KENTARO NAKAMURA

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EDUCATION

Harvard University Sep.2023 – Present
Ph.D. | *Public Policy* (Politics and Institution Track) Cambridge, USA
- Field: Political Methodology, International Relations
- Affiliation: Institute of Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)

University of Chicago Sep.2021 – Jun.2023
Master of Science | *Statistics* Chicago, USA
- Supervisors: Molly Offer-Westort (Political Science), Victor Veitch (Statistics)

Waseda University Apr.2017 – Sep.2021
Bachelor of Arts | *Major: Political Science, Minor: Law, Certificate: Data Science* Tokyo, Japan
- Supervisor: Shuhei Kurizaki
- Best Paper Award (Excellent work at the Category of Mathematical and Statistical Measurement)

George Washington University Aug.2019 – May.2020
Exchange Program 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WORKING PAPERS / UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Understanding the Effect of Military Service on Support for Political Violence
Invited R&R at Journal of Conflict Resolution, 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.

International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy?
Working paper, Co-Authored with Yuki Mikiya, Presented at SPSA2023, APSA2023, MPSA2024, APSA2024 (Scheduled)
- 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

WORKING PROJECTS

Causal Inference on Texts and Images using Deep Generative Models
Working Project, Co-Authored with Kosuke Imai
- Developed new experimental designs to use texts or images created by deep generative model as a treatment

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

Foreign Takeover: Lessons from Great Recession
Working Project, Co-Authored with Shuhei Kurizaki
- Highlighted the risk of economic security by foreign takeover (Case Studies).

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

Research Assistant to Prof. Erica Chenoweth Mar.2024 – Present
Harvard University Cambridge, USA

Research Assistant to Prof. Matthew Baum Nov.2023 – Present
Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School Cambridge, USA

- Member of COVID-STATE project

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. Shuhei 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 $\approx$ 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. ≈ 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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