

KENTARO NAKAMURA

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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. | *Public Policy* (Politics and Institution Track)

Sep.2023 – Present

Cambridge, USA

University of Chicago

Master of Science | *Statistics*

Sep.2021 – Jun.2023

Chicago, USA

- Supervisors: Molly Offer-Westort (Political Science), Victor Veitch (Statistics)

Waseda University

Bachelor of Arts | *Major: Political Science, Minor: Law, Certificate: Data Science*

Apr.2017 – Sep.2021

Tokyo, Japan

- Supervisor: Shuhei Kurizaki
- Best Paper Award (Excellent work at the Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement)

George Washington University

Exchange Program

Aug.2019 – May.2020

Washington D.C., USA

- Dean's list (GPA 3.91 / 4.00)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Substantive: Political Violence, Conflict, Counterinsurgency, Misinformation

Methodological: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Causal Inference with Machine Learning

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Balancing Opportunities and Incentives: How Rising China's Mediated Public Diplomacy Changes under Crisis

International Journal of Communication ([\[PDF\]](#) / [\[Website\]](#))

- Estimated the strategic shift of the rising China's public diplomacy under crisis by machine learning

WORKING PAPERS / UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy?

Working paper, Co-Authored with Yuki Mikiya, Presented at SPSA2023, APSA 2023

- Investigated how the authoritarian regimes implement informational campaign using cross-lingual embedding

Unpacking Mechanisms of Counterinsurgency Operations

Working Paper [\[PDF\]](#)

- Investigated the effect of drone strikes on the terrorism using spatial analysis and instrumental variable

Understanding the Effect of Military Service on Support for Political Violence

Under Review at Journal of Politics, Co-Authored with Robert Pape, Keven Ruby, and Kyle Larson

- Analyzed why and how civilians with prior military experiences are prone to support political violence.

Improving Text as Treatment Framework: How to use Latent Treatment

Master's Thesis

- Developed the method to utilize the latent treatment within high-dimensional data for causal inference

WORKING PROJECTS

Foreign Takeover: Lessons from Great Recession

Working Paper, Co-Authored with Shuhei Kurizaki (First Author)

- Highlighted the risk of economic security by foreign takeover (case studies).

Great Replacement: How the U.S. insurrection sentiments are motivated?

Under Analysis, Co-Authored with Robert Pape, Keven Ruby, and Kyle Larson

- Performed experiments with Parallel Encouragement Design to see how the white population decline stimulates the insurrection sentiments within the U.S.

PRESENTATIONS

Yuki Mikiya, **Kentaro Nakamura** (2023). "International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy? How Authoritarian Country Coordinated its Narratives during the Crisis", *American Political Science Association*

Kentaro Nakamura (2023). "Improving Text as Treatment Framework", *Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science 2023 Summer Meeting*

Kentaro Nakamura, Yuki Mikiya (2023). "International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy? How Authoritarian Country Coordinated its Narratives during the Crisis", *Southern Political Science Association*

Kentaro Nakamura (2022). "How Rising Powers' Public Diplomacy Changes under Difficulties: the case of China", *Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science 2022 Winter Meeting*

ACADEMIC SERVICES / DISCUSSANT ROLES

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2023), Discussant on the panel *Comparative Media Coverage and Discourse*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Author with Prof. Kosuke Imai Jun.2023 – Present
Harvard University Cambridge, USA

- Developed a causal inference method in a high-dimensional setting with deep generative model.

Data and Causal Inference Analyst Sep.2022 – Present
Chicago Projects on Security and Threats (CPOST), University of Chicago Chicago, USA

- Worked directly with Prof. Robert Pape, Dr. Keven Rudy, and Dr. Kyle Larson as a co-author
- Designed experiments, discussed identification strategies, and implemented causal mediation analysis

Research Assistant of Prof. Shuheji Kurizaki May.2020 – Sep.2021
Waseda University Tokyo, Japan

- Conducted the qualitative research on the foreign takeover in Europe (Co-Author since September 2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at the Center for Data Science Sep.2020 – Mar.2021
Waseda University Tokyo, Japan

- Checked class materials and answered the questions about Statistics and Machine Learning

HONORS AND AWARDS

Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship Sep.2023 - Aug.2026
Merit-based scholarship. Partial tuition coverage (JPY 3 million yen) and monthly stipends.

Graduate Council Research & Personal Development Fund, University of Chicago Jan. 2023
Travel Grant for attending SPSA2023 (USD600)

Tuition Fellowship, University of Chicago Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2023
Equivalent to 25 percent of my approved tuition. Increased to 30% from 2nd year

Statistics Consulting Cup Awards Dec.2021
Best Prize in the Consulting Program at the Department of Statistics. [\[News\]](#)

NSK Ltd. Scholarship Sep.2021 – Jun.2023
Scholarship provided only for top four students in Japan. JPY13,600,000 ≈ USD100,000

Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship Mar.2021
Declined to accept NSK Scholarship. Merit-based scholarship.

Best Paper Award (Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement)

Feb.2021

Thesis Competition of the Waseda Association for Political Science and Economics [\[News\]](#)

Japanese Student Service Organization Scholarship

Aug.2019 – May.2020

Merit based scholarship to support exchange program. JPY900,000. \approx USD7,000

ADDITIONAL TRAINING WITH CERTIFICATE

The University of Tokyo, Matsuo Laboratory (Deep Learning)

Fundamentals in Deep Learning / Image Recognition / Deep Generative Models / Natural Language Processing

Essex Summer School, The University of Essex

Jul.2020 – Aug.2020

Panel Data Analysis / Advanced Network Analysis

Online

SKILLS

Languages: Japanese (Native), English (fluent), Spanish (B1; Intermediate)

Programming: (Proficient) Python(3.X), R, C++ (Rcpp), \LaTeX , ArcGIS, STATA / (Experience) C, HTML, SQL

REFERENCES

Available upon requests

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