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PROFILE

Doctoral researcher in Agricultural Economics with research interests at the intersection of migration and mobility, rural development, agricultural labor, social integration, and ASEAN–Korea relations. My research focuses particularly on the experiences of foreign seasonal workers and their interactions with rural communities in the Republic of Korea.

I have experience in field-based and mixed-method research, including survey design, interviews, participant observation, quantitative analysis, and structural equation modeling. Drawing on my academic training in both Korean Studies and Agricultural Economics, as well as my experience working across Vietnamese and Korean contexts, I am interested in developing comparative and locally grounded research on labor mobility, rural transformation, and agricultural cooperation in Southeast Asia and Korea.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International Migration and Labor Mobility
- Foreign Seasonal Workers
- Rural Communities and Social Integration
- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Migration Governance and Rural Labor Policy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (in progress)

[2025 – Present]

Department of Agricultural Economics, Jeonbuk National University, Republic of Korea.

- Research focus: Migration, rural labor, social integration, agricultural and rural development, labor economics

M.A. in Agricultural Economics

[2023]

Department of Agricultural Economics, Jeonbuk National University, Republic of Korea

- Master's research on perceptions and institutional dimensions of foreign seasonal workers in Korean agriculture.

B.A. in Korean Language and Literature

[2022]

[Department of Korean Language and Literature, Jeonbuk National University, Republic of Korea]

**Transferred from Hue University of Foreign Language, Vietnam to Jeonbuk National University from 3rd year*

- Academic foundation in Korean language, society, culture, and cross-cultural communication.

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research

- Co-Researcher, Daesan Rural Foundation Research Project (2025): Factors Affecting Seasonal Workers' Adaptation to Rural Life: Focusing on Relationships with Local Residents.
- Co-Author, journal article: "Being With" Beyond Language and Culture: Seasonal Migrant Workers and Local Residents as (Quasi-)Family and Neighbors.
- Accepted Oral Presentation, 2026 AALSE: The Two-Sided Integration: Social Support and Mutual Adjustment in Korea's Seasonal Worker Program.

Master's Research

- Principal Investigator, 2024 Jeonbuk Labor Research Institute Research Project: Perceptions of Foreign Workers Participating in the Seasonal Worker Program: A Case Study of Jeonbuk Special Self-Governing Province.
- Master's Thesis: A Study on the Perceptions of Foreign Seasonal Workers and the Seasonal Worker System: Focusing on Vietnamese Seasonal Workers.
- Conference Presentation, 2024 Winter Conference of the Korean Agricultural Economics Association: Perceptions of Foreign Workers Participating in the Seasonal Worker Program: A Study of Vietnamese Seasonal Workers in Jeonbuk.

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE & OTHER PROJECTS

Research Assistant

[2024 - present]

Project for Establishing the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Vinh University and Strengthening Education and Research Capacity in the Livestock Sector

- Provided interpretation and coordination for visiting Vietnamese professors and Korea-based academic or field programmes.
- Administrative support and Korean – Vietnamese interpretation.

Research Assistant

[2023]

Comprehensive Planning Project for Smart Farm Revitalization in Muju County

- Research administration and budget management.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article

- Kim Jooyoung, and Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen. 2025. "“Being With’ Beyond Language and Culture: Seasonal Migrant Workers and Local Residents as (Quasi-)Family and Neighbors.” Korean Cultural Anthropology, 58(3): 61–101.

Research Reports & Thesis

- Kim Jooyoung, and Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen. 2025. Factors Affecting Seasonal Workers' Adaptation to Rural Life: Focusing on Relationships with Local Residents. Research Report, Daesan Rural Foundation. (계절근로자의 농촌 생활 적응에 영향을 미치는 요인 연구: 농촌 선주민과의 관계를 중심으로).
- Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen. 2024. Perceptions of Foreign Workers Participating in the Seasonal Worker Program: A Case Study of Jeonbuk Special Self-Governing Province. Research Report, Jeonbuk Labor Policy Research Institute. (계절근로자 사업에 참여한 외국인 근로자 인식 조사: 전북특별자치도 사례 중심으로)
- Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen. 2025. A Study on Perception and Policy of Seasonal Workers: Focusing on Vietnamese Seasonal Workers. Master's Thesis, Jeonbuk National University.

Conference & Academic Presentations

- Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen, et al. 2026. "The Two-Sided Integration: Social Support and Mutual Adjustment in Korea's Seasonal Worker Program." Asian & Australasian Society of Labour Economics(AALSE) 2026 Conference, Oral Presentation — Accepted.
- Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen and Kim, Su-Hyun. 2024. "Perceptions of Foreign Workers Participating in the Seasonal Worker Program: Focusing on Vietnamese Seasonal Workers in the Jeonbuk Region." 2024 Winter Conference of the Korean Agricultural Economics Association, Korea Rural Economic Institute, December 4, 2024.
- Hoang Thi Ngoc Huyen. 2024. "Perceptions of Foreign Workers Participating in the Seasonal Worker Program: A Case Study of Jeonbuk Special Self-Governing Province." 2024 Jeonbuk Labor Forum, Jeonbuk National University, December 17, 2024.

AWARDS, GRANTS & ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Encouragement Award, JBNU 3-Minute Thesis Competition, 2026
- Grand Prize, JBNU Korean Speech Contest, 2023

CERTIFICATIONS & LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Korean Language Proficiency: TOPIK Level 6
- English Proficiency TOEIC, 820

SELECTED ACTIVITIES & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interpreter, International Capacity-Building Program | 2024

- Supported Korea–Thailand–Vietnam educational volunteering and cultural exchange activities through interpretation and program coordination.

International Student Supporter, Jeonbuk Special Self-Governing Province | 2023–Present

- Produced social media content promoting international student life and regional engagement.

Volunteer, Jeonju Immigration Office | 2021–2025

- Assisted foreign residents with visitor guidance and administrative inquiries.