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Current Position

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University, July 2016 - present

Other Affiliations

Adjunct Lecturer, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
Associate Researcher, Waseda Institute of Political Economy, Waseda University
Sponsored Affiliate, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
Research Fellow, V-Dem East Asia Regional Center

Past Positions

Visiting Associate Professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, April 2020 - March 2021
JSPS Overseas Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, August 2018 - August 2020
Assistant Professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Waseda University, April 2015 - June 2016
Postdoctoral Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, September 2015 - March 2016
JSPS Predoctoral Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, April 2009 - August 2009
Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, August 2018 - August 2020
Research Consultant, World Bank, African Region, December 2012 - June 2013
Visiting Fellow, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan, June - July 2014; May - August 2011
Visiting Scholar, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan, April - June 2014

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Michigan State University, 2015
M.A. in Political Science, Michigan State University, 2011
M.A. in Political Science (Valedictorian), Waseda University, 2008
B.A. in Political Science, Waseda University, 2006

Research Interests

Comparative & International Political Economy

Autocracy, Institutions, Regime Change, Distributive Politics, Economic Policy, Ethnic Politics, Migration

Central Asia, Post-Soviet Region, Developing Countries

Panel Data, Survey, Experiments, Quantitative Text Analysis, and Qualitative Methods

Publications

Book

The Dictator's Dilemma at the Ballot Box: Electoral Manipulation, Economic Maneuvering, and Political Order in Autocracies. Forthcoming at the University of Michigan Press (The Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Series)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. "Political Liberalization and Human Development: Dynamic Effects of Political Regime Change on Infant Mortality across Three Centuries (1800-2015)." (with Susumu Annaka) Accepted at *World Development*
2. "The Choice of Electoral Systems in Electoral Autocracies." (with Eric C. C. Chang) Forthcoming at *Government and Opposition*
3. "Mixing Cross-Country Statistical Analysis with Within-Country Case Studies." (in Japanese) Accepted at *Asja Keizai* [Quarterly Journal of Institute of Developing Economies] (in Japanese)
4. "Blatant Electoral Fraud and the Value of a Vote." 2021. *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 22: 1-14
5. "Economic Institutions and Autocratic Breakdown: Monetary Constraints and Fiscal Spending in Dominant-Party Regimes." (with Cristina Bodea and Ana Carolina Garriga) 2019. *The Journal of Politics* 81-2: 601-615
6. "Ethnic Inequality and the Strength of Ethnic Identities in Sub-Saharan Africa." (with Christian Houle) 2018. *Political Behavior* 40-4: 909-932
7. "Central Bank Independence and Fiscal Policy: Incentives to Spend and Constraints on the Executive." (with Cristina Bodea) 2017. *British Journal of Political Science* 47-1: 47-70
8. "Elections, Ethnic Parties, and Ethnic Identification in New Democracies: Evidence from the Baltic Countries." (with Ryo Nakai) 2016. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51-2: 124-146
9. "Oil and Civil Conflict: Can Public Spending Have a Mitigation Effect?" (with Cristina Bodea and Raju Jan Singh) 2016. *World Development* 78: 1 - 12
10. "Can Contentious Elections Overthrow Leaders?" In Pippa Norris, Richard Frank, and Ferran Martinetz i Coma eds. 2015. *Contentious Elections: From Ballots to Barricades*, pp.64 - 85. New York: Routledge
11. "National Identity Change in New Democracies: The Effects of Elections and Parties." (with Ryo Nakai) *Asia Keizai* [Quarterly Journal of Institute of Developing Economies]. 2012. 53-4: 69 - 93 (in Japanese)

Published Working Papers

1. "The Perils of Parliamentarism: Executive Selection Systems and Transitions to Democracy from Electoral Authoritarianism" (with Yuko Kasuya) 2016. European University Institute Working Paper Series No. 2016/01. Revise and Resubmit at *Studies in Comparative International Development*.
2. "Political Regimes and Refugee Entries: Motivations behind Refugees and Host Governments." University of Gothenburg, V-Dem User's Working Paper Series No.34 (with Yu-Jin Woo) Under Review
3. "Guns, Books, or Doctors? Conflict and Public Spending in Haiti: Lessons from Cross-Country Evidence." (with Cristina Bodea and Raju Jan Singh) 2016. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series*. No. WPS7681
4. "Economic Manipulation in Kyrgyz Elections, 1995-2010: A Tentative Analysis." 2011. American University of Central Asia. Social Research Center. *Research Fellow Working Paper Series*

Selected Unpublished Manuscripts

- "When Does the Honeymoon End? Electoral Cycles of Democratic Satisfaction in Africa." (with Nicholas Kerr) Under Review
- "Historical Origins of Long-Lasting Military Dictatorships." (with Yuko Kasuya)
- "Election Timing in Autocracy: Why Dictators Call Elections in Economic Crisis." (with Yuki Yanai)
- "Disguising as Democrats: The Origins and Outcomes of Partially Independent EMBs in Autocracies." (with Hidekuni Washida)
- "Off-Schedule Elections and Popular Attitudes: Dynamic Effects of Election Timing Manipulation on Public Support." (with Hisashi Kadoya and Yuki Yanai)

Selected Work in Progress

- "Popular Protests and the Elite-Mass Linkage in Autocracies: Experimental and Observational Evidence from Kazakhstan."
- "Mass Perception of Muslim Immigrants in Muslim Societies: A Conjoint Experiment in Kazakhstan." (with Akira Igarashi and Yu Jin Woo)
- "Does Immigration Policy Change Popular Perceptions of Immigrants? Experimental Evidence from 5 Asian Countries." (with Akira Igarashi and Yu Jin Woo)
- "Public Information and Mass Perception in Autocracies: Information Correction Experiment on COVID-19 in Kazakhstan." (with Susumu Annaka and Gento Kato)
- "Tutelary Power and Autocratic Legitimacy: Experimental Evidence from Kazakhstan." (with Yuki Shiraito)
- "Causes and Consequences of Clientelism." (with Hidekuni Washida)
- "Introducing Electoral Accountability in Autocracies: Combining Natural and Survey Experiments in Kazakhstan."

Datasets

- V-PARTY: Varieties of Party Identity and Organization (with Anna Luehrmann and others)
- ETAD: Election Timing across Autocracy and Democracy (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai)

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications in Japanese

1. "Transforming Autocracies, Adapting Autocrats: Commentary for the Japanese translation of Erica Frantz, *Authoritarianism*. 2021. Tokyo: Hakusuisha.
2. "Political Regimes and Political Institutions: Varieties of Authoritarian Rule and Institutions." In Tomohiko Uyama and Masato Hiwatari eds. *Contemporary Central Asia: Politics, Economy, and Society*. 2018. Tokyo: Nihon Hyoronsha
3. "Book Review: Johan Engvall, *the State as Investment Market*." 2017. *Ajia Keizai* [Quarterly Journal of Institute of Developing Economies] Vol. 58-3: 54-57
4. "Democratic Transitions from Electoral Authoritarianism." (with Yuko Kasuya) In *Hikaku Seijigaku Nenpo* [Annals of the Japan Association for Comparative Politics], pp.1-30. 2017. Kyoto: Minerva Shobo
5. "Book Review: Dynamics of Local Politics in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes." 2016. *Leviathan* Vol. 59: 202-205
6. "Electoral System Reforms in Central Asia: The Choice of Electoral Systems and Its Consequences under Electoral Authoritarianism." 2015. In *Senkyo Kenkyu* [Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies] Vol. 31-2: 62-76
7. "Political Regime Change in Central Asia: Varieties of Dictatorship and Authoritarian Elections." Takayuki Ito, Yoshikazu Hirose, and Takeshi Yuasa eds. *Eurasia in the Post Cold War Era: Frontiers of Conflict Studies*, pp.301 - 320. 2013. Tokyo: Yoshida Shoten
8. "Political Business Cycles in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Global Data Analysis." In Masaru Kohno and Keiichi Kubo eds. *Comparative Politics of Democratization and Elections: Institution Building in Changing Societies*. 2013. Tokyo: Keiso Shobo
9. "The Logic of a Shift to Stable Authoritarianism in Kazakhstan: 'Ethno-Competitive' Oligarchy under Economic Liberalization?" In Takayuki Ito ed. *Between Structures and Institutions: Evolving Conflict over Regime Change*, pp.241 - 282. 2008. Chiba: Seibunsha

Other Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

1. "Central Bank Independence and the Fate of Authoritarian Regimes." (with Cristina Bodea and Carolina Garriga) Ernest Gnan and Donato Masciandaro eds., *Populism, Economic Policies, and Central Banking*. SUERF Conference Proceedings 2020/1
2. "Ethnic Inequality and the Strength of Ethnic Identities in Sub-Saharan Africa." (with Christian Houle) Blog post at *Political Behavior*. 2017
3. "Electoral Competition and Ethnic Identities in Eastern Europe." (with Ryo Nakai) European University Institute, Max Weber Programme Newsletter. Winter 2016
4. "Central Banks and Fiscal Policy: Why Independent Central Banks Can Lead to Lower Fiscal Deficits." (with Cristina Bodea) London School of Economics and Political Science Blog on European Politics and Policy. October 26th, 2015
5. "Elections and Political Order: A Cross-National Analysis of Electoral Violence" (with Shin Toyoda) Tokyo Foundation, SYLFF Newsletter. August 19th, 2011

Teaching

Instructor

Survey Data Analysis (Graduate School), Tohoku University, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2021

Democratization Research (Graduate School), Waseda University, Fall 2021 (taught in Japanese)

Introduction to Political Science, Tohoku University, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021 (taught in Japanese)

Comparative Politics of the Developing World, Tohoku University, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021 (taught in Japanese)

Comparative Democratization, Waseda University, Spring 2015, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Political Science, Michigan State University (Section Instructor, 80 students), Fall 2013

International Organization and Cooperation, Michigan State University, Fall 2012

Introduction to International Relations, Michigan State University, Spring 2012

Government and Politics of the World, Michigan State University (Section Instructor, 30 students), Fall 2011

Research Funding (as Principal Investigator [PI])

Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Research (Exploratory) (21K18417). Innovative Research on Central Bank Politics: Quantitative Text Analysis and Survey Experiment Exploring the Effectiveness of Central Banks. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2021 - 2023, ≈ \$61,500)

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) (21H00678). Comparative Analysis of Patronal Politics: Quantitative Text Analysis and Experiments. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2021 - 2025, ≈ \$170,300)

Research Grant. When Do Central Banks Become an Effective Economic Institution? The Murata Science Foundation (2020 - 2021, ≈ \$18,000)

Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (A) (17H04779). Institutional Designs and Political Legitimacy in Autocracy: Cross-National Statistical Analyses and Survey Experiments. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2017 - 2021, ≈ \$143,000)

Research Grant. Central Bank Reforms and Economic Policy in Developing Countries. Zengin Foundation for Studies on Economics and Finance (2015 - 2016, ≈ \$11,500)

Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-Up (15H06682). Theory and Empirical Analyses of Authoritarian Elections. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2015 - 2017, ≈ \$29,900)

Waseda University Grant for Special Projects (2015S-177). Waseda University (2015-2016, ≈ \$2,700)

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (SBE DDRIG-1323671). US National Science Foundation (2014 - 2015, \$17,624)

Research Grant. Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation (2013 - 2014, ≈ \$5,000)

Research Grant. Suntory Foundation (2013 - 2014, ≈ \$10,620)

Research Grant. GLOPE II, Waseda University (2012, ≈ \$3,200)

SYLFF Research Abroad Award. Tokyo Foundation (2011 - 2012, \$7,000)

Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (09J07864). Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2009 - 2010, ≈ \$12,000)

Research Grant, Global Institute for Asian Regional Integration (GIARI). Waseda University (2008 - 2009, ≈ \$2,000)

Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leader Fellowship. Tokyo Foundation (2008 - 2009, \$10,000)

Yutaka Akino Award. Yutaka Akino Eurasia Fund (2008 - 2009, ≈ \$4,000)

Academic Awards

Nominated for Gabriel A. Almond Award: The Best Dissertation in the Field of Comparative Politics (2016)

Graduate Student Best Paper Award, Political Science Department, Michigan State University (2015)

International IDEA/EIP Award: The Best Graduate Student Paper on Electoral Integrity, International IDEA and Electoral Integrity Project (2014)

Nominated for Westview Press Award: The Best Graduate Student Paper Award at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2013)

Azusa Ono Memorial Award for Academic Studies, Waseda University (2008)

Iijima Memorial Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University (2008)

Dean Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University (2008)

Fellowships

JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (September 2018 - August 2020, ≈ \$111,400)

Travel Grant for International Conferences, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Walter Beach Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (2016, \$500)

JSPS Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2015 - 2018, declined)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University (2014, \$6,000)

Travel Grant for APSA annual meeting, Japanese Political Science Association (2014, 2016, ≈ \$2,000)

Summer Merit Fellowship for Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Year of 2013 - 2014, Political Science Department, Michigan State University (2014, \$5,000)

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Michigan State University (2011 - 2015)

Fulbright Scholarship, the US - Japan Educational Commission (2009 - 2014)

JSPS Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2009)

PhD Program Extra Scholarship, Waseda University (2008, approximately \$5,000)

Azusa Ono Scholarship, Waseda University (2007)

Invited Presentations and Workshops

- Online* - Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (Scheduled in November 2021)
- Online* - V-Dem Research Seminar Series, V-Dem Institute (Scheduled in September 2021)
- Online* - Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (Scheduled in September 2021)
- Online* - Waseda Institute of Political Economy, Experimental Political Science Section (July 2021)
- Online* - Pre-IPSA Workshop on Electoral Integrity Project (July 2021)
- Online* - The Japan Society for Quantitative Political Science (July 2021)
- Online* - Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (May 2021)
- Online* - The Pacific International Politics Conference (April 2021)
- Online* - The Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University (March 2021)
- Columbia* - Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Mexico City* - Political Studies Division, CIDE (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Mexico City* - Department of Political Science, ITAM (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Lisbon* - Pre-IPSA Workshop on Electoral Management (Postponed due to COVID-19)
- Online* - Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (AOPSSS, April 2020)
- Ann Arbor* - Center for Political Studies, the University of Michigan (November 2019)
- Dallas* - The Tower Center, Southern Methodist University (November 2019)
- Astana* - School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University (October 2019)
- Kobe* - Faculty of Law, Kobe University (October 2019)
- Chiba* - Institute of Developing Economies (May 2019)
- Ann Arbor* - The Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, the University of Michigan (March 2019)
- Ann Arbor* - The EHLM Workshop, the University of Michigan (January 2019)
- Ann Arbor* - The Comparative Politics Workshop, the University of Michigan (December 2018)
- East Lansing* - The Comparative Politics Workshop, Michigan State University (November 2018)
- Fukuoka* - The World Social Science Forum, Kyushu University (September 2018)
- Brisbane* - Pre-IPSA Workshop of Electoral Integrity Project (July 2018)
- Tokyo* - Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University (June 2018)
- Yokohama* - Graduate School of International Management, Yokohama City University (November 2017)
- Lucca* - Economics Department, IMT School for Advanced Study Lucca (June 2017)
- Fukuoka* - Department of Economics, Fukuoka University (April 2017)
- Tokyo* - Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University (March 2017)

Mannheim - Collaborative Research Center, University of Mannheim (February 2017)
Tokyo - Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University (January 2017)
Kobe - Faculty of Law, Kobe University (December 2016)
Shanghai - Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (December 2016)
Online - Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (November 2016)
Philadelphia - Pre-APSA Workshop of Electoral Integrity Project (August 2016)
Florence - Max Weber Program, European University Institute (June 2016)
Geneva - Department of Political Science, Graduate Institute of Geneva (April 2016)
Addis Ababa - Electoral Risk Management Conference, International IDEA (December 2015)
Yokohama - Graduate School of International Management, Yokohama City University (October 2015)
Kobe - Faculty of Law, Kobe University (October 2015)
Tokyo - Faculty of Law, Keio University (March 2015)
Kobe - Faculty of Law, Kobe University (October 2014)
Heidelberg - Workshop on the Power of Elections in Authoritarian Regimes (September 2014)
Kyoto - Faculty of Law, Doshisha University (August 2014)
Chiba - Institute of Developing Economies (July 2014)
Montreal - Pre-IPSA Workshop of Electoral Integrity Project (July 2014)
Chicago - Pre-APSA Workshop of Electoral Integrity Project (August 2013)
New York - Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University (May 2013)

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (2011, [2012] (cancelled), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, [2020] (declined), 2021)
 European Political Science Association (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017)
 European Consortium for Political Research (2018)
 International Political Science Association (2009, 2016, 2018, 2021)
 Japanese Association of Electoral Studies (2018, [2020] (cancelled), 2021)
 Japanese Political Science Association (2014, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021)
 Japan Association for Comparative Politics (2010, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021)
 Midwest Political Science Association (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, [2020] (cancelled))
 Southern Political Science Association (2011, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020)
 Western Political Science Association (2018, [2020](cancelled))
 Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (PEDD) Conference (2017, 2020)

Additional Training

DataCamp, Datacamp, Inc.

Data Scientist with R. April-May 2020

Machine Learning Scientist with R. June 2020

Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop, Duke University

Main Workshop. Summer 2019

Advanced Workshop. Summer 2019

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan

Data Science and Text Analysis. Summer 2020

Advanced Bayesian Methods. Summer 2020

Advanced Game Theory. Summer 2012

Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation. Summer 2012

Time Series Analysis. Summer 2010

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Summer Institute

Syracuse University. Summer 2012

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan

Intensive Second Year Russian. Summer 2010

Undergraduate Summer Sessions, University of California, Los Angeles

Intensive Undergraduate Courses on Game Theory, International Relations, and International Political Economy. Summer 2005

Professional Service & Experience

*Reviewer *Number of reviews in parentheses*

American Journal of Political Science (4), American Political Science Review (3), Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, British Journal of Political Science (2), Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition (2), International Interactions (2), International Journal of Forecasting, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Politics (5), Japanese Journal of Political Science (2), PLOS ONE, Research and Politics, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Social Science Quarterly, Fulbright Program, Asia Keizai [Asian Economies] (2), Hikaku Seiji Kenkyu [Japanese Journal of Comparative Politics], Zukunftskolleg Fellowship Programme (University of Konstanz, Germany), Nihon Gakujutu Shinkokai (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

Editorial & Advisory Board

Editorial Board Member, *Interdisciplinary Information Sciences*, April 2020 - present

Editorial Board Member, *Hikaku Seiji Kenkyu [Japanese Journal of Comparative Politics]*, July 2020 - present

International Academic Advisory Board Member, *Electoral Integrity Project*, April 2021 - present

*Chair (C) & Discussant (D) *Number of discussant roles in brackets*

APSA (2019: D, 2021: C & D)

IPSA (2016: C & D, 2018: C & D)

MPSA (2016: D, 2019: D [2])

SPSA (2016: D [2], 2018: C & D, 2019: D)

JACP (2021: D)

JACP (2022: D)

JPSA (2019: D, 2021: D)

PEDD Conference (2017: C & D, 2020: D)

AOPSSS (2020: D)

WCED Book Workshop (Elvin Ong, 2019: D)

V-Dem East Asia Regional Center Workshop (2020: D)

Japan Society for Quantitative Political Science (2021: D)

PIPCOSS (2021: D [2])

Professional Leadership

Member of Book Review Committee, Japanese Political Science Association January 2022 - March 2023

Research Consulting

World Bank, Research Consultant on the Project "Oil, Public Spending, and Civil Conflict" (2012 - 2013)

Expert Survey Participation

Electoral Integrity Project (2015, 2017, 2021)

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project (2020, 2021)

Fieldwork

Kazakhstan (Winter 2008, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Spring and Summer 2014, October 2019)

Kyrgyzstan (Winter 2008, Summer 2011, Spring and Summer 2014)

Skills

Languages

English, Japanese, Russian

Softwares

L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Stata, R

References

Available upon request

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