

# Atsuki Kotani

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## CURRENT POSITION

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Boston University</b><br><i>Ph.D. Student, Department of Economics</i> | 2025 – Present |
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## PRIOR EDUCATION

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| <b>The University of Tokyo</b><br><i>M.A. in Economics</i> | 2022 – 2024 |
| <b>Hitotsubashi University</b><br><i>B.A. in Economics</i> | 2018 – 2022 |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Spatial Economics, Development Economics, International Economics, Economic History

## RESEARCH

- Connecting to Electricity: Technical Change and Regional Development**
  - Best Student Paper Award of the 38th Applied Regional Science Conference
  - Best Paper Award of the 19th Applied Econometrics Conference
  - [Moriguchi Prize](#)

## 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](#))

## SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS (\* SCHEDULED)

|  |               |
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| NBER Japan Project Meeting (Tokyo, Japan)  | July 2025     |
| Waseda University Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (Tokyo, Japan)                         | July, 2025    |
| Kyoto University Urban Economics Workshop (Kyoto, Japan)                                   | June, 2025    |
| 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

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| <b>Research Assistant:</b>  |             |
| Research Assistant to Prof. <a href="#">Yoichi Sugita</a> and Prof. <a href="#">Kensuke Teshima</a> | 2022 – 2025 |
| - Hitotsubashi University and Keio University   |             |
| Research Assistant to Prof. <a href="#">Yukiko Saito</a> and Prof. <a href="#">Kentaro Nakajima</a> | 2022 – 2025 |
| - 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

Best Student Paper Award of the 38th Applied Regional Science Conference

2024

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**