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## CURRENT POSITION

**The University of Tokyo** 2024 – Present  
*Ph.D. Student, Department of Economics*  
 Advisors: [Yasuyuki Sawada](#), [Kensuke Teshima](#), [Tetsuji Okazaki](#)

## PRIOR EDUCATION

**The University of Tokyo** 2022 – 2024  
*M.A. in Economics*

**Hitotsubashi University** 2018 – 2022  
*B.A. in Economics*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Spatial Economics, Development Economics, International Economics, Economic History

## RESEARCH

- Connecting to Electricity: Technical Change and Regional Development**
  - Best Paper Award of the 19th Applied Econometrics Conference
  - Moriguchi Prize (The Best Paper Award among Japanese PhD Students in Economics)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Trade Liberalization and Reorganization of Production Network**  
 (with [Tsogsag Nyamdavaa](#), [Yoichi Sugita](#), [Kensuke Teshima](#), and [Uraku Yoshimoto](#))
- The Origins of Technological Development in Japan over Twentieth Century**  
 (with [Kentaro Nakajima](#), [Tetsuji Okazaki](#), and [Yukiko Saito](#))
- Technical Change, Market Competition, and Capital Income Distribution**

## SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS (\* SCHEDULED)

European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society* (Palma de Majorca, Spain)	December 2024
Applied Regional Science Conference* (Fukuoka, Japan)	December 2024
The 27th ISER Moriguchi Prize Final Candidates Presentation (Osaka, Japan)	November 2024
The 19th Applied Econometrics Conference (Tokyo, Japan)	November 2024
Conference on Machine Learning, Urban Economics, and Economic History (Seoul, South Korea)	November 2024
Kyoto Summer Workshop on Applied Economics (Kyoto, Japan)	June 2024
Gosyokita Seminar, Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan)	March 2024
Microeconomics Workshop, The University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan)	January 2024

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant:**

Research Assistant to Prof. <a href="#">Yoichi Sugita</a> and Prof. <a href="#">Kensuke Teshima</a>	2022-2024
- Hitotsubashi University and Keio University	
Research Assistant to Prof. <a href="#">Yukiko Saito</a> and Prof. <a href="#">Kentaro Nakajima</a>	2022-2024
- RIETI (Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry)	
Research Assistant to Prof. <a href="#">Yutaka Arimoto</a>	2021
- Hitotsubashi University	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant:

Econometrics II (Prof. [Hidehiko Ichimura](#))

Summer 2023

- Ph.D. Coursework (The University of Tokyo)

Development Economics: Microeconomics Approach (Prof. [Yoshito Takasaki](#))

Winter 2023

- Master Course for Public School and Department of Economics (The University of Tokyo)

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIP

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Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

2025-2027

The 27th Moriguchi Prize by the Institute of Social and Economic Research, Osaka University

2024

Best Paper Award of the 19th Applied Econometrics Conference

2024

World-leading Innovative Graduate Study of Advanced Economics

2023-2024

## REFEREE SERVICE

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*Pacific Economic Review*

## LANGUAGES

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Native: **Japanese**, Fluent: **English**

## SKILLS

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Programming Languages: **R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, Matlab**