# Minji Jeong

## **Summary of Qualifications**

- Ten years of energy and environmental policy/research/industry experience
- Expertise and experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Project management experience and strategic analysis skills

#### Education

### University of Maryland, College Park, MD

May 2017

Ph.D., Environmental Policy

Dissertation: "National Renewable Energy Policy in a Global World" (Chair: Dr. Nathan Hultman)

### Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Feb. 2012

M.C.P., Environmental Management

Thesis: "A Commodity Chain of Certified Emission Reductions and Hierarchies of the Global Carbon Market" (Chair: Dr. Sun-Jin Yun)

## Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

Feb. 2002

B.B.A., Business Administration

B.A., Applied Statistics

#### **Research Experience**

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep. 2016 – May 2017

Sep. 2012 – May 2014

School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park
Policy for low-carbon technology: PV & Wind in India, Brazil, South Korea, and South
Africa

- Developed the interview protocol for data collection.
- Interviewed with the representatives of 40 solar PV/wind energy firms in South Korea.
- Conducted a Web survey of solar PV and wind firms.
- Identified the determinants of firm investment decisions in South Korea by using both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Research Assistant

Jun. 2014 – Aug. 2016

Joint Global Change Research Institute (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory/ University of Maryland, College Park)

### International climate change mitigation project

- Analyzed and quantified climate mitigation plans of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions from 161 countries submitted to the UNFCCC.
- Researched reference projections of greenhouse gas emissions from international and domestic modeling community in 11 major countries.
- Analyzed the key drivers of baseline greenhouse gas emissions in China, Mexico, and South Korea.

### Other research projects

- Researched and reviewed the literatures on the feasibility of deep decarbonization in a global- and national-level.
- Investigated historical cases of energy technology penetration to assume the penetration rate of CCS technology.
- Supported modeling the U.S. energy and climate system by researching the U.S. climate mitigation policies and the assumptions of other modeling communities.

#### Graduate Research Assistant

Oct. 2010 - Oct. 2011

Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University

A Comparative Study on Nuclear Policy Development in South Korea, and Japan

- Researched the history of nuclear power policies in South Korea, and Japan.
- Analyzed the social construction of nuclear technology in South Korea, and Japan.
- Investigated the construction of risks of spent nuclear fuel in South Korea, and Japan.

## **Professional Experience**

Manager of Environmental Management Assistant Manager of Environmental Management Strategic Planning Analyst Jan. 2010 - Feb. 2010 Mar. 2006 - Dec. 2009 Jan. 2002 - Feb. 2006

SK Energy co., LTD., Seoul, South Korea

- Developed the company's position on proposed climate change legislations and evaluated possible impacts on the organization.
- Devised corporate climate change strategies such as greenhouse gas emission-reduction plan and carbon business development plan.
- Managed the project to establish the company's greenhouse gas inventory system and the nation's first internal greenhouse gas emission trading system funded by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy.
- Led the project to support developing countries (Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand) to respond to climate change funded by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy.

- Organized supply chain environmental management project in petrochemical industries funded by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy.
- Developed mid- and long-term strategic business plans, financial projections and new business development plans.

#### **Publications**

Fawcett, A.A., Iyer, G.C., Clarke, L.E., Edmonds, J.A., Hultman, N.E., McJeon, H.C., Rogelj, J., Schuler, R., Alsalam, J., Asrar, G.R., Creason, J., <u>Jeong, M.,</u> McFarland, J., Mundra, A. and Shi, W. (2015). Can Paris pledges avert severe climate change? *Science*, 350(6265), 1168-1169.

Iyer, G.C., Edmonds, J.A., Fawcett, A.A., Hultman, N.E, Alsalam, J., Asrar, G.R., Calvin, K.V., Clarke L.E., Creason, J., **Jeong, M.**, Kyle, P., McFarland, J., Mundra, A., Patel, P., Shi, W. and McJeon, H.C. (2015). The Contribution of Paris to Limit Global Warming to 2 °C. *Environmental Research Letters*, 10(12), 125002.

Yun, S., Kim, S., and **Jeong, M.** (2011), Similarities and Differences of Development Paths of the Nuclear Technological Systems of Japan and Korea: Focused on the concepts of momentum and reverse salients, *ECO: The Korean Journal of Environmental Sociology*, 15(2), 147-195. (in Korean)

<u>Jeong, M.</u> (2010), Seeing and Reversing the Political Economy of Climate Change (Book Review), *ECO: The Korean Journal of Environmental Sociology*, 14(2), 253-261. (in Korean)

#### **Skills**

Research tools and computing: STATA, SPSS, NVivo, UCINET, and Microsoft Office Languages: Korean (Native), English (Proficient)

#### **Honors and Awards**

Graduate Assistantship, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park, 2012-2017.

Distinguished Thesis Award, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, Feb. 2012.

Graduate School of Environmental Studies Alumni Scholarship (1<sup>st</sup> semester, 2011), Seoul National University, Mar. 2011.

Superior Presentation Award, 2011 Spring Conference of Korea Environmental Policy and Administration Society, Feb. 2011.

The Knowledge Economy Minister's Award for Excellence in Climate Change Mitigation, Feb. 2009.