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Appointment **Tenure-Track Assistant Professor**, Department of International Relations, Koç University, September 2025-.

Research Associate, Democracy Institute, Central European University, September 2025-; Waseda Institute for Advanced Study (WIAS), Waseda University, October 2024-; V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, July 2023-.

Postdoctoral Researcher, Democracy Institute, Central European University, October 2024-August 2025.

Non-Tenure Track Assistant Professor, WIAS, Waseda University, July 2023- September 2024.

Postdoctoral Researcher, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, August 2021- June 2023.

Education **University of Missouri**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021.

- Dissertation: “Crisis of Democracy: Protest and Affective Polarization.”
- Committee: Laron K. Williams (co-chair), Moisés Arce (co-chair), Michael Wahman, Jake Haselswerdt, Jack A. Draper III

Kobe University (Japan)

M.A., Political Science, 2015.

- Thesis: “Determinants of Successful Participatory Institutions in Brazil.”
- B.S., Maritime Science and Technology, 2012.

**Visiting
Fellowship**

- Predoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University, August 2020-June 2021.
- Visiting Scholar, University of São Paulo (São Paulo, Brazil), January-March 2020.
- Visiting Scholar, University of Brasília (Brasília, Brazil), April 2013-March 2014.

Research

Peer-reviewed Articles

6. **Sato, Yuko**, and Felix Wiebrecht. 2024. “[Disinformation and Regime Survival](#).” *Political Research Quarterly*. 77(3): 1010-1025.
5. **Sato, Yuko** and Jake Haselswerdt. 2022. “[Protest and State Policy Agendas: Marches and Gun Policy After Parkland](#).” *Policy Studies Journal* 50(4): 725-969.
4. **Sato, Yuko** and Moisés Arce. 2022. “[Resistance to Populism](#).” *Democratization* 29(6): 1137-1156.

3. Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos and **Yuko Sato**. 2020. “Echoes of a Fading Past: Authoritarian Legacies and Far-Right Voting.” *Electoral Studies* 66: 102-163.
2. **Sato, Yuko** and Michael Wahman. 2019. “Elite Coordination and Popular Protest: The Joint Effect on Democratic Change.” *Democratization* 26(8): 1419-1438.
1. **Sato, Yuko**. 2015. “Determinants of Successful Participatory Institutions in Brazil.” *Journal of the Japan Society of Social Science on Latin America* 49 (2015): 39-60.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

2. Wiebrecht, Felix, **Yuko Sato**, Marina Nord, Martin Lundstedt, Fabio Angiolillo, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2023. “State of the World 2022: Defiance in the Face of Autocratization.” *Democratization* 30(5): 769-793.
1. Boese, Vanessa A., Martin Lundstedt, Kelly Morrison, **Yuko Sato**, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “State of the World 2021: Autocratization Changing Its Nature?” *Democratization* 29(6): 983–1013.

Book

1. **Sato, Yuko**. 2016. *Transformation of Democracy and the Role of Civil Society: the Experience of Participatory Institutions in Brazil*. Tokyo: Fukyosha (In Japanese).

Book Chapters

5. Wiebrecht, Felix, Fabio Angiolillo, Martin Lundstedt, Marina Nord, **Yuko Sato**, and Staffan I. Lindberg. Forthcoming. “The Third Wave of Autocratization.” In *Encyclopedia of Authoritarianism*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
4. **Sato, Yuko**. Forthcoming. “Social Identity Theory.” In: *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
3. **Sato, Yuko**. 2025. “Social Movement Theories.” In: *Encyclopedia of Comparative Politics*. Tokyo: Maruzen Publishing (In Japanese).
2. Boese-Schlosser, Vanessa, Amanda B. Edgell, Sebastian Hellmeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, **Yuko Sato**, Matthew C. Wilson, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2024. “Identifying Episodes of Autocratization.” In: *Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. London: Routledge.
1. Wilson, Matthew C., Amanda B. Edgell, **Yuko Sato**, Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2024. “Autocratization - Not an ‘Illiberal Turn.’” In: *Oxford Handbook of Illiberalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Policy Reports

4. Papada, Evie, Fabio Angiolillo, Lisa Gastaldi, Tamara Köhler, Martin Lundstedt, Natalia Natsika, Marina Nord, **Yuko Sato**, Felix Wiebrecht, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2023. “Democracy Report 2023: Defiance in the Face of Autocratization.” Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute.
3. Boese, Vanessa A., Nazifa Alizada, Martin Lundstedt, Kelly Morrison, Natalia Natsika, **Yuko Sato**, Hugo Tai, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “Democracy Report 2022: Autocratization Changing Nature?” V-Dem Institute.

2. Alizada, Nazifa, Martin Lundstedt, Kelly Morrison, **Yuko Sato**, Vanessa A. Boese and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “Case for Democracy: Conference Report.” V-Dem Institute.

1. **Sato, Yuko**. 2022. “The Case for Democracy: Does Democracy Improve Public Goods Provision?” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.33.

Works Under Review

6. “Chains in Episodes of Democratization.” (with Kelly Morrison, Martin Lundstedt, Klas Markström, and Staffan I. Lindberg) (*R&R*)

5. “Economic, Human Development, and Climate Impacts of Democracy.” (with Martin Lundstedt, Felix Wiebrecht, Vanessa A. Boese-Schlosser, Natalia Natsika, Kelly Morrison, and Staffan I. Lindberg) (*R&R*)

4. “How Autocratization Unfolds: Analyzing the Institutional Order in Autocratization Episodes.” (with Vanessa A. Boese-Schlosser, Martin Lundstedt, Kelly Morrison, and Staffan I. Lindberg)

3. “Delegating away Democracy?: Martial Law Support in South Korea” (with Brandon B. Park)

2. “Targeted Protest and Affective Polarization.”

1. “Populism and Inequality in Latin America.” (with Moisés Arce)

Works in Preparation

7. *Crisis of Democracy?: Targeted Protest and Affective Polarization* (Book Workshop held at CEU in May 2025).

6. “Resisting Autocratization: Pro-democratic Protest and Leader Approval.” (with Kyosuke Kikuta, Renzo Aurazo Diaz, and Yoshikuni Ono)

5. “Populist Attitude and Anti-Pluralist Support in Brazil.” (with Airo Hino, Robert Fahey, and Eduardo Ryo Tamaki)

4. “Mobilizing Support or Deepening Divides? Protest Support in Polarized Brazil.”

3. “Illiberal Demonstrations, Violence, and Polarization in Brazil.” (with Renzo Aurazo Diaz)

2. “Resisting Autocratization: Opposition Strategy and Depolarization.”

1. “Stability and Change in Foreign Aid Policy: The Role of Political and Bureaucratic Veto Players.” (with Kentaro Sakuwa)

Conference Presentations * discussant, †chair

- American Political Science Association (APSA): 2025* (scheduled), 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019

- International Political Science Association (IPSA): 2025

- European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2025, 2023

- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2024*,†, 2021, 2020

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2023*, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018

- International Studies Association (ISA): 2023

- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): 2022*,†

- Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS): 2022

- Latin American Studies Association (LASA): 2021, 2018

- Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS): 2020
- International Studies Association Midwest (ISA-Midwest): 2020, 2019
- Japanese Association of Electoral Studies: 2024
- Japan Association for Comparative Politics: 2025, 2017

Invited Talks

- Rooftop Seminar (speaker), the Democracy Institute, Central European University, June 2, 2025.
- Research Group on Social and Political Attitudes (speaker), the University of Lisbon, February 13, 2025.
- Kobe Political Science Seminar (speaker), Kobe University, May 31, 2024.
- Latin American Seminar (speaker), JETRO Institute of Developing Economies, November 21, 2023.
- Comparative Politics Seminar (speaker), Keio University, November 11, 2023.
- Latin American Seminar (speaker), Kobe University, October 2, 2023.
- Seminar Series on Autocratization (speaker), University of Valencia, November 18, 2022.
- The 2022 Rokkan Symposium, “Resisting Authoritarianism” (speaker), University of Bergen, October 26-27, 2022.
- ECPR’s Roundtable on Illiberalism (speaker), Online, October 4, 2022.
- Warsaw Human Dimension Conference (speaker), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), September 27, 2022.
- Human Rights Days (speaker), ForumCiv, December 7, 2021.
- Democracy Seminar, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, November 10, 2021.
- Department of Political Science, Aoyama Gakuin University, June 25, 2019.

Teaching

Department of Political Science, Waseda University

- Instructor, *Intermediate Seminar: Democratic Backsliding in a Comparative Perspective*, Spring 2024.

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

- Co-Organizer, *Varieties of Democracy and Democratization*, Spring 2023.
- Co-Instructor, *Global Security and Democracy*, Spring 2023.
- Co-Instructor, *Varieties of Democracy and Democratization*, Spring 2022.
- Undergraduate and graduate thesis supervision and evaluation, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.

Department of Political Science, University of Missouri

- Teaching Assistant, *American Government (PS 1100)*, Fall 2019.
- Graduate Workshop, *Introduction to Bayesian Analysis*, Spring 2019.
- Teaching Assistant, *United States Health Politics and Policy (PS 4390)*, Spring 2019.
- Teaching Assistant, *American Foreign Policies (PS 4540)*, Fall 2018.

Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University

- Teaching Assistant, *Quantitative Analysis in Political Science*, Spring 2016.
- Teaching Assistant, *Special Lecture on Political and Social Development*, Fall 2015.

Guest Lecture

- International Christian University (Japan), *Introduction to Political Science*, Summer 2022.
- Universidad Católica del Norte (Chile), *Introduction to Constitutional Law*, Summer 2022.

Grants and Fellowship

- Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (US\$32,000), 2024-2026.
- EPOVB Early Career Fellowship, APSA's Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section, 2023-2024 .
- Early career research grant (US\$4,000), Waseda University, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.
- Research Grant (IHS017460), Institute for Humane Studies, 2023-2024.
- Raymond White Dissertation Year Fellowship (US\$9,013), University of Missouri, 2020.
- Research Grant (US\$1,405), Kinder Institute of Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Spring 2020.
- Department Research Grant (US\$1,600), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2020.
- Department Support for ICPSR Attendance, University of Missouri, 2018.
- Supplemental Graduate Fellowship (US\$1,000), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Summer 2017.
- Keidanren Ishizaka Memorial Foundation Scholarship (US\$57,300), 2016.
- K. Matsushita International Scholarship (US\$21,000), 2013.

Awards

- J.G. Heinberg Award, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2019.
- Yarwood Award, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2018.
- Robin Remington Award, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2017.

Additional Training

- IPSA Summer School in Concepts, Methods and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations (São Paulo, Brazil), January 2020 and 2014.
- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (University of Michigan), June-July 2018.
- CIEE Summer Language School (Salvador, Brazil), July 2017.

Languages and Skills

Japanese (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)
R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

Fieldworks

- **Brazil (2013-2014; 2020)**: conducted interviews with government officials, academics, NGO organizers, and political party leaders.
- **Philippines (2012)**: conducted interviews with staff and customers of the microfinance organizations and government officials.

Professional Service

- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics* ($\times 2$), *Comparative Political Studies* ($\times 2$), *Perspectives on Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Democratization* ($\times 2$), *Democracy and Security*, *Electoral Studies* ($\times 2$), *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Party Politics*, *European Political Science Review*, and *Bloomsbury Publishing*.
- Search committee for the postdoctoral fellow and Policy Analyst, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, Spring 2022.
- Research-based media commentary: *Folha de S.Paulo*, *Expo*, *Crusoe*, *Nikkei*

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