed the program.

Undergraduate committee, 2014-15. Reviewed student exchange applications, reviewed new module proposals.

Graduate committee, 2011-13. Reviewed applications to the program.

Public Administration search committee, 2011-12

Plagiarism committee, 2010-12, 2014-15. Founding member of this committee.

Presentation on behalf of Political Science at student orientation, July 2013.

### **SELECT RECENT PRESENTATIONS (2017-18)**

#### Research talks

Erik Mobrand, Southeast Asia's Views of North Korea, to be presented at Asia in Motion conference, Tromsø, Norway, 5-7 Nov. 2018.

Erik Mobrand and Jamie Davidson, Legislating Exclusion in Indonesia and South Korea, European Association of Development Institutes conference on Challenges to Democracy in Asia, Sapienza University, Rome, 3-4 Sept. 2018.

Erik Mobrand, Contrived Pluralism: Party-State Relations in South Korea, workshop on the Party-State Nexus in Asia, 23-24 Aug. 2018.

Erik Mobrand, Introduction: The Party-State Nexus in Asia, workshop on the Party-State Nexus in Asia, 23-24 Aug. 2018.

Erik Mobrand, Anticommunism, Democracy, and Political Regulation in Taiwan, workshop on The Cold War in Asia, Stockholm University, 24-25 May 2018.

Erik Mobrand, Looking at Political Parties through Law: Lessons for Southeast Asia from Northeast Asia? ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute (Institute for Southeast Asian Studies), Singapore, 30 Oct. 2017.

Erik Mobrand, Constitutionalization of Political Parties in East and Southeast Asian Democracy, Centre for Asian Legal Systems, National University of Singapore, 9 October 2017.

Erik Mobrand, Two Regions in the Global Food System. Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Dynamics Initiative Conference, University of Copenhagen, 27-29 June 2017.

Erik Mobrand, Democratization as Extraction: 'De-Authoritarianization' in South Korea and Beyond, presented at workshop on Democracy in East Asia in Historical and Regional Perspective, Seoul National University, 13 June 2017.

#### Invited presentations

Fostering Student Interest in Contemporary South Korean Society and Politics, Korean Studies in

the Social Sciences in Europe workshop, University of Turku (Finland), 30 June – 1 July 2017.

Challenges for Democracy and Human Rights in East Asia (South Korea), Public symposium on Democracy and Human Rights in East and South-East Asia: Developments and Challenges, part of event on “Is the World Becoming a Better Place?” marking Lund University’s 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Lund, 10 March 2017.

Participant in roundtable on Scandal in South Korea: Democratic Victory or Cancer in the System? Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, 1 Feb. 2017.

Invited lectures (for students)

Participation and Struggle in South Korea’s Democracy, students visiting from Education University of Hong Kong, Seoul, 9 June 2017.

Street Violence, State-making, and Popular Nationalism in South Korea, East and Southeast Asian Studies Center, Lund University, 9 March 2017.

Political Parties and Democracy in South Korea, Korean Studies, University of Copenhagen, 31 January 2017.

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Writing Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, July-Dec., 2013.

Nominated by Princeton University for American Political Science Association Dissertation Award in Urban Politics, 2008.

Post Doctoral Research Fellowship (3 years), Contemporary China Studies Programme, University of Oxford, 2006 (declined).

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies, South Korea, June-Aug. 2005.

Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship, 2000-03 and 2004-05.

Daniel S. Lev Award, University of Washington. Best senior thesis in Political Science, 1999-2000.

Robert A. Dahl Award, University of Washington. Top graduate in Political Science Department, June 2000.