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Current Position

Professor of Comparative Politics, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, April 2026 - present

Other Affiliations

Collaborative Researcher, Slavic Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, April 2022 - present

Research Fellow, V-Dem East Asia Regional Center, Keio University, December 2020 - present

Associate Researcher, Waseda Institute of Political Economy, Waseda University, October 2022 - present

Past Affiliations

Full-Time Positions

Associate Professor, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, April 2023 - March 2026

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University, July 2016 - March 2023

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/Adjunct Positions

Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, November 2025 - January 2026

Visiting Scholar, Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, August 2024 - October 2025

Sponsored Affiliate, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, September 2020 - September 2025

Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University, October 2023 - January 2024

Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo, August - September 2022

Adjunct Lecturer, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, April 2021 - March 2022

Visiting Associate Professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, April 2020 - March 2021

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, and Qualitative Methods

Publications

Book

The Dictator's Dilemma at the Ballot Box: Electoral Manipulation, Economic Maneuvering, and Political Order in Autocracies. 2022. The University of Michigan Press (The Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Series). pp.342 + xxiii

***Awards:** The 44th IDE-JETRO Award for the Studies of Developing Countries (2023), The Ed A Hewett Book Prize (ASEEES Award, Honorable Mention, 2023)

***Book Reviews:** *Democracy & Autocracy (Author Exchange)*, *Governance*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Asahi Shimbun*, *Politics and Rights Review*

***Book Talks:** Japanese Association of Electoral Studies (JAES, May 2022), Making of My Research Articles (MMRA, July 2022), American Political Science Association (September 2022), Sendai Shirayuri Women's College (November 2022), University of Florida (January 2023), University of Tokyo (April 2023), Institute of Developing Economies (July 2023), Hitotsubashi University (January 2024), National Cheng Kung University (April 2024), Southern Methodist University (December 2024), Pomona College (February 2025), University of Michigan (September 2025)

Academic Articles

29. "Do Muslims Welcome Muslim Immigrants? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Kazakhstan." (with Akira Igarashi and Yujin Woo) Accepted at *Political Behavior*
28. "Government Information and Popular Reactions in Autocracies: An Information Correction Experiment on COVID-19 in Kazakhstan." (with Susumu Annaka and Gento Kato) 2026. *Political Studies*.
27. "Election Management Institutions as Catalysts for Autocratic Transformation." (with Matthew Charles Wilson) 2026. *Democratization*.
26. "Partisan Reactions to Endogenous Election Timing: Evidence from Conjoint Experiments in Japan." (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai) 2025. *Political Behavior*.
25. "Election Timing across Autocracy and Democracy (ETAD): A New Data Set of National Election Dates." (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai) 2025. *Electoral Studies*.
24. "Political and Economic Protests in Authoritarian Regimes." (with Austin M. Mitchell and Kana Inata) 2025. *Public Choice*.
23. "Tutelary Power and Autocratic Legitimacy: Experimental Evidence from Kazakhstan's Diarchy." (with Yuki Shiraito) 2025. *The Journal of Politics*.
22. "Challenges of Electoral Integrity in an Era of Overlapping Crises." (with Leontine Loeber, Holly Ann Garnett, and Toby S. James) 2025. *Election Law Journal*.
21. "Expectations, Gender Bias, and Bank of Japan Communication: Do the Japanese Trust Female Central Bankers?" (with Cristina Bodea and Andrew Kerner) 2025. *National Institute Economic Review*. Online First.
20. "Democracy and State Development: Patterns of Public Spending in the First Two Waves of Democratization." (with Austin M. Mitchell) 2024. *Comparative Political Studies*. Online First.
19. "Democratic Reforms in Dictatorships: Elite Divisions, Party Origins, and the Prospects of Political Liberalization." (with Adrian del Rio) 2024. *Comparative Political Studies*. Online First.
18. "Unpacking Political Parties in Autocracies: What Party Structures Reveal About Party Strategies and Patterns of Regime Survival." (with Erica Frantz) 2024. *Democratization*. 2717895.
17. "The Dynamics of Electoral Manipulation and Institutional Trust in Democracies: Blatant Fraud, Election Timing, and the Legitimacy of Governance." (with Hisashi Kadoya and Yuki Yanai) 2024. nfae022. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
16. "Electoral Manipulation and Voter Partisanship: Cross-National Survey Analysis of Popular Perceptions of Electoral Fairness." (with Hisashi Kadoya and Shinji Tsukada) 2024. *Senkyo Kenkyu* [Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies] 39-2: 25-39 (in Japanese).
15. "Political Regimes and Refugee Entries: The Preferences and Decisions of Displaced Persons and Host Governments." (with Yujin Woo) 2024. *International Studies Quarterly* 68-2, sqae077.
14. "Varieties of Clientelism across Political Parties: New Measures of Patron-Client Relationships." (with Hidekuni Washida) 2024. *European Political Science Review* 16-2: 260-280.
13. "When Does the Honeymoon End? Electoral Cycles of Satisfaction with Democracy in Africa." (with Nicholas Kerr) 2023. *Political Psychology* 44: 709-728.
12. "Measuring National Refugee Policies: Recent Trends and Implications for Future Development." (with Yujin Woo) 2023. *Interdisciplinary Information Sciences* 29-2: 109-117.

11. "The Choice of Electoral Systems in Electoral Autocracies." (with Eric C. C. Chang) 2023. *Government and Opposition* 58-1: 106-128.
10. "The Perils of Parliamentarism: Executive Selection Systems and Transitions to Democracy from Electoral Authoritarianism" (with Yuko Kasuya) 2022. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 57-2: 198-220.
9. "Political Liberalization and Human Development: Dynamic Effects of Political Regime Change on Infant Mortality across Three Centuries (1800-2015)." (with Susumu Annaka) 2021. *World Development* 147: 1-11
8. "Mixing Cross-Country Statistical Analysis with Within-Country Case Studies." 2021. *Asia Keizai* [Quarterly Journal of Institute of Developing Economies] 62-4 (in Japanese)
7. "Blatant Electoral Fraud and the Value of a Vote." 2021. *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 22: 1-14 (leading article)
6. "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
5. "Ethnic Inequality and the Strength of Ethnic Identities in Sub-Saharan Africa." (with Christian Houle) 2018. *Political Behavior* 40-4: 909-932
4. "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
3. "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
2. "Oil and Civil Conflict: Can Public Spending Have a Mitigation Effect?" (with Cristina Bodea and Raju Jan Singh) 2016. *World Development* 78: 1 - 12
1. "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)

Book Chapters

1. "Electoral Manipulation." In Holly Ann Garnett and Toby S. James eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Integrity*. 2025. Chapter 14
2. "Autocratization and Development." In Aurel Croissant and Luca Tomini eds. 2024. *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. Chapter 25
3. "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

Published Working Papers

1. "Classifying Clientelism of Political Parties: Party-Level Cross-Country Explorations." (with Hidekuni Washida). University of Gothenburg, V-Dem User's Working Paper Series No.52
2. "Political Regimes and Refugee Entries: Motivations behind Refugees and Host Governments." (with Yujin Woo) 2020. University of Gothenburg, V-Dem User's Working Paper Series No.34
3. "Elite Divisions, Party Origins, and Political Liberalization in Autocracies." (with Adrian del Rio) 2022. University of Gothenburg, V-Dem User's Working Paper Series No.50

4. "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
5. "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

- "The Impact of Elections on Civic Attitudes: Causal Evidence from Kazakhstan's Staggered Local Elections." (with Gento Kato and Yuki Shiraito) Under Review
- "Elected Leaders and Informal Tax Contributions: Natural Experiment Evidence from Village Elections in Kazakhstan." (with Paul Schuler) Under Review
- "Economic Growth or Public Health? Democratic Advantages during the COVID-19 Pandemic." (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai) Under Review
- "Resilient Geopolitical Attitudes in a Proximate War: Survey Evidence from Kyrgyzstan." (with Scott Radnitz) Under Review.
- "Popular Perceptions of Electoral Manipulation." (with Hisashi Kadoya and Shinji Tsukada) Commissioned as a chapter in *Research Handbook on Electoral Corruption*
- "Popular Protests and Elite-Mass Linkage in Autocracies: Experimental and Observational Evidence from Kazakhstan"
- "Historical Origins of Long-Lasting Military Dictatorships" (with Yuko Kasuya)
- "Election Timing in Autocracies: Why Dictators Call Elections in Economic Crisis" (with Yuki Yanai)
- "Third-Party Autonomy in Dictatorships: Election Management for Political Survival" (with Hidekuni Washida)
- "Regime Transitions and Economic Prosperity: Myths of Autocrat-Induced Growth" (with Takuto Tohkairin)
- "Driving Forces of Diversification in Central Bank Mandates: Global Textual Analysis of Central Bank Laws" (with Kenya Amano)
- "Economic versus Political Preferences over Labor Migration Policies: Evidence from Survey Experiments in Five Asian Countries." (with Akira Igarashi and Yujin Woo)
- "Changing Russian Propaganda against Ukraine" (with Masatomo Torikai, Tomoki Kaneko, and Keiichi Kubo)
- "Geopolitics and Migration: The Case of the Relokanty in Kyrgyzstan" (with Scott Radnitz)
- "Autocracy and Protest Cycles: Pre-Electoral Dynamics of Repression and Dissent" (with Samson Yuen)
- "Clientelism, Social Media, and Public Support for Populists: Experimental Evidence from Kyrgyzstan" (with Scott Radnitz)
- "Timing Matters: A Panel Study of the 2024 Japanese General Election." (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai)
- "The Democratic Dilemma in Protecting Others: How Political Regimes Shape Post-Entry Rights for Asylum Seekers." (with Yujin Woo)

In Progress

“Endogenizing Varieties of Clientelism.” (with Hidekuni Washida)

Forced Migration and the Janus Face of Democracy (with Yujin Woo)

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

1. “Three Potential Factors Fueling Democratic Breakdown in the Global South.” 2025. *AJISS-Commentary*. No.311
2. “Autocratic Elections: Decoding Modern Authoritarianism.” 2024. *The Politics and Rights Review*
3. “Author Exchange: The Dictator’s Dilemma at the Ballot Box and Opposing Power.” (with Elvin Ong) 2023. *Democracy and Autocracy*. 21-1: 31-34
4. “Elections in Modern Dictatorships: Why Do Some Autocrats Tie Their Hands by Credible Elections?” 2022. University of Michigan Press Blog
5. “Does Democracy Need Renewal? Socio-Economic Consequences of Democratic Politics.” 2022. January/February. *Japan Spotlight*. Japan Economic Foundation
6. “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
7. “Ethnic Inequality and the Strength of Ethnic Identities in Sub-Saharan Africa.” (with Christian Houle) Blog post at *Political Behavior*. 2017
8. “Electoral Competition and Ethnic Identities in Eastern Europe.” (with Ryo Nakai) European University Institute, Max Weber Programme Newsletter. Winter 2016
9. “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
10. “Elections and Political Order: A Cross-National Analysis of Electoral Violence” (with Shin Toyoda) Tokyo Foundation, SYLFF Newsletter. August 19th, 2011

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications in Japanese

1. “How Do Political Leaders Manipulate Elections?” 2025. *Voice* 2025/08: 64-71
2. “Competitive Elections Erode Democracy.” 2024. *Gaiko* 83: 42-47
3. “Kazakhstan: The Ukrainian War and the Dilemma of Political Reforms.” 2023. *Gaiko* 79: 80-85
4. “Book Review: Hideya Matsuzaki, *Comparative Political History of Nationalist Movement for Self-Determination*. 2023. *Nenpo Seijigaku* [The Annuals of the Japanese Political Science Association.] 2023-I: 398-401

5. *Dictatorship Disguising as Democracy*. 2023. Chikura Shobo. [Received the 45th Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities, the 66th Nikkei Prize for Excellent Books in Economic Sciences, and the 35th Asia-Pacific Book Grand Prize]
6. "Clientelism and Democratic Transitions: Cross-National Analysis of Party-Level Data." (with Hidekuni Washida) 2022. *Hikaku Seijigaku Nenpo* [Annals of the Japan Association for Comparative Politics]. Vol. 24
7. "The Transforming Art of Autocratic Rule: From Terror to Benevolent Politics?" 2021. *Chuo Kouron* 136: 96-103
8. "Transforming Autocracies, Adapting Autocrats: Commentary for the Japanese translation of Erica Frantz, *Authoritarianism*. 2021. Tokyo: Hakusuisha
9. "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
10. "Book Review: Johan Engvall, *the State as Investment Market*." 2017. *Ajia Keizai* [Quarterly Journal of Institute of Developing Economies] Vol. 58-3: 54-57
11. "Democratic Transitions from Electoral Authoritarianism." (with Yuko Kasuya) In *Hikaku Seijigaku Nenpo* [Annals of the Japan Association for Comparative Politics]. Vol. 19: 1-30. 2017. Kyoto: Minerva Shobo
12. "Book Review: Dynamics of Local Politics in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes." 2016. *Leviathan* Vol. 59: 202-205
13. "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
14. "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
15. "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
16. "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

Teaching

Instructor

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

Theories of Comparative Politics (Graduate School, Tohoku University): Spring 2022, Fall 2023

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 Politics: The Art of Rule in Democracies and Autocracies (Tohoku University): Spring 2022 (taught in Japanese)

Comparative Democratization (Waseda University): Spring 2015, Spring 2021

Comparative Political Economy of Developing Countries (Graduate School, University of Tokyo): Summer 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026 (taught in Japanese)

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 Scientific Research (B). How Do Autocratic Elections Transform Popular Political Perceptions. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2025 - 2028, ≈ \$180,000)

Grant-in-Aid for Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research (23KK0228). Varieties of Clientelism and the Resilience of Autocracies. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2024 - 2027, ≈ \$111,500)

Research Grant. Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo (2024-2025, ≈ \$7,100)

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 - 2024, ≈ \$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)

The 10th Yutaka Akino Award. Yutaka Akino Eurasia Fund (2008 - 2009, ≈ \$4,000)

Academic Awards

The 45th Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities (2023)

The 66th Nikkei Prize for Excellent Books in Economic Science (2023)

The 35th Asia-Pacific Book Grand Prize (2023)

The Ed A Hewett Book Prize for an outstanding monograph on the political economy of Russia, Eurasia and/or Eastern Europe (Honorable Mention, 2023)

The 44th IDE-JETRO Award for the Studies of Developing Countries (2023)

Best Poster Award, Japan Association of Electoral Studies (2022) (with Naoki Shimizu, Hidekuni Washida, and Yuki Yanai)

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)

Ono Azusa 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

Fellowship for International Academic Exchange, Nomura Foundation (November 2025 - January 2026, ≈ \$3,620)

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)

Ono Azusa Scholarship, Waseda University (2007)

Invited Presentations and Workshops

Shenzhen - Division of Global and Area Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (Scheduled in November 2026)

Gothenburg - The Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg (January 2025)

Gothenburg - Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg (January 2025)

Aarhus - Crisis of Democracy in Comparative Perspective Workshop, Aarhus University (January 2025)

Stockholm - Department of Political Science, Stockholm University (December 2025)

Aarhus - Department of Political Science, Aarhus University (November 2025)

New York City - Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, Columbia University (October 2025)

Durham - Department of Political Science, Duke University (October 2025)

Columbia - Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (October 2025)

Chapel Hill - Authoritarian Politics Lab, University of North Carolina (October 2025)

State College - Department of Political Science, Penn State University (October 2025)

East Lansing - Department of Political Science, Michigan State University (October 2025)

Ann Arbor - Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan (October 2025)

Ann Arbor - Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan (September 2025)

Seattle - Ellison Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington (June 2025)

Seattle - Political Economy Forum, Department of Political Science, University of Washington (April 2025)

Seattle - REECAS Northwest Conference, University of Washington (April 2025)

Norman - Symposium on Russia's War against Ukraine, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma (April 2025)

Tucson - School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona (March 2025)

Los Angeles - Center for European and Russian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (February 2025)

Claremont - Politics Department, Pomona College (February 2025)

Austin - Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Austin (December 2024)

Dallas - The Tower Center, Southern Methodist University (December 2024)

Dallas - Department of Political Science, Southern Methodist University (December 2024)

Belgrade - Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA, October 2024)

Hong Kong - Department of Public and International Affairs, City University of Hong Kong (June 2024)

Tainan - Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University (April 2024)

Taipei - Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica (April 2024)

Astana - School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University (February 2024)

Tokyo - Faculty of Law, Hitotsubashi University (January 2024)

Online - Osaka Workshop on Economics of Institutions and Organizations (December 2023)

Tokyo - Department of Political Science, Keio University (December 2023)

Oslo - Department of Political Science, University of Oslo (September 2023)

Aarhus - Department of Political Science, Aarhus University (September 2023)

Tokyo - Ritsumeikan University (July 2023)

Chiba - Institute of Developing Economies (July 2023)

Online - Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (May 2023)

Gainesville - Department of Political Science, University of Florida (January 2023)

Online - Authoritarian Political Systems Group (December 2022)

Online - Nihon University (December 2022)

Sendai - Sendai Shirayuri Women's College (November 2022)

Online - Making of My Research Article (MMRA) (July 2022)

Online - Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo (June 2022)

Online - Department of Political Science, National University of Shingapore (April 2022)

Online - International Political Economy Workshop, Kyoto University (March 2022)

Online - Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series, Harvard University (March 2022)

Online - Case for Democracy Conference, V-Dem Institute (November-December 2021)

Online - Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (November 2021)

Online - V-Dem Research Seminar Series, V-Dem Institute (September 2021)

Online - Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (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 City - Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University (May 2013)

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2011, [2012] (canceled), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, [2020] (declined), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES): 2024, 2025

Danish Political Science Association (DPSA): 2025

European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2022

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): 2018, 2023

International Political Science Association (IPSA): 2009, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023

Japanese Association of Electoral Studies (JAES): 2018, [2020] (canceled), 2021, 2022

Japanese Political Science Association (JPSA): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022

Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS): 2016, 2021 (Summer), 2022 (Winter and Summer), 2023 (Summer), 2024 (Winter), 2025 (Summer)

Japan Association for Comparative Politics (JACP): 2010, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, [2020] (canceled), 2022, 2025

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2011, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2025

Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 2018, [2020](canceled), 2025

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

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition, International Interactions, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Nature: Scientific Data, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science and Research Methods, PS: Political Science and Politics, Research and Politics, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Social Science Quarterly, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Fulbright Program, Nihon Gakujutu Shinkokai (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

Editorial & Advisory Board

Associate Editor, *Political Behavior*, September 2025 - present

Editor, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, February 2024 - present

Editor, *Hikaku Seiji Kenkyu [Japanese Journal of Comparative Politics]*, June 2024 - present

Academic Advisory Board Member, *Politics and Rights Review*, January 2024 - present

Editorial Board Member, *Political Behavior*, August 2023 - September 2025

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

Steering Committee Member, V-Dem East Asia Center, December 2020 - present

Board Member, Japan Association for Comparative Politics, July 2022 - present

Guest Editor, *Election Law Journal*. Special issue entitled "Challenges of Electoral Integrity in an Era of Overlapping Crises."

Editorial Board Member, *Interdisciplinary Information Sciences*, April 2020 - March 2025

Deputy Editor, *Hikaku Seiji Kenkyu [Japanese Journal of Comparative Politics]*, June 2022 - June 2024

Editorial Board Member, *Hikaku Seiji Kenkyu [Japanese Journal of Comparative Politics]*, July 2020 - July 2022

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

APSA (2019: D, 2023: D, 2025: D)

DPSA (2025: D)

ECPR (2023: D)

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

MPSA (2016: D, 2019: D [2], 2025: D [2])

SPSA (2016: D [2], 2018: C & D, 2019: D, 2023: D, 2025: D [2])

WPSA (2025: D)

JACP (2021: D, 2026: D)

JAES (2022: D)

JPSA (2019: D, 2021: D, 2022: D, 2026: C & D)

JSQPS (2021 [winter]: D, 2022 [winter]: D, 2024 [summer]: C)

JPOSS (2023: D)

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

APOSS [AOPSSS] (2020: D, 2021: D)

WCED Book Workshop (Elvin Ong, 2019: D)

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

JSQPS (2021: D, 2022: D)

PIPCOSS (2021: D [2])

Conference Organizer

Tohoku Workshop on Authoritarian Politics and Historical Political Economy, March 2023 (with Austin M. Mitchell)

WPSA Mini-Conference on Un-Democratic Politics, April 2025 (with Paul Schuler and Scott Radnitz)

Professional Leadership

Member of Organizing Committee (Comparative Politics), Japanese Political Science Association April 2025 - October 2026

Member of Book Review Committee, Japanese Political Science Association April 2023 - March 2024

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, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)

Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (DALP, 2023)

Fieldwork

Kazakhstan (Winter 2008, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Spring and Summer 2014, October 2019, February 2024)

Kyrgyzstan (Winter 2008, Summer 2011, Spring and Summer 2014, February 2024)

Skills

Languages

English, Japanese, Russian

Softwares

L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Stata, R

References

Available upon request