The University of Michigan’s Department of Political Science and the Nam Center for Korean Studies at the International Institute seek qualified applicants for a 50/50% jointly appointed tenure-track position at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor rank with research and teaching interests in Korean politics. Preference will be given to the candidates who will be hired at Associate or Full rank. The successful candidate will be appointed to the Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies.

We seek an interdisciplinary scholar whose work sheds light on important political issues in the Korean peninsula and beyond. Korea has gone through dramatic transformations in the last decades: from colonial occupation to divided nation-building compounded by the Cold War; from a poor agrarian society to the fourteenth largest global economy grappling with inequality and environmental issues; from a military dictatorship to an electoral democracy with vibrant social movements; and from the major source of emigrants to one of the most popular immigrant destinations in East Asia. We welcome scholars whose work comparative political understanding of economic development and inequality; democratization and social movements; geopolitics and national security; globalization, immigration, and diasporas; or any other topics that are critical in contemporary Korean politics.

The anticipated starting date for this university-year appointment is August 28, 2022, and the Department of Political Science will be the tenure home.

Applicants should include the following application materials in PDF format: a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a concise statement describing current and future plans for research, a statement of teaching philosophy and experience, evidence of teaching excellence (if any), writing samples, graduate transcripts (for entry-level candidates), and a statement of activities contributing to diversity, equity, and inclusion in academia. Candidates for this position must have completed their PhD by September 1, 2022. Entry-level applicants should submit three reference letters. All other applicants should provide names and contact information for three references.

Information on our research initiatives and scholarly interests of current faculty can be found on the Department’s website: <https://lsa.umich.edu/polisci>, the center website: <https://ii.umich.edu/ncks>, and the International Institute’s website: <https://ii.umich.edu/ii>. All applications must be submitted electronically to: <https://lsa.umich.edu/polisci/faculty-hiring.html>

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