# KENTARO NAKAMURA

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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**                                                              Sep.2023 – Present
Ph.D. | *Public Policy* (Politics and Institution Track)                                Cambridge, USA

**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## WORKING PAPERS / UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

**International Credibility for Domestic Legitimacy?**
*Working paper*, Co-Authored with Yuki Mikiya, Presented at SPSA2023, APSA2023
- 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 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.

**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. 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. $\approx$ 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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